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### MEDIA ADVISORY

**What:** All News/Syndication Editors invited to the Launch of the RIASCO Report - *Humanitarian Trends in Southern Africa: Challenges and Opportunities*

**When:** November 28, 2013 @ 1900hrs – 2100HRS

**Where:** The Grand Palm Hotel  
Gaborone, Botswana

**Why:** In order to clearly understand the Southern Africa's risk profile required for effective humanitarian planning, members of the United Nations led Southern African Regional Inter-Agency Standing Committee (RIASCO) called for an investigation into the threats to lives and livelihoods likely to confront the region over the next decade, along with available capacities to address these challenges. Greater clarity was also sought on the causal processes that may exacerbate population displacement, food insecurity, health emergencies, livelihood loss, as well as at-risk groups, including children and people living with HIV/AIDS. This led RIASCO to formally commission a regional research team to investigate likely future humanitarian challenges in Southern African and their associated implications for programming, which culminated in the *Humanitarian Trends in Southern Africa* report.

The research was carried out during 2012 by 33 researchers through four research hubs across Southern Africa. These involved the University of Antananarivo (Madagascar), North-West University (South Africa), Stellenbosch University (South Africa), the Technical University of Mozambique, along with independent researchers in Lesotho, Malawi and South Africa.

The launch of the above report is being held back to back with a SADC Disaster Risk Reduction workshop; **Southern Africa Sub-regional Platform on Disaster Risk Reduction** from the 28 to 29 November 2013, at the Grand Palm in Gaborone.

The Southern Africa Development Community (SADC), in collaboration with the United Nations Economic Community for Africa (UNECA), the United

#### Member States:

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Democratic Republic of Congo		Mozambique	South Africa	Zambia	Zimbabwe

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Nations International Strategy for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNISDR) and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) is hosting a meeting under the theme **Mainstreaming and Implementation of Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) Interventions**. Its main objective is to promote the mainstreaming of DRR into development frameworks and to enhance implementation of DRR interventions at all levels. In-line with the theme of the meeting, the SADC Secretariat and RIASCO will launch the Report on *Humanitarian Trends in Southern Africa: Challenges and Opportunities*.

The Draft programme of the launch is attached.

**Participants:** The launch will bring together officials from SADC Member States, drawn from National Disaster Management Agencies, other sectors such as Ministries of Agriculture, Water, Meteorology and Finance or Economic Planning; Heads of Diplomatic Missions from SADC Member States accredited to the Republic of Botswana, SADC Secretariat and RIASCO.

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