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### **SADC to hold an Extraordinary Summit of the Organ Troika, Plus SADC Troika, SAMIDRC Troops Contributing Countries, SAMIM Personnel Contributing Countries, the Democratic Republic of the Congo and the Republic of Mozambique**

The Southern African Development Community (SADC) will hold an Extraordinary Summit of the Organ Troika, Plus SADC Troika, Troop Contributing Countries to the SADC Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (SAMIDRC), Personnel Contributing Countries to the SADC Mission in Mozambique (SAMIM), the Democratic Republic of the Congo and the Republic of Mozambique on 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2024 in Lusaka, Republic of Zambia.

The Summit will be chaired by His Excellency Mr. Hakainde Hichilema, President of the Republic of Zambia in his capacity as the Chairperson of the SADC Organ on Politics, Defence and Security Cooperation. The SADC Organ is an institution of SADC which is responsible for the promotion of peace and security in the region.

The Summit will discuss the security situation in the SADC region with focus on the situation in the eastern part of the DRC and Cabo Delgado in the northern Mozambique. The Summit will receive an update on progress of SADC missions namely, SAMIDRC and SAMIM which were deployed to support the Governments of the DRC and Mozambique to restore peace, security, and stability to pave the way for sustainable development.

Currently, the SADC Organ Troika comprises the Republic of Zambia, as Chair of the Organ; the United Republic of Tanzania, as the Incoming Chair of the Organ; and the Republic of Namibia, as the Outgoing Chair of the Organ. The SADC Troika comprises the Republic of Angola, as the Chair of SADC; Republic of Zimbabwe, as the Incoming Chair of SADC; and the Democratic Republic of Congo, as the Outgoing Chair of SADC.

SAMIM Personnel Contributing Countries include Angola, Botswana, Democratic Republic of Congo, Lesotho, Malawi, Namibia, South Africa, United Republic of Tanzania, Zambia and Zimbabwe. SAMIDRC Troop Contributing Countries are Malawi, South Africa, and United Republic of Tanzania, working together with the Government of the DRC.

The Extraordinary SADC Summit will be preceded by the following meetings:

- 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2024 - Extraordinary Meeting of the Ministerial Committee of the Organ (MCO) and the meeting of the Senior Officials of the MCO
- 21<sup>st</sup> March 2024 - Extraordinary Meeting of Interstate Defence and Security Sub Committee (ISDSC)

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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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