

1.	Project title		Design of a Monitoring & Evaluation System for the SADC EPA Member States to Track the Operationalisation and Impact of the SADC-EU EPA					
Name of legal entity	Country	Overall project value (ZAR)	Proportion carried out by legal entity (%)	No of staff provided	Name of client	Origin of funding	Dates (start/end)	Name of partners if any
IDIL	SADC EPA Countries (SA, BLNS, Mozambique)	1,099,744 USD 88,485.40	100	4	Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ)	GIZ CESARE	Nov 2017 – Mar 2018	N/A
Detailed description of project				Type of services provided				
<p>The EU SADC EPA's main objectives lie in poverty reduction, promotion of regional and global integration, deepening of cooperation, capacity building on trade, and improvement of economic and business climate. Like other EPAs the EU-SADC EPA is developmental in nature, offering 100% duty-free quota-free (DFQF) asymmetrical market access to the EU for all EPA Member States with exception of South Africa which has 98.7% of exports duty free and improved market access in certain products through agreed Tariff Related Quotas (TRQs). Other aspects of the Agreement include supporting economic diversification and deeper integration within the SADC EPA states. This is seen in revised, more flexible rules of origin (diagonal cumulation), to help develop regional value chains, and extensive provisions on trade safeguards. The EPA also offers protection of geographical indications for certain product names from both the EU and SADC-EPA MS.</p> <p>The overall objective of this assignment was to “<b>propose a monitoring system for the SADC EPA Member States to monitor the SADC-EU Economic Partnership Agreement</b>”. The proposed system would support SADC and the EPA MS's results-based planning, budgeting and monitoring mechanisms and ensure public accountability and transparency by the SADC organs and institutions, and MSs towards EPA implementation. It would enhance their ability to feedback and knowledge share on results and lessons learned among SADC MSs, SADC policy organs and institutions during implementation of the EPA, ensuring the continuous sharpening and focusing of strategies and implementation of the SADC EPA.</p> <p>Expected outcomes were:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Development of a result based monitoring system for SADC EPA which fits within the broader Monitoring and Evaluation Framework of SADC and builds on and complements existing systems, taking into account incentives and resources.;</li> <li>ii. Validation and buy-in of the proposed SADC EPA monitoring system by key stakeholders, both those responsible for monitoring and those responsible for implementation;</li> <li>iii. Design of a suitable data base management system and user interface for data collection and analysis;</li> <li>iv. Human resource and financial capacity needs assessments;</li> <li>v. Collection and dissemination of lessons learnt and recommendations to contribute to knowledge about successful monitoring systems.</li> </ol>				<p>Services and activities were grouped under three distinct phases:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Inception: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Identification of priority EPA Provisions (through review of the EPA, reports, and relevant literature, consultation between SADC, GIZ, and the EU, and participation in high-level regional stakeholder event with the EU Commission);</li> <li>b. Development of a Theory of Change and Logical Framework and Indicators for the M&amp;E system (informed by a review of national development plans, trade policies, poverty reduction strategies, and related literature);</li> <li>c. Assessment of critical success factors, informed extensively by lessons from the Caribbean EPA, the East Africa Monitoring System, EU single market monitoring systems, and the ASEAN ACE;</li> <li>d. Establishment of the baseline of current monitoring systems and information in the SADC Region;</li> <li>e. Stakeholder Mapping;</li> <li>f. Development of research instruments;</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. Development Phase: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Consultations to achieve validation and refinement of indicators with key stakeholders and Member State and Regional level, strength and weakness assessment of existing systems, needs and demands assessment, and identification of key information sources;</li> <li>b. Development of a Monitoring Master Plan and a Technical Assistance Master Plan, including development of templates for reporting;</li> <li>c. IT Assessment at Member State and Regional Level;</li> <li>d. Design of a suitable ICT-driven online data management system</li> </ol> </li> <li>3. Validation and Reporting: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Facilitation of a validation meeting with GIZ, the SADC Secretariat, and relevant stakeholders from the region and Member States;</li> <li>b. Preparation of standard GIZ Reporting</li> </ol> </li> </ol> <p>Team Members:  TL - Regional &amp; M&amp;E Expert – Mr. Daniel Chiwandamira  KE2 - ICT Specialist – Mr. Antony Munguti  NKE1 – Trade and Legal Expert – Dr. Nicholas Charalambides  NKE2 – M&amp;E Project Support – Ms. Elena Mancebo</p>				