



European Union – SADC Regional Co-operation Factsheet



SADC's strategic plans constitute the main framework for regional co-operation and integration in the SADC region. EU support focuses on the Regional Economic and Political integration agenda of SADC with a current contribution of €148M in grants. The main programmes are described below.

Regional Economic Integration Support 'REIS' (2013-2018) €20M

The programme provides assistance to the implementation of the SADC Finance and Investment Protocol, the regional trade agenda as well as negotiations and implementation of the SADC-EU Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA).

The objective of the REIS programme is to support an enabling environment to enhance the movement of goods and services within SADC, facilitate investment, and secure World Trade Organisation (WTO) compatible market access arrangements between SADC EPA countries and the EU.



Trade Related Facility 'TRF' (2014-2019) €32M

The TRF will establish an incentive mechanism to assist SADC Member States in achieving their commitments in terms of the implementation of the SADC Trade Protocol (STP) and the Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA). The SADC region will benefit two fold in the long run. On the one hand, the TRF is expected to result in a higher level of compliance and implementation of the SADC Trade Protocol's commitments by the SADC Member States. On the other hand, SADC EPA Member States will be better prepared to effectively implement and monitor the EPA and benefit from it particularly in terms of improved market access.



Institutional Capacity Development Programme 'ICDP' (2013-2016) €12M

In 2012, the SADC Secretariat was formally recognised as having achieved compliance with the accepted international standards of good practice in management. The project builds on the achievements of the previous capacity building efforts and is expected to result in an even more effective and efficient management with internationally compliant governance structures and management systems.

African Technical Assistance Centre, "AFRITAC South" (2013-2016) €5M



In 2012, SADC joined the AFRITAC South programme. SADC's contribution increases the resources available for access by SADC Member States in AFRITAC South, which aims to improve macro policy frameworks to foster sustainable growth and poverty reduction. The project, in co-operation with the International Monetary Fund, is providing SADC Member Countries with technical assistance and training in areas of Public Financial Management (PFM) systems, tax and customs administration, financial sector supervision, compilation of national accounts and price statistics, and macroeconomic analysis.



Regional Political Co-operation 'RPC' (2013-2018) €18M

The programme aims to strengthen the capacity of SADC to achieve the objectives of the Protocol on Politics, Defence and Security Cooperation. RPC, in particular, provides assistance to (1) promote the development of democratic institutions and practices across the region; (2) prevent, contain and resolve inter- and intra-state conflict by peaceful means through strengthening mediation capacities; (3) enhance regional capacity in respect of disaster risk reduction and management; as well as (4) address cross border crime, particularly trafficking in persons.

SADC Project Preparation and Development Facility 'PPDF' (2014-2019) €12M

SADC Member States have identified economic infrastructure as constituting a critical element in accelerating economic growth and the reduction of poverty. The purpose of the SADC PPDF is to assist SADC Member States and associated regional and national infrastructure development institutions to develop high quality, viable and feasible regional economic infrastructure projects that could readily obtain financing through grants, concessionary loans, public and private equity investments, or private sector commercial loans. The primary role of the SADC PPDF would thus be to provide resources that could be used towards project identification, feasibility studies, project preparation and the development of investment proposals, with a view to making the projects bankable and attractive for funding.



Multi-Donor Trust Fund for the Centre for Coordination of Agricultural Research and Development for Southern Africa 'CCARDESA' (2013-2018) €5M

The EU contribution is to increase productivity of smallholder crop, forestry, fish and livestock enterprises in the SADC region. The project's purpose is to improve agricultural technologies and develop husbandry practices, which are made available and adopted by farmers.



Monitoring for Environment and Security in Africa 'MESA' (2013-2018) €5M



MESA uses space-based and in situ Earth Observation data and Geographical Information System (GIS) applications to improve management of the environment and security in Africa. The purpose of the MESA programme is to increase the information management, decision-making and planning capacity of African institutions. This includes a range of information responding to citizens' needs such as monitoring the water level and flow rate of key rivers used for commercial transport; water cycle information to help agriculture (best planting time, improved crop yields, etc.) and warn of flood and drought risks; monitoring of the changing condition of rangelands for livestock management; tracking the depletion and/or degradation of forest resources and biodiversity and monitoring of marine pollution, fisheries resources and coastal erosion.