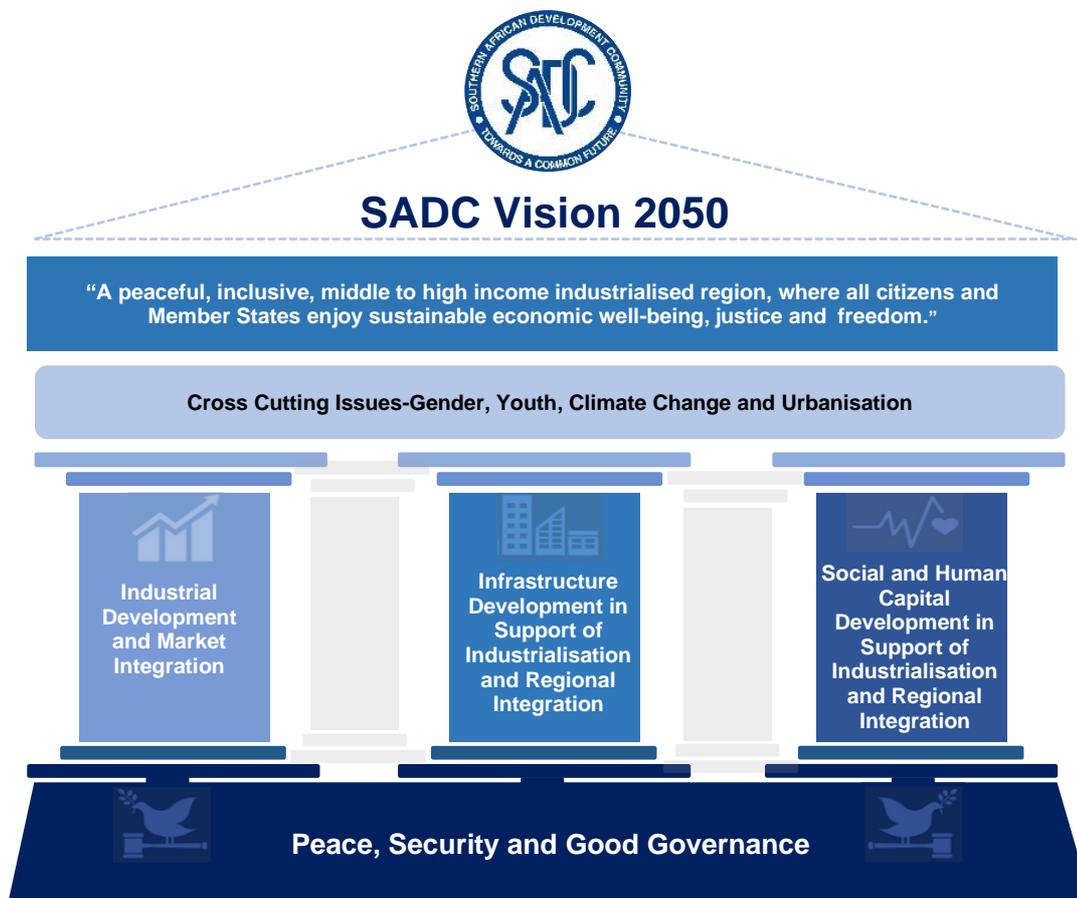


# SADC VISION 2050

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## Preamble

1. We recall the SADC Vision of a community that has a common future within a regional community that will ensure economic well-being, improvement of the standards of living and quality of life, freedom and social justice and peace and security for the people of Southern Africa.

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2. We envision a peaceful, inclusive, middle to high income industrialised region, where all citizens enjoy sustainable economic well-being, justice and freedom.
3. We commit to upholding the core principles of the Community, namely: the sovereign equality of all Member States; solidarity, peace and security; human rights, democracy and the rule of law; equity, balance and mutual benefit; and the peaceful settlement of disputes.
4. We resolve to consolidate the SADC community moving towards 2050 by: leveraging areas of excellence and implementing priorities to achieve, sustainable and inclusive socio-economic development through good governance and durable peace and security in the region and the removal of all

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barriers to deeper integration; and guided by the purposes and principles of the SADC Treaty and Agenda.

5. We underline that SADC's Vision is complementary to the United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the African Union's Agenda 2063 and its flagship projects and continental frameworks.

### Foundation and Pillars of Vision 2050

Vision 2050 is built on a firm foundation of Peace, Security and Good Governance, and is expressed in the following three Pillars: I. Industrial Development and Market Integration; II. Infrastructure Development in Support of Industrialisation and Regional Integration; and III. Social and Human Capital Development in Support of Industrialisation and Regional Integration.

## Pillar One

### Industrial Development and Market Integration

6. By 2050, the SADC Region to be industrialised and integrated where SADC Member States equitably benefit from the opportunities of a stable regional market that is commensurate with the AU's Accelerated Industrial Development for Africa (AIDA), Science, Technology and Innovation Strategy for Africa (STISA), African Mining Vision (AMV), Boosting Intra African Trade (BIAT), Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme (CAADP), and well integrated into the broader African Continental Free Trade Area (AFCTA)
7. We therefore undertake to achieve:
  - 7.1 An industrialised regional economy that is based on a competitive and facilitative environment, that sustainably exploits its natural resources leveraging on science, technology and innovation.

**Objective:** Industrial development at national and regional levels which is based on enhanced competitiveness, facilitative infrastructure, skills innovation, and that accelerate development through the development of regional value chains that are sustainably exploiting our natural resources and meeting the critical needs of our region by focusing on the priority sectors of agro-processing, mineral beneficiation and pharmaceuticals, resulting in inclusive industrialisation.
  - 7.2 Enhanced Technological Capabilities.

**Objective:** To develop innovation and technological capabilities of the region and ensure that they are conducive for the permeation of the fourth industrial revolution, which will facilitate industrial development, as well as the development of regional infrastructure and social and human capital.
  - 7.3 Transformation of the agricultural sector and sustainable management of the environment and natural resources.

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**Objective:** A highly productive, competitive and commercialised agricultural sector that is resilient/adaptive to climate change and environmentally friendly and which provides a base for industrialisation and contributes to the food and nutrition security of the region.

- 7.4 Realising the opportunities of well developed, sustainable and integrated Blue and Green economies.

**Objective:** Interconnected and integrated Blue and Green economies which are sustainably developed for the benefit of all SADC citizens.

- 7.5 Free movement of goods, services and skills.

**Objective:** To facilitate the seamless movement of goods and services within the SADC Region in order to enhance SADC's trade and production networks, as well as to establish a more unified market for its industry and consumers; progressing the SADC regional agenda.

- 7.6 Increased financial integration, monetary cooperation and investment.

**Objective:** A financially integrated region that has high levels of financial inclusion, integrated financial markets and systems, and that actively and collaboratively works towards a more stable regional economy and empowers and strengthens the private sector.

- 7.6 Enhanced macroeconomic stability and convergence.

**Objective:** A stable, competitive and attractive regional economy with converging macroeconomic variables, which shall facilitate economic development, and be a globally preferred destination for foreign-direct investment and intra-regional investment.

## Pillar Two

### Infrastructure Development in Support of Regional Integration

8. By 2050, the SADC Region to have: efficient and effective cross-border infrastructure apparatus, services and networks to support the enhancement of competitiveness, and facilitate deeper regional integration and peace and security.

9. We therefore undertake to realise:

- 9.1 Harmonized policies, strategies, and regulatory frameworks for the development of quality cross-border infrastructure and services.

**Objective:** A harmonized regulatory and policy framework for the SADC region that facilitates the development of cross-border infrastructure and

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services to support the seamless movement of goods, people and services within the SADC Region.

- 9.2 Interconnected, integrated and quality seamless infrastructure and networks, including cross-border infrastructure.

**Objective:** Seamless, integrated climate sensitive and disaster resilient and interconnected regional infrastructure and networks in the SADC region that facilitates the free movement of goods, people, services and knowledge.

- 9.3 Improved capacity for construction, maintenance and operation of disaster and climate resilient regional infrastructure and services through procurement preferences.

**Objective:** A SADC region where the private sector has the capacity to develop, maintain and improve the requisite regional infrastructure and services necessary to facilitate socio-economic development through enhanced industrialisation trade and the seamless movement of goods, people and services.

- 9.4 Increased access to and affordable infrastructure and services.

**Objective:** Diversified regional infrastructure and services that are financially affordable and physically accessible to all citizens of and visitors to the region.

- 9.5 Competitive and liberalised regional markets for energy, including renewables, ICT water and transport.

**Objective:** Sustainable, accessible and affordable energy, ICT and transportation services that are provided through liberalised regional markets that are competitive, diverse and responsive to the needs of the SADC region as it advances.

## Pillar Three

### Social and Human Capital Development in Support of Industrialisation and Regional Integration

10. By 2050, SADC Region to be a community with enhanced human social and technical capacities, actively works to eradicate poverty and adapt to climate change, and which has elevated SADC citizens' quality of life through improved education, health, food security and food production and the sustainable management of environmental and natural resources.

11. Accordingly, we therefore undertake to realise:

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11.1 Proactive programming and monitoring measures to improve health systems and nutrition outcomes in the region.

**Objective:** Equitable access to quality health care and quality medicines and strengthened health systems with the capability to respond to the burden of disease and emergencies faced by the region in an efficient and effective manner.

11.2 Significant number of SADC citizens with improved living standards.

**Objective:** SADC citizens, especially women, youth and children, that have full access to fundamental human rights and socio-economic opportunities through investment in improved employment creation, education, skills development, access to health care and social protection across the region.

11.3 Enhanced human capacities for socio-economic development.

**Objective:** Strengthened and accelerated education and skills development, as well as access to decent work opportunities, to further the goal of sustainable and inclusive development, taking into account a range of opportunities and threats for the future that are characterised by innovation, entrepreneurship and climate change.

## Cross Cutting Issues

### Gender, Youth, Climate Change

12. By 2050, to be a Region where citizens are treated equally regardless of their gender and our youth will be empowered. Policy decisions will be based on reliable data and there will be positive engagement between Member States and Non-State Actors based on mutual respect.

13. We therefore undertake to realise:

13.1 Gender equality, empowerment and development.

**Objective:** A SADC region where women and men are facilitated to fully participate in development processes and have equal access to and benefit from development resources, services and opportunities; and women have the ability to control and/or change their socio-economic status, with full access to human rights.

13.2 Reliable and current Regional Statistics that are publicly accessible.

**Objective:** Comprehensive, harmonised, standardised, and credible information and data to advance monitoring, evaluation and planning for the SADC region, underpinned by harmonised methodologies, standards

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and procedures for production, submission and dissemination by relevant stakeholders.

### 13.3 Effective engagement between Member States and Non State Actors.

**Objective:** To ensure effective participation, involvement, communication between all stakeholders, both private and public, in SADC Member States on industrialisation and regional integration.

### 13.4 Youth empowerment and participation.

**Objective:** A youth demographic in the SADC region that is skilled and empowered to fully benefit from, participate in, and drive forward socio-economic development, regional integration and political discourse.

### 13.5 Climate change resilience.

**Objective:** To enhance adaptation of the SADC Communities to climate shocks and build the resilience of climate sensitive sectors while also enhancing mechanisms to minimise the regions carbon footprint through adoption and scale-up of climate mitigation measures.

## Foundation

### Peace, Security, Stability and Good Governance

1. By 2050 SADC to attain increased levels of sustainable peace, security, stability and good governance, resulting in the furtherance of socio-economic development and regional integration.
2. We therefore undertake to realise:
  - 2.1 A Region that has an enhanced conflict prevention, management, and resolution system; with an effective early warning system capable of tracking and monitoring political, security and socio-economic threats to inform response mechanisms and strategic policy decisions.

**Objective:** To strengthen SADC's capability to maintain sustained peace and security through the enhancement of the conflict prevention, management and resolution mechanisms.
  - 2.2 Strengthened political cooperation, enhanced democracy, good governance, rule of law, human rights, and human security.

**Objective:** To strengthen political co-operation, democracy, good governance, rule of law, human rights, and human security in line with the SADC Treaty, protocols and policy instruments.

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- 2.3 An enhanced collective defence and security system that is capable of safeguarding the territorial integrity of the Region.

**Objective:** To enhance the regional collective defence and security system to address external and internal threats to regional peace and security, including maritime and insurgency and extremism, thereby contributing to a conducive environment for economic development.

- 2.4 A responsive and proactive coordination mechanism to address the impact of climate change and natural disasters.

**Objective:** To strengthen the resilience of SADC economies and to take proactive preparedness measures to ensure accurate and timely early warning, response, rescue and recovery actions in order to minimise the loss of lives, disruption of livelihoods, damage to property and infrastructure, as well as the degradation of the environment and natural resources, as a result of climate change and natural disasters

## Our Mission

3. In order to realise the SADC Vision 2050 for the Community, we aspire to:

3.1 **Create** a conducive environment to foster regional cooperation and integration that is anchored on industrialisation, market integration, infrastructure development and macroeconomic stability. and uphold fair/free movement of goods; people/labour; capital and services. To that effect, political stability, peace and security, and good governance shall be at the epicentre of the national and regional undertakings.

3.2 **Accelerate** the mobilisation of resources from within the Community and external sources. The implementation of SADC policies and programmes does, and will, rely heavily on the successful mobilisation of resources. To improve sustainability, mechanisms will be put in place to shift away from a previous reliance on International Cooperating Partners (ICPs) towards a more diversified approach that is better integrated and complementary. To this end, a robust strategy will be developed to fill the funding gulf that is needed to realise the aspirations under the pillars developed in this Vision.

3.3 **Improve** implementation of SADC policies and programmes through the effective realisation of roles and responsibilities undertaken by various actors and entities through institutional reforms. These reforms will take place at Strategic and Operational Levels. At this level, the SADC Secretariat at the regional level, and SADC National Committees and National Contact Points at the national level will be targeted for support and reform to ensure that they are adequately capacitated to perform their roles within the regional integration agenda implementation architecture. The development of strong relationships across the different levels will

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also be prioritised to maximise the efficiency and effectiveness of implementation.

- 3.4 **Strengthen** compliance by Member States through the implementation of effective compliance monitoring and assurance mechanisms to track progress in the implementation of SADC programmes and compliance to Protocols and legal instruments. A bespoke compliance mechanism will be developed for the region that leverages off the African Peer Review Mechanism and other REC compliance mechanisms in Africa and across, the globe. The success of the mechanism relies on the establishment of a strong coordinating body, with enhanced mandate supported by commitment and the cooperation of Member States. Such a mechanism will also augment existing mechanisms which seek to monitor and evaluate on-going initiatives in the region, for instance the SADC Macroeconomic Convergence and Surveillance Mechanism. Regular review of the SADC RISDP 2020-30 and its Blueprints every three years will take place, which will enable the effective and authentic application of variable geometry, facilitate active learning, opportunities and the chance for leap-frogging by leveraging relevant and emerging technologies.
- 3.5 **Magnify** visibility and awareness as a means to trigger and maintain the relevance, interest, and participation of the SADC citizenry in driving the regional integration agenda. This is to be done through innovative ways that will compliment the existing mechanisms tools which will serve as critical tools to drive the visibility and awareness of the region and its goals.
4. We pledge to the citizens of SADC our resolve to realise a region that is peaceful, middle-income, industrialised, whose citizens enjoy sustainable economic well-being, social justice and political freedom.