



NEWSLETTER

German Development Cooperation with SADC

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Dear reader,

What comes to your mind when you think about regional integration in Southern Africa? A future common market with a common currency? Potential for economic growth and improvement of peoples' lives? A chance to better deal with global challenges such as climate change and water crisis? An important means for peace and stability in the region? Or maybe just an abstract idea? Whatever comes to your mind, one thing is for sure: regional integration is complex and everybody has a different understanding of what it means. Certainly, regional integration starts with communication, sharing of information and ideas.

German Development Cooperation has been supporting SADC (Southern African Development Community) for many years with the purpose of realizing the benefits of regional integration for the people in the SADC region. With this first edition of the Newsletter, the German Embassy in Gaborone aims to inform and update twice a year relevant stakeholders dealing with regional integration in the SADC region on activities of our German Development Cooperation with SADC. Please contact us in case you have any further questions on any of our activities or ideas for improvement for this Newsletter.

We hope you find this Newsletter helpful, enjoy reading!

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Did you know?

SADC Summit is made up of SADC Heads of States or Government through a Troika system that comprises the current SADC Summit Chairperson (Botswana), the incoming Chairperson (Swaziland), and the immediate previous Chairperson (Zimbabwe).

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1. Greeting from German Ambassador

Dear Readers,

In the margins of the most recent SADC Summit Meeting held in Gaborone in August 2015 the SADC Executive Secretary presented the "SADC Success Stories", a collection of projects which have been successfully implemented leading to a difference for ordinary people in the SADC region. That publication is meant to reach out to people in the SADC Member States who often do not know anything about SADC or do not believe in it. After all, SADC is for them to benefit. This Newsletter rather aims at those who work in SADC, with SADC, for SADC. Its purpose is to reach out to and keep informed those colleagues whose mission is to help the vision of SADC come through so that the people in the SADC countries can harvest the fruits of this multilateral cooperation. Germany, based on its modern history, believes in multilateral cooperation, in a network of mutually reinforcing organizations. It is against this background that it is committed to cooperate with and support regional organizations in Africa and elsewhere. It sometimes seems there may be a long way to go, but Germany is determined to accompany SADC on that path towards effective regional integration. This SADC Newsletter will keep everybody involved well informed about further success stories in this endeavour.

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German Ambassador to Botswana and Observer to SADC

2. Background

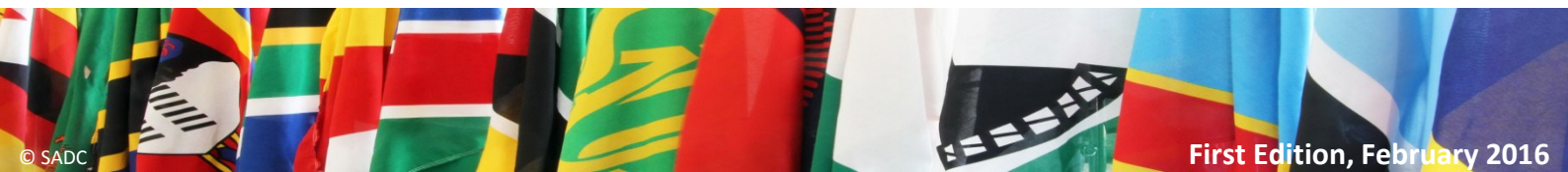
Southern African Development Community (SADC)

In 1992, the Southern African Development Community (SADC) derived from the alliance of the front-line states (Southern African Development Coordination Conference => SADCC) against the dominating apartheid regime in South Africa. SADC consists of **15 Southern African member states** and comprises about 250 million people: Angola, Botswana, Democratic Republic of Congo, Lesotho, Madagascar, Malawi, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, Seychelles, South Africa, Swaziland, United Republic of Tanzania, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

The **SADC Mission Statement** is to promote sustainable and equitable economic growth and socio-economic development through efficient, productive systems, deeper co-operation and integration, good governance, and durable peace and security; so that the region emerges as a competitive and effective player in international relations and the world economy.

The **SADC Secretariat** is the body that facilitates the implementation of SADC programmes and activities to meet its objectives and overall goal of poverty eradication and regional integration. It is based in Gaborone, Botswana. SADC Executive Secretary is Dr. Stergomena Lawrence Tax.

Read more: <http://www.sadc.int/>





German Development Cooperation with SADC

Germany has supported the SADC Secretariat throughout its existence. It aims at realizing the benefits of regional integration for the people in the SADC region and focuses on the implementation of the SADC Treaty, Protocols and Policies.

Germany pledged a total of 46 million euros in 2014-2015 for the continued cooperation with SADC. This is the result of bilateral negotiations between the SADC Secretariat and the German Government in July 2015 in Gaborone. Thereby total commitments worth more than 350 million euros since the cooperation began in 1995. Moreover, Germany supports the SADC Secretariat through the European Union and through its bilateral cooperation with eight SADC member states.

Areas of SADC-German cooperation:

- Regional Economic Integration
- Transboundary Water Management
- Transboundary Use and Protection of Natural Resources and Resilience to Climate Change
- Peace, Security and Good Governance
- SADC Organizational Capacity Building

Germany supports SADC through Technical (GIZ, PTB) and Financial (KfW) Cooperation. In all areas of cooperation, the strengthening of the cooperation between the SADC Secretariat and its member states is a major focus of German Development Cooperation.

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3. Update on Areas of Cooperation

Regional Economic Integration

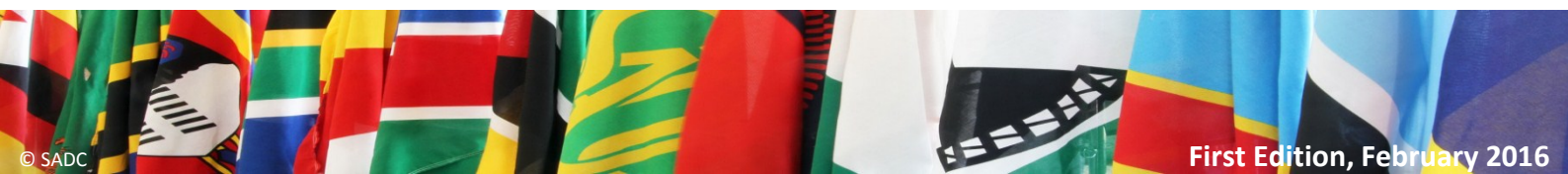
New Programme - Cooperation for the Enhancement of SADC Regional Economic Integration (CESARE)

At the end of 2015, SADC and Germany started the new programme to cooperate on the enhancement of SADC's Regional Economic Integration. Running until December 2017, GIZ CESARE reflects the priorities of the revised SADC Regional Indicative Strategic Development Plan (RISDP) by supporting the key stakeholders (SADC, member states and the private sector) in removing trade barriers and developing solutions to constraints in regional value chains. Overall the programme will contribute to further develop, refine and implement the SADC industrialization strategy (adopted in April 2015). Public-private dialogue will be a key element for this process including developing proposals for regional infrastructure projects.

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First Southern African Business Forum (SABF)

Fostering the involvement of the private sector is a priority topic for German Development Cooperation on the regional level. Consequently, the first Annual Southern Africa Business Forum (SABF) was held on 11 and 12 August 2015 in Gaborone. The SABF was organised by the Business Council of Southern Africa and the NEPAD (New Partnership for Africa's Development) Business Foundation supported by GIZ. The forum took





place on the sidelines of the SADC Heads of State Summit and brought together over 120 business leaders from across the region. The SABF's objective is to identify shared priorities for enhancing regional integration through trade, investment, industrial development and infrastructure projects in Southern Africa. In the future it is important to couple high level meetings with precise preparatory and follow-up mechanisms.

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Project Preparation Development Facility (PPDF)

The German Government has committed an additional Euro 6 Mio to the PPDF during the bilateral negotiations in July 2015. The purpose of the PPDF, funded by EU as well as German Financial Cooperation through KfW, is to facilitate rapid implementation of the SADC Infrastructure Development Sector Plans, in particular the SADC Regional Infrastructure Development Master Plan (RIDMP). This is to contribute to a boost in economic development and political integration in the SADC region.

The PPDF has committed finance to the preparation of several infrastructure projects such as the Mozambique Zimbabwe South Africa Interconnector (MoZiSA), the 2nd Alaska Sherwood Transmission Line (Zimbabwe) and the North West Railway Line between Zambia and Angola.

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PTB: How "Quality" is defined within SADC

The current project strengthens Quality Infrastructure for Trade Enhancement and Consumer Protection in the SADC Region. This is in accordance with the Technical Barriers to Trade Annex to the SADC Protocol on Trade. Therefore, the regional structures are dealing with standards, metrology, accreditation and technical regulations in order to harmonize procedures within the region.

The "Physikalisch Technische Bundesanstalt" (PTB) is Germany's National Metrology Institute providing the services for exact measurements to ensure sustainable economic, social and ecological development.

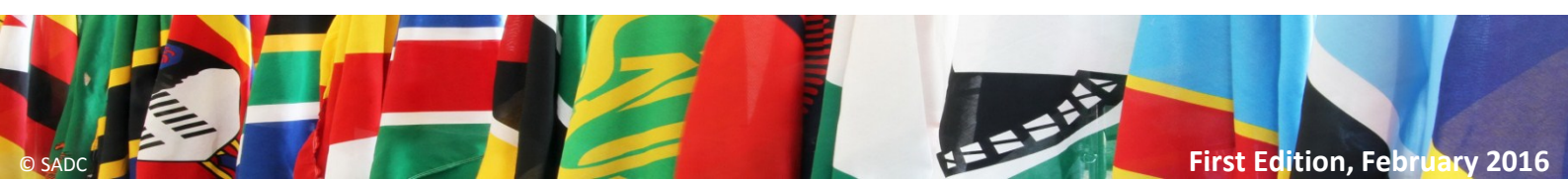
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Transboundary Water Management

Kunene Transboundary Water Supply Project in Angola and Namibia

The Kunene Transboundary Water Supply Project, supported by German Financial Cooperation through KfW, is a SADC Pilot Project, which involves both Angola and Namibia in a cross-border supply scheme. Under the Kunene Transboundary Water Supply Project, the Consultant for Tendering and Supervision of Project Implementation has commenced its services in July 2015. Works are scheduled to run in total for about 28 months.

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Private Public Partnership for Water Loss Reduction Botswana completed

The German Development Cooperation through the GIZ Programme Transboundary Water Management in SADC had initiated a strategic partnership for water loss reduction in the greater Gaborone area/Botswana in 2015. Together with Water Utilities Corporation Botswana and First National Bank Botswana Foundation a combination of social and technical measures for more efficient water supply and water were financed and implemented. The objective of the project was not only the implementation of water loss reduction in the greater Gaborone area but also the start of a country wide replication process through an innovative re-investing model.

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Transboundary Use and Protection of Natural Resources and Resilience to Climate Change

SADC Ministers Adopt SADC Law Enforcement and Anti-Poaching Strategy

The SADC Ministers responsible for Environment and Natural Resources adopted the new SADC Law Enforcement and Anti-Poaching Strategy (LEAP) on 6th November 2015 in Gaborone. The strategy has the purpose to provide SADC Member States with a framework on wildlife law enforcement and anti-poaching issues, paying special attention to issues that transcend national boundaries and to

encourage concerted action by SADC Member States in the protection, management, conservation and sustainable use of their wildlife resources.

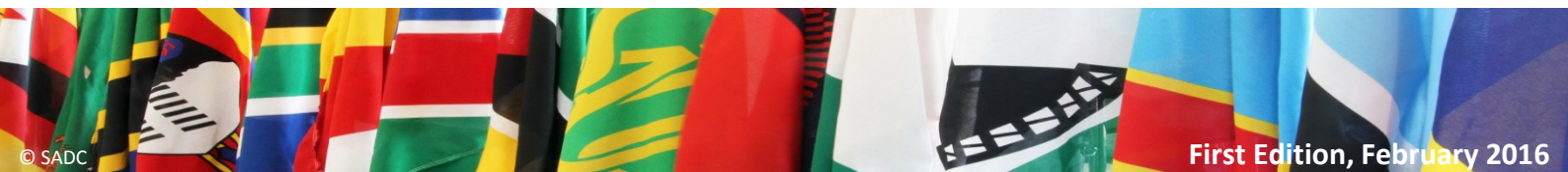
The SADC GIZ project “Transboundary Use and Protection of Natural Resources in the SADC Region” supported the strategy development, with funding from the EU/German Polifond.

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SADC Transfrontier Conservation Areas (TFCA) Network

The SADC GIZ programme “Transboundary Use and Protection of Natural Resources in the SADC Region” supports the SADC Secretariat to implement the SADC TFCA Programme. One of its components aims to improve stakeholder communication and to develop tools for knowledge exchange among TFCA practitioners. Hence, in 2013 the Programme helped to establish the SADC TFCA Network and Online Portal for members. Today the network comprises over 200 members covering all contiguous Member States. The objective is to increase joint learning and knowledge management and to strengthen collaboration and relationships between regional TFCA practitioners from all 15 SADC Member States.

For additional information, please go to <http://www.tfcaportal.org/> or contact lisa.blanken@giz.de





Great Limpopo Transfrontier Park and Limpopo National Park in Mozambique

The mission of the Great Limpopo Transfrontier Park is to remove all human barriers within the Park so that animals can roam freely within the local ecosystem. The purpose of this is to employ conservation as a land-use option to the benefit of local people. The resettlement programme – supported by German Financial Cooperation through KfW - has made good progress with the relocation of 300 families from Massingir Velho to Mucatine nearing completion.

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Kavango-Zambezi Transfrontier Conservation Area (KAZA TFCA)

The Kavango-Zambezi Transfrontier Conservation Area, or KAZA TFCA, - supported by German Financial Cooperation through KfW - is potentially the world's largest conservation area, spanning five southern African countries; Angola, Botswana, Namibia, Zambia and Zimbabwe, centred around the Caprivi-Chobe-Victoria Falls area.

Ministers of Angola, Botswana, Namibia, Zambia and Zimbabwe met in June 2015 in Kasane and noted with satisfaction the progress achieved in terms of institutional capacity, of the KAZA regional Master Integrated Development Plan, the Wild Dog Conservation Strategy, the launch of the KAZA Univisa Pilot Project between Zambia and Zimbabwe, progress of infrastructure works in Botswana and Zambia, as well as rural livelihoods development support through conservation agriculture as well as human wildlife conflict mitigation measures in KAZA partner countries.

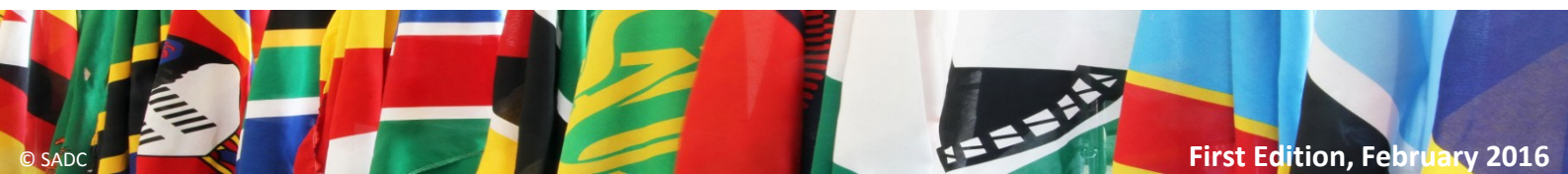
Significant progress has been made with regard to the demining programme in Angola, where 70% of the KAZA area has been cleared of mines, thus improving accessibility to the areas and efficiency in wildlife law enforcement.

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New programme: SADC Adaptation to Climate Change in Rural Areas in Southern Africa (ACCRA)

In January 2016, the German Technical Cooperation started a new SADC GIZ programme for Adaptation to Climate Change in Rural Areas in Southern Africa. The programme will be implemented from 01/2016 - 12/2018 and is working in two areas of intervention: 1) Regional knowledge Dissemination on Climate Smart Agriculture, reaching out to the 15 SADC Member States and 2) Climate proofing of priority agricultural value chains, implementing activities in up to three member states. The political partner for the programme is the SADC Secretariat whereas the implementing partner CCARDESA (Centre for Coordination of Agricultural Research and Development for Southern Africa) is a SADC subsidiary organization, based in Gaborone, Botswana. The GIZ-ACCRA programme will work also closely with entities in the member states as universities, extension services, private sector and civil society organizations. It will furthermore try to actively create synergies with other German Development Cooperation measures on national and regional level.

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Peace, Security and Good Governance

Peace, Security and Good Governance in the SADC Region

The SADC GIZ programme “Peace, Security and Good Governance” provides assistance to the SADC Secretariat and its Organ on Politics, Defence and Security Cooperation in developing instruments for preventing and solving armed conflicts. In January 2016 the SADC Organ Staff and GIZ held a joint planning workshop about the implementation of the key areas of cooperation, which are in line with both the African Governance Architecture (AGA), and the African Peace and Security Architecture (APSA). An important outcome was the evaluation of the Strategic Indicative Plan of the Organ (SIPO) and the involvement of Gender and Youth in each key area. The programme has also embarked on a scoping study looking at emerging governance and peace & security trends on the continent.

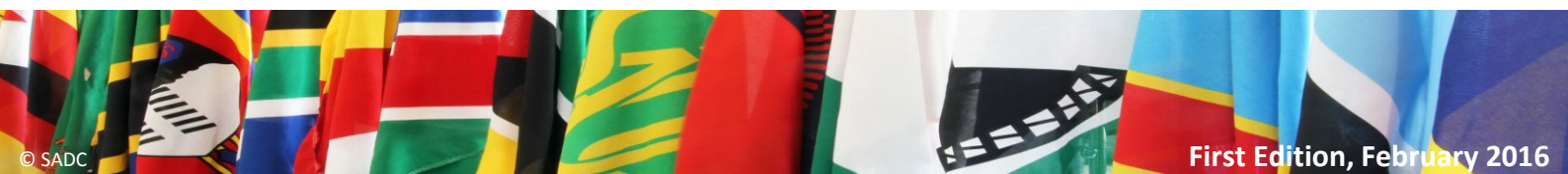
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Organizational Capacity Building

New programme to strengthen national-regional linkages in SADC

In January 2016 the new SADC GIZ programme “Strengthening National-Regional Linkages in SADC” started running until December 2018. The programme focuses on improving the linkages between SADC and the member states. It will support a better alignment of regional protocols and policies with plans and policies in the member states. It will cooperate with the SADC Secretariat and relevant institutions in member states to enhance the coordination, planning, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of SADC policies, protocols and legal instruments. And it will support efforts to build awareness of the benefits and potentials of regional integration among key stakeholders. The programme reflects the priorities SADC member states defined in the Revised Regional Indicative Strategic Development Plan (RISDP) approved in April 2015.

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4. Upcoming Events 2016

- **5-6 April:** SADC Workshop on information exchange for CITES Submissions (Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Fauna and Flora), Johannesburg
- **End of April:** SADC Workshop on development of a common position for CITES, Johannesburg
- **13 April:** Launch of SABF Working Groups to improve cooperation between private sector and SADC to accelerate Regional Economic Integration around selected topics and barriers to trade. Johannesburg (location tbc)
- **August:** 36th SADC Summit Heads of State and Government, Swaziland
- **24 September - 5 October:** Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Fauna and Flora (CITES) Conference of the Parties (CoP17), in Johannesburg, South Africa



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