



PRESS RELEASE

Extraordinary SADC Organ Troika Summit to Convene on 22 June 2026

20 June 2026, Gaborone, Botswana: The Southern African Development Community (SADC), in partnership with the Government of the Republic of Malawi, will host a virtual Extraordinary Organ Troika Summit of Heads of State and Government on 22 June 2026.

The Summit will be chaired by Right Honourable Enoch Kanzingeni Chihana, Second Vice President of the Republic of Malawi, on behalf of His Excellency Professor Arthur Peter Mutharika, President of the Republic of Malawi and Chairperson of the Organ on Politics, Defence and Security Cooperation. The Organ Troika, comprising the Republic of Malawi as Chair, the Kingdom of Eswatini as Incoming Chair, and the United Republic of Tanzania as Outgoing Chair, will deliberate on critical regional peace and security issues, reinforcing SADC's vision of deeper integration and sustainable development.

The SADC Organ on Politics, Defence and Security Cooperation is mandated to safeguard peace and stability across the region. Its responsibilities include conflict prevention, management, and resolution, while upholding democratic principles, protecting human rights, and preserving the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Member States.

The virtual Extraordinary Summit will be preceded by virtual Meetings of Senior Officials and the Ministerial Committee of the Organ (MCO) on the same day. These preparatory sessions will provide a platform for in-depth deliberations, underscoring SADC's commitment to peace, security, and regional integration.

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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 transformed into SADC in August 1992. SADC's mission is to promote sustainable and equitable economic growth and socio-economic development through 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 global 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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