

SADC Trade Related Facility Update 2

The Trade Related Facility (TRF) is a mechanism to provide financial and technical support to eligible SADC Member States to effectively implement their commitments under the Protocol on Trade and the SADC-EU Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA). It is supported under the SADC-EU Contribution Agreement. The Programme Facility Support Unit has been supporting beneficiary Member States with the development of project applications for funding under the programme. The support entailed technical discussions with the TRF Focal Points in Member States to agree on intervention areas to be developed into project applications, preparation of Terms of Reference for the engagement of Consultants to support Member States with the preparation of applications and development of detailed project proposals in the identified priority areas.

Over the period August to February 2017, Sixteen (16) project applications have been submitted for a technical evaluation and approval process involving SADC Secretariat and the TRF Steering Committee.

The status of approvals is given in the table below:

Status of TRF Projects

Country	Project title	Status of project as at 22.02.17	Contracting Status
Botswana	Strengthening International Trade Administration, Competition and Customs Enforcement	Approved By Steering Committee	Awaiting Signature of Financing Agreement (Feb-March 2017)
	Strengthening Capacity for SPS management and control and the management of the Standards Import Inspection Regulations	Approved by Steering Committee	Awaiting Signature of Financing Agreement (Feb-March 2017)
	Development of a Strategy for e-Commerce	Recommended for approval by Steering Committee meeting on 27 February 2017.	To be incorporated under Financing Agreement of already approved projects in March-April 2017
Lesotho	Capacity Development for National Trade Policy Formulation, Competition Policy, Standards and Quality Infrastructure, and Trade and Tariff Administration	Approved by Steering Committee	Awaiting Signature of Financing Agreement (Feb-March 2017)
	Improving Capacity in Trade Facilitation, Upgrading of SPS &	Recommended for approval by	To be incorporated under

	TBT Facilities, and Enhancing Competitiveness of SMEs in the Horticultural Sector	Steering Committee meeting on 27 February 2017.	Financing Agreement of already approved projects in March-April 2017
Namibia	Namibia Trade Related Programme, including upgrading of Industrial Upgrading and Modernisation Programme (IUMP)	Approved By Steering Committee	Awaiting Signature of Financing Agreement (Feb-March 2017)
Malawi	Upgrading & Modernisation of the Oilseeds Product Cluster in Malawi and Effective Implementation of the Rules of Origin	Approved By Steering Committee	Awaiting Signature of Financing Agreement (Feb-March 2017)
Mauritius	Trade Facilitation	Approved By Steering Committee	Awaiting Signature of Financing Agreement (Feb-March 2017)
	Trade Promotion and Development	Approved By Steering Committee	Awaiting Signature of Financing Agreement (Feb-March 2017)
Mozambique	Trade Facilitation, Customs Cooperation, SPS, TBT, Industrial Development & Trade Defence Instruments	Recommended for approval by Steering Committee meeting on 27 February 2017.	Signature of Financing Agreement expected during period March-April 2017
Tanzania	Support to Tanzania's regional industrial competitiveness through increased value addition and upgrading of the sunflower value chain	Recommended for approval by Steering Committee meeting on 27 February 2017.	Signature of Financing Agreement expected during period March-April 2017
Swaziland	Strengthening of National Quality Infrastructure in Swaziland	Approved By Steering Committee	Awaiting Signature of Financing Agreement (Feb-March 2017)
	Trade Facilitation, Trade Promotion and Development	Approved By Steering Committee	Awaiting Signature of Financing Agreement (Feb-March 2017)
	National Trade Remedy Unit; Competition Commission; Agro-processing value chains; Tourism and Economic Partnership Agreement	Recommended for approval by Steering Committee meeting on 27 February 2017.	To be incorporated under Financing Agreement of already approved projects in March-April 2017
Zambia	Industrial Development, Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT) and Trade Facilitation	Approved by Steering Committee	Awaiting Signature of Financing Agreement (Feb-March 2017)
Zimbabwe	Strengthening of National Quality Infrastructure in Zimbabwe to improve compliance with the TBT and SPS	Recommended for approval by Steering Committee meeting on 27	Signature of Financing Agreement expected during

	requirements for cross-border trade	February 2017.	period March-April 2017
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Procurement and Financial management systems capacity building workshop for national implementation units has been scheduled for 26-30 March 2017 at a venue to be advised. Invitations are to be sent out in the next week or so.

It is now expected that implementation of TRF projects will commence during the first quarter of 2017 and will have an implementation phase running to the end of September 2019.

TRF Facility Support Unit

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