



# *The European Union's Cooperation with the Southern African Development Community*

*Working Together for a Better Future*



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Through many years of working together, the EU Delegation and the SADC Secretariat have developed a close partnership and we are committed to continuing our collaboration to advance regional integration.



**Her Excellency  
Dr Stergomena Lawrence Tax**  
*Executive Secretary, SADC*



The EU's support to SADC rests on the shared belief in the benefits regional integration will bring to SADC Member States and their citizens in the future, and the EU is committed to continuing and deepening this collaboration.



**His Excellency  
Ambassador Jan Sadek**  
*Head of the EU Delegation to Botswana and SADC*





# Introduction

The hopes of the people of Southern Africa for peace, democracy, good governance and prosperity are no different from those of people all over the world. The ability of the countries of Southern Africa to fulfil these hopes depends, to a large extent, on greater levels of trade and investment, on advances in productive systems, industrial and infrastructure development and modernisation as well as on a sustainable use of natural resources. Good governance and more efficient use of available resources are also crucial.

While any country can act individually, both SADC and the EU recognise the value of collaboration. Sustainable and equitable socio-economic development can often be better achieved through closer regional integration.

Regional integration is in the EU's DNA and over the last decade, the European Union and its Member States have given strong support to regional integration in Southern Africa. Since the early 2000s, the EU has provided over €415 million of support to SADC's regional integration process, in addition to bilateral funding to individual states.

Regular EU – SADC exchanges through technical and political dialogue are also an important part of existing cooperation.

The EU's support historically focused on promoting regional economic integration and infrastructure; in 2007, cooperation expanded to cover peace and security too. In 2014, environmental management and SADC institutional strengthening were added as well. Today, the priority areas are regional economic integration, peace and security, regional natural resources management, and institutional capacity building. These priority areas are aligned with SADC's Regional Indicative Strategic Development Plan 2020-2030 and Vision 2050.

Each of these priority areas is significant in its own way, and together they form an all-encompassing approach to regional integration for the peace and prosperity of all the citizens of Southern Africa.

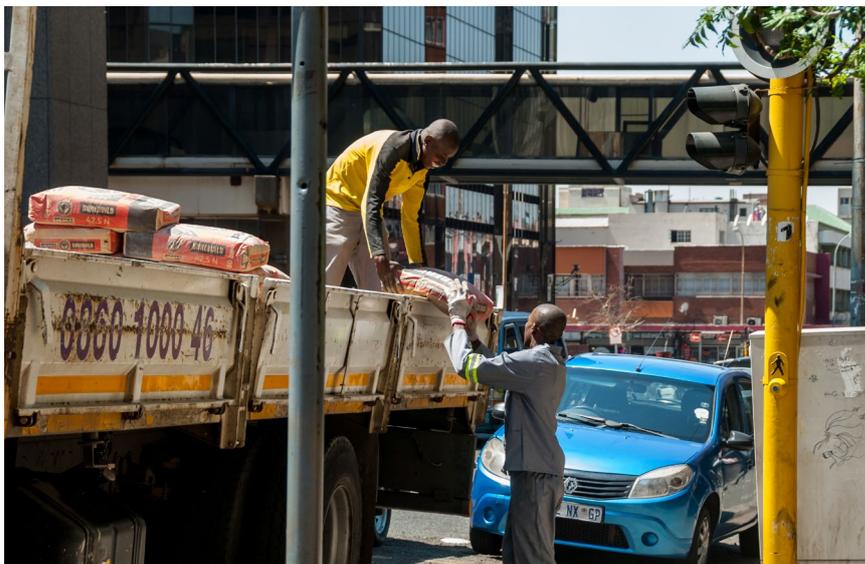
## Response to COVID 19

The EU and its Member States are combating the pandemic through international cooperation and joint global action. The EU is the largest donor to COVAX, the global vaccination mechanism that is delivering in SADC and across Africa and will distribute at least 1.3 billion doses of vaccine in the region by the end of 2021. Throughout the pandemic, the EU and SADC are working side by side and while the priority areas of collaboration remain the same there has been refocusing of activities and further support to take into account the impact of COVID 19 and lessen the effects in the region.

# Regional Economic Integration

## €112m

Intra- and inter-regional trade are key components of regional economic integration. The EU strongly supports SADC's trade agenda as a key economic priority alongside promoting industrial development, investment, market harmonisation, transport integration and increased job opportunities especially for the youth.



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## Programmes & Projects

### ▼ Support Programme towards Industrialisation and the Productive Sectors

**SIPS - €18m (2019-2024)**

To tackle some key hindrances to industrialisation in the region, SIPS aims to 1) facilitate stronger dialogue between private and public sectors and 2) improve the development and governance of regional leather and pharmaceutical value chains, including enhancing local manufacturing.

### ▼ Trade Related Facility

**TRF - €32m (2014 – 2021)**

The EU has been supporting SADC since 2014 through the Trade Related Facility. It is an innovative programme that enhances the participation of the Member States in regional and international trade and thereby contribute to the region's sustainable development.

### ▼ Tripartite Transport and Transit Facilitation Programme

**TTTFP - €21m (2017 – 2023)**

The TTTFP is harmonising road transport laws, regulations and IT systems in Southern and Eastern Africa. This will boost efficiency in cross-border road transport and reduce the costs of trade between 26 African countries and their enterprises from Cairo to Cape Town.

### ▼ Support to Improving the Investment and Business Environment

**SIBE - €14m (2019-2024)**

SIBE supports the improvement of the rules and regulations that govern investment and the environment in which businesses operate in order to achieve sustainable and inclusive growth and support job creation. It pays special attention to financial inclusion so as to facilitate access to useful and affordable financial products and services.

### ▼ Project Preparation Development Facility

**PPDF - €12m (2014 – 2021)**

PPDF provides support for adequate project preparation and development capacity for strategic infrastructure projects that have a significant influence on regional economic integration. Priority sectors include energy, transport, water resources, information and communication technology.

### ▼ Trade Facilitation Programme

**TFP - €15m (2019-2024)**

TFP aims to increase intra-regional trade by strengthening capacities for streamlining border processes and monitoring and resolving non-tariff and technical barriers to trade; and by promoting implementation of the EU-SADC Economic Partnership Agreement. By developing a more favourable trading environment, SADC Member States will be able to better integrate in global value chains, creating wealth, jobs and additional government revenues.



SADC

# Peace, Security and Regional Stability

€35m

Peace, stability, democratic governance and accountability are critical elements for development and part of the foundation upon which regional integration and socio-economic development across the SADC region can be built. The EU is supporting SADC by contributing to the strengthening of the SADC peace and security architecture.



SADC



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SADC

## Programmes & Projects

▼ **Support to Peace and Security in the SADC Region**  
**SPSS - €15m (2018-2022)**

SPSS strengthens SADC's peace and security architecture working in four complementary and interrelated areas: 1) strengthening the capacity for electoral assistance; 2) improving the capacity for gender-sensitive conflict prevention, resolution and management; 3) supporting SADC Member States to detect, prevent and combat transnational organised crime, and; 4) reinforcing the capacity to address the prevalence of sexual and gender based violence in the region.

▼ **Southern Africa Migration Management Project**  
**SAMM - €20m (2020-2024)**

SAMM aims to improve mechanisms for managing migration within Southern Africa, Eastern Africa and the Indian Ocean. The project supports the facilitation of legal labour migration and the rights and interests of vulnerable groups including migrant workers, refugees, children and victims of people trafficking. It follows a comprehensive approach that also identifies the positive effects of labour migration on regional integration and economic development.

# Natural Resources Management

€235m

Over half of the region's population lives in rural areas and agriculture sector plays a crucial role not just in food security but also in creating jobs, economic growth and social stability. The EU is therefore supporting a range of investment and policy initiatives contributing to agro-industrial development and enhancing access to information on agricultural production.

The EU is also assisting SADC in implementing the commitments made under the Paris Climate Agreement and finding ways to mitigate and adjust to the effects of climate change and the region's increasing vulnerability to water, food and energy insecurities. In addition, the EU is supporting increased access to climate change services and science-based information to decision makers at all levels.



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SADC



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## Programmes & Projects

▼ **Support towards the Operationalisation of SADC Regional Agricultural Policy Programme**

**RAP - €9m (2018-2022)**

The programme will enhance information sharing of best practices towards achieving food and nutrition security and evidence-based decision making for agricultural production, sustainability and competitiveness. In addition, it will build capacity for pest and disease control at a regional level.

▼ **Intra-ACP Global Climate Change Action + Programme in SADC Region**

**GCCA+ - €8m (2020-2024)**

This programme supports the SADC Member States capacity to implement commitments made in the Paris Climate Agreement, mainstreaming climate adaptation and mitigation in national sector strategies and to access climate finance.

▼ **Transboundary Water Management in the Cubango-Okavango River Basin**

**TWM - €6m (2018-2022)**

The focus of this programme is establishing systems to assist water and land management decision making in this river basin shared by Angola, Botswana and Namibia.

# Institutional Capacity Building

€20.6m

The SADC Secretariat is at the centre of regional integration objectives and the EU is committed to strengthening its capacity to advance this goal. The EU's support focuses on developing opportunities for increased dialogue, connections and communication between governments, institutions, specialists and citizens within the SADC region, Europe and beyond.



## Programmes & Projects



### *SADC Enhanced Policy Dialogue Facility*

**SDF - €3m (2019 and 2022)**

The SDF supports regional integration by facilitating dialogue to improve regional policies and the implementation of key priorities. It strengthens partnerships, engagement and participation in the integration process by encouraging peer-to-peer exchanges, sharing of knowledge and experience and the promotion of training.



### *Technical Cooperation Facility*

**TCF - €3.625m**

TCF is ad hoc assistance to support and address SADC Secretariat priorities, facilitate studies and address capacity constraints.



### *Integrated Institutional Capacity Building for SADC Secretariat and National Stakeholders*

**IICB - €14m (2019 – 2023)**

The Integrated Institutional Capacity Building (IICB) Programme is primarily aimed at accelerating progress towards the implementation of the SADC regional integration agenda through the strengthening capacity of SADC secretariat and Member State structures under two specific objectives, namely:

- (i) To enhance the capacity of SADC Member State structures to facilitate and co-ordinate implementation of the regional agenda at country level; and
- (ii) to enhance service delivery by the SADC Secretariat in support of programme/projects planning, co-ordination, resource mobilisation, implementation, monitoring and knowledge-sharing of regional commitments at country level.

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European Union



The Member States of the European Union have decided to link together their know-how, resources and destinies. Together, they have built a zone of stability, democracy and sustainable development whilst maintaining cultural diversity, tolerance and individual freedoms. The European Union is committed to sharing its achievements and its values with countries and peoples beyond its borders.

The Southern African Development Community (SADC) is an organisation of 16 Member States established in 1980. 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.



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