



**SADC STAKEHOLDERS' WORKSHOP:**

**LAUNCHING APPROVED NATURAL RESOURCES & WILDLIFE FRAMEWORKS  
AND FOSTERING COLLABORATION FOR IMPLEMENTATION, JOHANNESBURG,  
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**Representative from IUCN**

**All National and International Cooperating Partners**

**SADC Secretariat staff**

**All protocol observed,**

**Ladies and Gentlemen,**

**I am honored to stand before you today for the launch of the SADC Natural Resources and Wildlife Frameworks, a pivotal step in fostering collaboration for their effective implementation.**

**SADC, composed of 16 Member States, envisions sustainable regional development as per the SADC vision 2050, and operationalizes it through the SADC Regional Indicative Strategic Development Plan (RISDP) 2020 - 2030. The newly approved wildlife frameworks align with the SADC vision and contribute to Pillar 1 (Peace, security, and good governance) and Crosscutting issues.**

**At SADC, high-level instruments that govern Natural Resources Management includes the Protocol on Wildlife Conservation and Law Enforcement (1999), Protocol on Forestry (2002), Protocol on Shared Water Course (2000), and Protocol on Fisheries (2006). These protocols guide the strategies and programs for regional cooperation, facilitating deeper integration.**

**Regional integration is not just a concept but a necessity in natural resources and wildlife conservation. The challenges we face extend beyond borders, requiring collaborative and comprehensive responses. The approved frameworks embody a shared commitment to address these challenges collectively. As stewards of rich biodiversity, we have a collective responsibility to ensure its sustainable use and conservation for current and future generations.**

**Ladies and Gentlemen,**

**The SADC cluster meeting of Ministers responsible for Environment, Natural Resources and Tourism of 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2023 approved key strategies, including:**

- (i) the SADC Law Enforcement and Anti-poaching (LEAP) Strategy (2022 - 2032),**
- (ii) SADC Wildlife-based Economy (WBE) Strategy Framework,**
- (iii) SADC Transfrontier Conservation Area (TFCA) Programme (2023 - 2033),**
- (iv) Multilateral Environmental Agreements (MEA) Guidelines; and**
- (v) SADC-CITES Engagement Strategy (2022-2026).**

**All these blueprints guide us in wildlife conservation, law enforcement, economic prosperity, enhancing livelihoods and international engagement.**

**In a nutshell:**

- Law Enforcement and Anti-Poaching Strategy envisions substantial reduction in wildlife crime by 2032. It emphasizes professionalization of Protected Areas, sustainable resource use, strengthening counter-wildlife trafficking operations, and regional collaboration;**
- Wildlife Based Economy strategic Framework intertwines economic prosperity with wildlife preservation, focusing on globally competitive**

**wildlife-based value chains, inclusive socio-economic development, and global recognition;**

- **The Trans-Frontier Conservation Areas (TFCA) programme aims at integrated landscape and seascape management with goals aligned to RISDP, emphasizing transboundary landscape management, well-being improvement, governance, sustainable financing, and capacity development;**
- **The Multi-Environmental Agreements Guidelines & SADC-CITES Engagement Strategy advocates for sustainable resource use, rural livelihood improvement, and coordinated regional engagement in international wildlife trade forums among other natural resources and wildlife multilateral environment agreements.**

**Ladies and Gentlemen,**

**Collaboration is paramount in implementing these strategies, be it bilaterally, regionally, or through global partnerships. The LEAP Strategy emphasizes transnational collaboration; Wildlife Economy calls for alliances on international, regional, and national levels; TFCA Programme implies collaboration among SADC Member States; and CITES Engagement Strategy recognizes the significance of effective regional collaboration in international forums.**

**These strategies serve as blueprints for a sustainable future to our region and beyond. Governments are urged to implement them, international partners are sought for global collaboration, and NGOs, CSOs, including CBOs, are encouraged to contribute with expertise and fostering public awareness.**

**We extend our sincere gratitude to individuals and teams behind these frameworks, partner organizations, and Member States for unwavering support.**

**Special thanks go to the Federal Government of Germany through GIZ for the support in developing these regional frameworks. We call for the spirit of collaboration, shared responsibility, and commitment to carry forward for transformative change.**

**In conclusion, let this workshop be a platform for meaningful discussions, shared insights, and concrete commitments towards a more sustainable coexistence with our natural environment.**

**I look forward to witnessing the positive outcomes of our collective efforts.**

**Thank you veru much, Muito Obrigada, Merci Beaucoup, Asante Sana**