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### SADC TO HOLD 43<sup>RD</sup> SUMMIT IN LUANDA, REPUBLIC OF ANGOLA, ON 17 AUGUST 2023

**11 August 2023, Gaborone, Botswana:** The Southern African Development Community (SADC) will hold the 43rd Ordinary Summit of Heads of State and Government in Luanda, Republic of Angola on 17 August 2023.

The 43<sup>rd</sup> SADC Summit will be held under the theme ***“Human and Financial Capital: The Key Drivers for Sustainable Industrialisation in the SADC Region”***. The theme seeks to address two of the most critical enablers in supporting regional industrialisation, namely adequate human resources in terms of numbers and technical capacity within the context of climate change and 4<sup>th</sup> Industrial Revolution, and adequate financial resources to ensure more sustainable funding mechanisms.

During the 43rd SADC Summit, His Excellency João Manuel Gonçalves Lourenço, President of the Republic of Angola will take over the chairpersonship of SADC from His Excellency Félix Antoine Tshisekedi Tshilombo, President of the Democratic Republic of Congo.

Among some of the key issues, the 43<sup>rd</sup> SADC Summit will receive the report of the Chairperson of the Organ on Politics, Defense and Security Cooperation; review progress on implementation of the priorities of the SADC Regional Indicative Strategic Development Plan 2020-2030, implementation of the SADC Industrialisation Strategy and Road Map 2015-2063 and progress on the implementation of the 42<sup>nd</sup> SADC Summit Theme which is ***“Promoting industrialization through, agro-processing, mineral beneficiation, and regional value chains for inclusive and resilient economic growth”***.

The SADC Summit is responsible for the overall policy direction and control of functions of the Community, ultimately making it the policy-making institution of SADC. The Ordinary SADC Summit is held every year and is attended by Heads of State and Government from the 16 SADC Member States namely, Angola, Botswana, Comoros, Democratic Republic of Congo, Eswatini, Lesotho, Madagascar, Malawi, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, Seychelles, South Africa, United Republic of Tanzania, Zambia and Zimbabwe

The Opening and Closing ceremonies of the 43rd SADC Summit will be broadcast live by the National Broadcasting Station of Angola; Canal TPA Noticias and the MultiChoice Digital Satellite Television (DStv) Channel 689 from 09:00 hours – 1200

hours and from 1500hours until 1700hours (WAT) on 17<sup>th</sup> August, 2023.

The 43rd SADC Summit will be preceded by the following meetings;

- 12 August 2023: SADC Public Lecture at Venancio de Moura Academy of Diplomacy, Kilamba - Luanda
- 13 - 14 August, 2023: Meeting of SADC Council of Ministers
- 16 August, 2023: SADC Organ Troika Summit

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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 (SADCC) 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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