

PRESS RELEASE

**German Development Cooperation,  
towards efficiency and aid effectiveness in a spirit of partnership**

Since 1 January 2011, the three major implementing agencies of German Development Cooperation, DED - Deutscher Entwicklungsdienst gGmbH (German development service), GTZ - Gesellschaft für Technische Zusammenarbeit GmbH (German technical cooperation) and InWEnt - Capacity Building International merged to form the:

***GIZ - Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit.***

**GIZ in Botswana**

GIZ cooperates with the Government of Botswana represented through the Ministry of Finance and Development Planning under a co-financing agreement. German technical advisors support the following partner organisations:

- Department of Technical Vocational Education and Training in programme development and delivery
- Department of Forestry and Range Resources in nature conservation and sustainable use of natural resources
- Department of Road Transport and Safety in road safety and transport planning
- Tertiary Education Council in finance and institutional development

Under the "Weltwaerts" programme GIZ cooperates with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation. Our volunteers support Non-Governmental and Faith-based Organisations in the fields of:

- Education
- Orphans and vulnerable children
- Children with special needs

In addition to that GIZ Botswana represents the Senior Expert Service Germany (SES) in Botswana. Locally we cooperate with the Botswana Export Development and Investment Agency (BEDIA), who links up export-oriented Small and Medium Sized Enterprises with SES Experts.

## **GIZ's Support for Regional Integration through SADC**

GIZ provides substantial support to regional integration in a number of focal areas with the Southern African Development Community, SADC.

Through the **Transboundary Water Management** programme, Germany is the leading international cooperating partner in the SADC water sector. The programme strengthens multi-lateral river basin organisations and builds capacity for river basin-wide integrated water resources management and planning as well as more effective knowledge management. The budget of the programme's current phase amounts to approximately EUR 13,250,000 which includes substantial contributions from Australia and the United Kingdom.

With a current budget of EUR 9,000,000 the programme to **Strengthen the Economic and Trade Policy Capacities and Competences in the SADC region** supports regional economic integration. This programme is designed to help reduce prices and to improve the range and quality of goods and services available throughout the SADC region. Citizens and governments alike are the beneficiaries of higher growth and employment in the region, while poverty is reduced.

The **Governance, Peace and Security Programme** with a budget of 5,600,000 works closely with the SADC Organ on Politics, Defence and Security. Cooperation focuses on the establishment of conflict mediation structures, on capacity development for the civilian component of the SADC Force and on strengthening SADC's election observation capacities in member states.

From its beginning in 1996, the **Sustainable Forest Management and Conservation Project** with a total project value in excess of EUR 10,000,000 supports SADC's work on cross-border management and conservation of forests. Through its support of the SADC Secretariat, the project aims to strengthen the role of member states in international conventions and the negotiation of environmental agreements by helping them to address issues of common concern and to speak with one voice.

With a budget of EUR 5,800,000 the current phase of the **SADC Institutions and Capacity Building Programme** provides organisational development support to the SADC Secretariat and high level policy support to strengthen the impact and outreach of SADC's policies in member states.

More information is available on the organisation's websites at [www.botswana.ded.de](http://www.botswana.ded.de) or [www.giz.de](http://www.giz.de)