



**COMMUNIQUÉ OF
THE EXTRAORDINARY SUMMIT OF SADC HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT
29TH JUNE 2026
VIRTUAL**

1. The Extraordinary Summit of the Heads of State and Government of the Southern African Development Community (SADC), hereafter called “Summit” was held virtually on 29th June 2026 and chaired by H.E. Mr. Matamela Cyril Ramaphosa, President of the Republic of South Africa.

2. Summit was attended by the following Heads of State and Government, or their representatives:

Angola:	H.E. Esmeralda da Silva Mendonça, Secretary of State for External Relations.
Botswana:	President Advocate Duma Gideon Boko.
Democratic Republic of Congo:	His Excellency Mr. Floribert Anzuluni Isiloketshi, Minister of Regional Integration.
Eswatini:	The Right Honourable Prime Minister, Mr. Russell M. Dlamini.
Lesotho:	The Deputy Prime Minister, Honourable Justice Nthomeng Majara.
Madagascar:	H.E. Col. Michael Randrianirina.
Malawi:	The Right Honourable Mr. Enoch Kanzingeni Chihana, Second Vice President.

Mauritius:	Honourable Mr. Dhananjay Ramful, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Regional Integration and International Trade.
Mozambique:	H.E Mr. Antonio Macheve, High Commissioner of Mozambique to Botswana.
Namibia:	The Right Honourable Prime Minister, Dr. Tjitunga Elijah Ngurare.
South Africa:	H.E. President Mr. Matamela Cyril Ramaphosa.
United Republic of Tanzania:	H.E. Ambassador Dr. Emmanuel John Nchimbi, Vice President.
Zambia:	Ms. Etambuyu Anamela Gundersen, Permanent Secretary for International Relations and Cooperation in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation.
Zimbabwe:	Honourable Dr. Frederick Shava, Acting Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Trade.

3. Summit was also attended by Ministers from the SADC Member States, and the Executive Secretary of SADC.
4. Summit received a report from the Chairperson of the SADC Organ on Politics, Defence and Security Cooperation, H.E. Professor Arthur Peter Mutharika, President of the Republic of Malawi, on the Fact-finding and Diplomatic Missions to the Republic of Madagascar. The Missions, which were led by H.E. Dr. Joyce Banda, former President of Malawi and a member of the SADC Panel of Elders, assessed the political and security situation through consultations with a broad range of stakeholders.
5. Summit commended the work of the SADC Panel of Elders led by H.E. Dr. Banda, supported by the Mediation Reference Group and the contribution by the former SADC Special Envoy to Madagascar, H.E. Dr. Joaquim Chissano, former President of the Republic of Mozambique, and reaffirmed its support to the people of Madagascar in achieving peace, stability, constitutional order, and sustainable development.

6. Summit thanked H.E. Dr. Joyce Banda, former President of Malawi and a member of the SADC Panel of Elders, assessed the political and security situation through consultations with a broad range of stakeholders.
7. Summit urged the Government of Madagascar, led by H.E. Colonel Michael Randrianirina, President of the Refoundation, to remain committed to reforms that are clear, time-bound, transparent, inclusive of all Malagasy stakeholders, and widely communicated in national languages to ensure broad participation and that the outcomes are accepted by the Malagasy people.
8. Summit stressed the importance of protecting constitutional rule and democratic governance, emphasizing that reforms must ultimately restore constitutional order and lead to a democratically elected government, without delaying the will of the Malagasy people.
9. Summit emphasised the need for inclusive dialogue, reconciliation, and national consultations during the transition and called on the Government, the Council of Christian Churches, and all stakeholders to act fairly, respect the constitution, and build consensus.
10. Summit called for the release of political prisoners, an end to arbitrary arrests of opposition leaders and Generation Z members, and the return of political exiles to the country.
11. Summit expanded the mandate of the Panel of Elders to include reconciliation, electoral reform, and preparations for the referendum and general elections, and approved the setting up of a SADC Liaison Office in Antananarivo, to coordinate support.
12. Summit expressed concern about the Ebola outbreak in Eastern Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), reaffirmed solidarity with the Congolese people, and warned that the worsening security threatens peace and regional integration. It stressed the urgency of coordinated responses to safeguard lives.
13. Summit reaffirmed its commitment to peace, security, democracy, good governance, and sustainable development, stressing that regional solidarity and cooperation are essential for building a united and prosperous SADC Community.

14. Summit thanked H.E. Professor Arthur Peter Mutharika, President of the Republic of Malawi and Chairperson of the Organ, for his leadership in promoting peace and security in the Republic of Madagascar and the SADC region.
15. Summit thanked H.E. Mr. Matamela Cyril Ramaphosa, President of the Republic of South Africa and Chairperson of SADC, for his leadership and key role in hosting a successful Summit and driving the regional agenda forward.
16. The Chairperson of SADC thanked all Heads of State and Government for participating in the Extraordinary Summit and reaffirming their commitment to regional peace and integration.

Done on 29th June 2026
Pretoria, Republic of South Africa.