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SADC to Convene a Hybrid (Face to Face and Virtual) Meeting of Ministers of Employment and Labour and Social Partners on 30th March 2022

The Meeting of Ministers of Employment and Labour and Social Partners in the Southern African Development Community (SADC) will take place on 30th March, 2022 in Lilongwe, Republic of Malawi through a hybrid mode of delivery.

The Ministers and Social Partners will review the progress being made by the SADC in the area of employment and labour and a number of frameworks and reports are set to be adopted, including among others the revised SADC Code of Conduct on Child Labour, the SADC Labour Migration Action Plan's Monitoring and Reporting Framework and the Model Framework on Social Dialogue Institutions in SADC. Once adopted these instruments will strengthen the policy and legislative framework on employment and labour in the region.

The meeting will provide guidance on the development of the new SADC Protocol on Employment and Labour, which seeks to strengthen labour administration systems in Member States taking into account emerging issues such as those related to climate change, technological transformation and the COVID-19 pandemic. The Ministers and Social Partners will also discuss and adopt common positions on issues of global significance, such as the implementation of International Labour Standards.

The SADC Senior Officials responsible for Employment and Labour and Social Partners will hold their meeting on 28th and 29th March, 2022 to prepare and clear documents for consideration and deliberation by the Ministers and Social Partners.

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