



BRIEF OVERVIEW OF SADC FORESTRY STRATEGY (2020 – 2030)

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BACKGROUND

SADC: consists of 16 Member States

SADC Treaty 1992 [Article 5(1)g]: identifies sustainable utilization and protection of natural resources and environment as an area of regional co-operation.

SADC Regional Indicative Strategic Development Plan (RISDP 2020 – 2030):

Pillar 5, Strategic Objective 6: *sustainable utilization and conservation of the natural resources and effective management of environment*



SADC Protocol on Forestry (2002)

- The SADC Protocol on Forestry (2002) is the overarching policy framework for forestry collaboration amongst SADC Member States.
- The objectives of the Protocol are to promote the development, conservation and sustainable management and utilisation of all types of forests and trees as well as legal trade in forest products throughout the Region, in order to alleviate poverty and generate economic opportunities for the peoples of the Region; and effective protection of the environment and safeguard the interest of both present and future generations.



Strategic objectives of SADC Forestry Strategy (2020-2030)



1. Forest Institutional Capacity and Governance
2. Financial Investments and Private Sector Engagement
3. Market and trade in timber and other forest products
4. Protection, Restoration and Sustainable Management and Use of Forest Production Systems



Role of SADC Secretariat

- Coordinate and ensure that systems are in place to support Member States in the implementation of the forestry strategy.
- To develop regional programmes, projects, and assist in mobilizing resources for the successful implementation of the strategy.
- Facilitate access to sustainable financing to enable implementation of various areas of the strategy.



Role of Member States

- To ensure implementation and reporting of policy, legislations, strategic Plans and action plans related to the delivery of the forestry
- To share lessons and best practices related to implementation of the strategy
- Integrate aspects of strategy into national programs



Role of partners and other stakeholders

- Provision of funds for implementation of the strategy through long-term partnership agreements with SADC Secretariat.
- Engage private sector through relevant meetings and workshops and establish partnerships to enable implementation of various areas of the strategy



SADC Forestry Strategy reporting tool and Costed action plan



- The SADC Forestry Strategy has the reporting tool which Member States use to report the implementation of the strategy and Costed action plan which indicates costs on different activities
- The SADC forestry strategy can be downloaded at:
- www.sadc.int





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