



**SADC/ SHOC REMARKS DURING THE CLOSING OF THE ERT INDUCTION II
3RD SEPTEMBER 2025, MONTCLAIR HOTEL , NYANGA, ZIMBABWE
DELIVERED BY ANDERSON BANDA – DIRECTOR SHOC**

GUEST OF HONOUR, HONOURABLE ENG. BENJAMIN KABIKIRA,
DEPUTY MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT & PUBLIC WORKS IN THE
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HONOURABLE ADVOCATE MISHECK MUGADZA, MINISTER OF STATE
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FOR DISASTER RISK REDUCTION IN THE REPUBLIC OF ZIMBABWE

MR. EDWARD KALLON, UN RESIDENT AND HUMANITARIAN
COORDINATOR

MISTER PETER MULLER, HEAD OF THE OCHA DELEGATION AND
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COORDINATION

GRADUANDS OF THE SECOND SADC ERT COHORT TRAINING FROM 13
SADC MEMBER STATES

OFFICIALS FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF ZIMBABWE

REPRESENTATIVES OF VARIOUS INTERNATIONAL COOPERATING
PARTNERS PRESENT

AND MY COLLEAGUES FROM THE SADC AND SHOC SECRETARIATS

MEMBERS OF THE PRESS

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN

ON BEHALF OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF THE

SADC SECRETARIAT, H.E MR ELIAS MAGOSI, I AM HONOURED TO
DELIVER THIS REMARKS THIS VERY IMPORTANT OCCASION OF THE
GRADUATION OF MEMBERS OF THE SECOND COHORT OF THE SADC
ERT HERE IN NYANGA.

LET ME BEGIN BY HEARTILY CONGRATULATING THE PARTICIPANTS
FOR MAKING IT UP THE END.

YES!

YOU HAVE MADE IT!

CONGRATULATIONS

PARABENS

FELICITATIONS
HONGERA SANA
MAKOROKOTO

THIS ACHIEVEMENT HAS BEEN MADE POSSIBLE BY THE SUPPORT THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF ZIMBABWE HAS CONTINUED TO GIVE TO THE REGION IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF DISASTER RISK MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES LIKE THE TRAINING OF THE ERT.

HONOURABLE MINISTERS, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THE GREAT HOSPITALITY WE HAVE ENJOYED SINCE OUR ARRIVAL.

HONOURABLE MINISTERS, THE SADC REGION HAS CONTINUED TO SUFFER FROM EFFECTS OF DISASTERS SUCH AS THE 2019, TROPICAL CYCLONE IDAI. IT IS FOR THIS REASON THAT THE REGION THROUGH THE SADC SECRETARIAT , WORKING WITH MEMBER STATES HAS CONTINUED EFFORTS TO ENHANCE DISASTER PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE IN THE REGION.

THIS IS IN LINE WITH THE AUGUST 2019, SADC COUNCIL OF MINISTERS DIRECTIVE THE SECRETARIAT TO EXPEDITIOUSLY OPERATIONALIZE THE SADC DISASTER PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE MECHANISMS, INCLUDING THE ESTABLISHMENT AND OPERATIONALIZATION OF THE SADC SHOC AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM.

HONOURABLE MINISTERS, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN.

TODAY'S EVENT ATTESTS TO THE SUBSTANTIAL GAINS THAT THE SADC REGION IS MAKING IN THE AREA OF DISASTER RISK REDUCTION.

AS YOU ARE AWARE THE SADC REGION HAS ALWAYS RELIED ON OUR PARTNERS TO SUPPORT US TO RESPOND TO LARGE SCALE DISASTERS, AND THIS MILESTONE IS AN EFFORT TOWARDS BUILDING OUR OWN MECHANISM TO OPERATE TOGETHER WITH OUR PARTNERS.

DURING THIS TRAINING, WE DID NOT ONLY TRAIN THE ERT, BUT ENDEAVOURED TO BUILD CAPACITY CAPACITY OF SADC TO FACILITATE THE TRAINING BECAUSE WE HAD SELECTED MEMBERS OF THE FIRST COHORT WHO PARTICIPATED AS TRAINERS. AGAIN, FROM THIS COHORT WE SHALL SELECT SOME PARTICIPANTS WHO WILL BE ADDED TO THE FACULTY AS TRAINERS.

HONOURABLE MINISTERS, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN

IT IS OUR HOPE THAT COHORT 2 WILL CONTRIBUTE TO THE MITIGATION OF DISASTER IMPACTS IN THE REGION THROUGH PROVISION OF HUMANITARIAN SUPPORT TO SADC MEMBER STATES AFFECTED BY DISASTERS.

WHILE THE TRAINING WAS NOT EASY, IT IS VERY REWARDING, AND WE HOPE THAT THE PARTICIPANTS WILL APPLY THEIR NEWLY ACQUIRED SKILLS AT PERSONAL, INSTITUTIONAL AND NATIONAL LEVELS.

THE SADC AND SHOC SECRETARIAT WILL CONTINUE WORKING WITH PARTNERS TO OFFER SPECIALISED TRAININGS IN AREAS SUCH AS GENERAL COORDINATION, CIVIL MILITARY COORDINATION, INFORMATION MANAGEMENT, SAR TO CREATE SPECIALISED SURGE CAPACITIES.

HONOURABLE MINISTERS, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN.

MUITO OBRIGADO

MERCI BEACOUP

ASANTE SANA

NDATENDA CHAIDZO