



BIO AFRICA CONVENTION 2023

- SUPPORT TO
INDUSTRIALISATION
AND PRODUCTIVE SECTORS
(SIPS) PROGRAMME

Durban, South Africa
3rd – 6th September 2023



BACKGROUND

Bio Africa Convention is an annual event that facilitates an enriching and collaborative platform for exchange of groundbreaking ideas and opportunities in the biotechnology industry and innovations pertaining to health, energy, agriculture and entrepreneurial sectors. The sixth annual BIO Africa Convention will focus on food security, sustainability and biotech innovation. The theme for BIO Africa Convention, 2023 is ***Re-imagining Biotechnology Innovation for Africa's Development and Security***. This aligns well with the SIPS Programme initiatives.

PURPOSE OF THE EVENT

The primary objective of the BIO Africa Convention is to get Africa talking about biotechnology developments and to address challenges ranging from food security and medicine to vaccine manufacturing. Regionally, the Support to Industrialization and Productive Sector (SIPS) Programme, seeks to accelerate the SADC regional industrialization agenda by supporting regional value chain development in the agro-processing and pharmaceutical value chains.

In order to contribute to the implementation of the SADC Industrialisation Strategy, the European Union (EU) and SADC developed a programme: the Support to Industrialization and Productive Sectors (SIPS) Programme. SIPS is a five-year programme (2019 – 2024), jointly implemented by the SADC Secretariat and the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit GmbH (GIZ). The Programme is funded under the 11th European Development Fund (EDF) to the tune of €18 million, with an additional €2.8 million to be made available by the Germany Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), through GIZ.

The overall objective of SIPS is to contribute to the SADC industrialisation and regional integration agenda, particularly focusing on improving the performance and growth of selected regional value chains and related services within the agro-processing and pharmaceutical sectors. The specific objective is to enhance policy, regulatory and operational business environment on national and regional levels for the development and sustainable operation of the selected value chains. It was formulated with the following three key results:

- **Result 1:** Enhanced policy, regulatory and business environment on national and regional levels for development and sustainable operation of regional value chains
- **Result 2:** Private Sector Participation in Regional Pharmaceutical and Medical Value Chains Enhanced.
- **Result 3:** Private sector participation in Regional Leather Value Chain enhanced.

The SADC Secretariat is responsible for implementing Result 1 and collaborates with the the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit GmbH (GIZ) in the implementation of some activities in Results 2 and 3. In order to support the implementation and coordination of the SIPS programme, the SADC Secretariat and the GFA Consulting Group (GMBH) signed a 4-year Service Contract, which started with the deployment of a Technical Assistance Team (TAT) in March 2021.

At the Bio African Convention 2023, SIPS Programme intends to participate and raise awareness about some of its initiatives that focuses on the development and production of IK-based herbal remedies and innovative integrated electronic application to disseminate HIV/AIDS treatment guidelines and enhance regulatory and supply chain efficiencies in the management of HIV/AIDS and associated opportunistic infections through grants that have been awarded under the programme and exhibit SIPS programme. This event will also provide an opportunity to create awareness and share information on the SIPS Grants awarded to the following beneficiaries:

- a. Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR), South Africa in partnership with Eswatini and Zimbabwe (ARV Value Chain);
- b. Mitch Investments Malawi in partnership with Lesotho (ARV Value Chain); and
- c. Solidaridad partnership between Tanzania and Zimbabwe – (Leather Value Chain).

A side event workshop will convened on the 3rd September 2023 to get an update on the funded projects, sharing of experiences and information and facilitate discussions on issues related to the ARV and Leather value chains and Intellectual property rights.

OBJECTIVE

The overall objective is to raise awareness on the SIPS Programme initiatives and profile SIPS Grants for Investment and partnership opportunities.

SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES

The specific objectives are to:

- Create awareness and visibility of SIPS Grants
- Convene SIPS Side Event to facilitate panel discussions on thematic issues on ARV, Leather value chains and Intellectual Property Rights
- Exhibit SIPS Programme

OUTPUTS

- SIPS Grants awareness and visibility
- SIPS Site Event Convened
- SIPS Programme Marketed

SIPS SIDE EVENT PROGRAMME 3RD SEPTEMBER 2023, DURBAN, SOUTH AFRICA

Time	Item
	Moderator: SADC Secretariat
12:00-13:00	LUNCH
14:00-14:20	Opening and Welcome Remarks – SADC Secretariat Remarks by - Representative from Department of Science and Innovation, South Africa
14:20-14:30	Introductions - All
14:30-14:40	Objectives of the Workshop – SADC Secretariat
14:40-15:05	Presentation on SIPS Programme – SADC Secretariat and GIZ
15:05-15:25	Innovations and technological management and capabilities in supporting sustainable Industrialization - Ms Ketlareng Polori - IP and Business Development Manager CSIR
15:25-15:45	Comments and Discussions
15:45-16:00	TEA BREAK
16:00-17:00	Presentations by Grantees: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Project Topic: <i>Application of Indigenous Knowledge for the development and production of remedies to manage HIV/AIDS in Zimbabwe & Eswatini</i> - Council for Scientific and Industrial Research, (Partners: South Africa, Eswatini and Zimbabwe) ◦ Project Topic: <i>Development of an integrated electronic application for HIV/AIDS treatment guidelines to optimize treatment outcomes and improve regulatory and supply chain process in Malawi and Lesotho</i>- Mitch Investments, (Partners: Malawi and Lesotho) ◦ Project Topic: <i>Promoting a competitive, inclusive and sustainable Leather Sector</i> - Solidaridad, (Partners Zimbabwe/Tanzania)
17:00-17:20	Comments and Discussions
17:20-17:40	Strengthening of Intellectual Property capacities in the region in advancing health innovation - ARIPO
17:40-17:55	Comments and Discussion
17:55-18:00	Summary Recap and recommendations
18:00	Closing session