



PRESS RELEASE

SADC to hold Extraordinary Summit of Heads of State and Government in Maputo, Mozambique on 23 June, 2021

20th June, 2021, Gaborone, Botswana: The Southern African Development Community (SADC) will hold the Extraordinary Summit of Heads of State and Government on 23rd June, 2021 in Maputo, Republic of Mozambique to discuss issues of regional integration, cooperation and development.

His Excellency Filipe Jacinto Nyusi, President of the Republic of Mozambique will Chair the Extraordinary Summit in his capacity as the current Chairperson of SADC. The Republic of Mozambique and several SADC Member States have declared days of national mourning in honour of the late first President of the Republic of Zambia H.E Dr Kenneth David Buchizya Kaunda who played a pivotal role in the formation of the Southern African Development Coordination Conference (SADCC), the forerunner to SADC and in this regard, the SADC flag, and those of SADC Member States shall be flown at half-mast during the Extraordinary Summit and preceding meetings.

Summit will, among the key issues, discuss the regional response and support to the Republic of Mozambique in addressing terrorism, regional food and nutrition security, gender and development, and progress in the regional response to HIV and AIDS and COVID-19 pandemic. The Summit will review progress made in the implementation of the theme of the 40th SADC Summit; *SADC: 40 Years Building Peace and Security, and Promoting Development and Resilience in the Face of Global Challenges*, which was endorsed by the SADC Summit in August, 2020.

The Summit will also mark the regional commemoration of the 40th Anniversary of SADC with the launch of three publications by His Excellency Filipe Jacinto Nyusi, President of the Republic of Mozambique, in his capacity as the Chairperson of SADC. The publications to be launched are; *40 Years of SADC: Enhancing Regional Cooperation and Integration*; *Volume 2 of Mozambique SADC Success Stories*; and the *Hashim Mbita (Southern African Liberation Struggles)*.

The Summit of Heads of State and Government is the supreme policy-making institution of SADC with the responsibility for the overall policy direction and control of functions of the community in accordance with Article 10 of the SADC Treaty.

The following are the preceding meeting to the SADC Summit of Heads of State and Government:

Monday, 21 June, 2021 Meeting of the SADC Standing Committee of Senior Officials
Tuesday, 22 June, 2021 Meeting of the SADC Council of Ministers

The Opening and Closing Ceremonies of the Summit will be broadcast live by Televisão de Moçambique (TVM) the national public broadcaster of Mozambique.

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SADC in Brief

SADC is an organisation of 16 Member States established in 1980 as the Southern African Development Coordinating Conference and later in August, 1992 transformed into the Southern African Development Community (SADC). The mission of SADC is to promote sustainable and equitable economic growth and socio-economic development through efficient, productive systems, deeper cooperation 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. Member States are Angola, Botswana, Comoros, Democratic Republic of Congo, Eswatini, Lesotho, Madagascar, Malawi, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, Seychelles, South Africa, United Republic of Tanzania, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

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