



SADC Trade Related Facility Update

The Trade Related Facility (TRF) is a mechanism to provide financial and technical support to eligible SADC Member States to effectively implement their commitments under the Protocol on Trade and the SADC-EU Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA). It is supported under the SADC-EU Contribution Agreement. The Programme Facility Support Unit has been supporting beneficiary Member States with the development of project applications for funding under the programme. The support entailed technical discussions with the TRF Focal Points in Member States to agree on intervention areas to be developed into project applications, preparation of Terms of Reference for the engagement of Consultants to support Member States with the preparation of applications and development of detailed project proposals in the identified priority areas.

Over the period August to November 2016, fourteen (14) project applications have been submitted for a technical evaluation and approval process involving SADC Secretariat and the TRF Steering Committee.

The status of approvals is given in the table below:

Status of TRF Projects

Country	Project title	Status of project as at 12.10.16	Contracting Status
Botswana	Strengthening International Trade Administration, Competition and Customs Enforcement	Approved By Steering Committee	Awaiting Procurement and Financial Assessments and Finalization of technical documents (Nov-December 2016)
	Strengthening Capacity for SPS management and control and the management of the Standards Import Inspection Regulations	Recommended for approval by Technical Evaluation Committee of 22-23 September 2016	Awaiting Procurement and Financial Assessments and Finalization of technical documents (Nov-December 2016)
Lesotho	Capacity Development for National Trade Policy Formulation, Competition Policy, Standards and Quality Infrastructure, and Trade and Tariff Administration	Approved by Steering Committee on 11 August 2016	Procurement and Financial Assessments to be ready by 5 December 2016
Namibia	Namibia Trade Related Programme, including upgrading of Industrial Upgrading and Modernisation Programme (IUMP)	Approved By Steering Committee	Awaiting Procurement and Financial Assessments and Finalization of technical documents (Nov-December 2016)
Malawi	Upgrading & Modernisation of the Oilseeds Product Cluster in Malawi and Effective Implementation of the Rules of Origin	Approved By Steering Committee	Procurement and Financial Assessments to be ready by 5 December 2016
Mauritius	Trade Facilitation	Approved By Steering Committee	Awaiting Procurement and Financial Assessments and Finalization of technical documents (Nov-December 2016)

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	Trade Promotion and Development	Approved By Steering Committee	Awaiting Procurement and Financial Assessments and Finalization of technical documents (Nov-December 2016)
Mozambique	Enhancing Cotton and Timber Value Chain Development	Draft application being reviewed by Mozambique	Procurement and Financial Assessments (January 2017)
	Quality and Standards (TBT/SPS)	Draft stage	Procurement and Financial Assessments (January 2017)
	Capacity Building in Safeguard Measures and Trade Remedies	Draft stage	Procurement and Financial Assessments (January 2017)
	Capacity Building in Customs and Trade Facilitation	Draft stage	Procurement and Financial Assessments (January 2017)
Tanzania	Review of the policy and regulatory framework for Industrial Policy and Trade in Services and development of a value chain analysis for the sunflower oil sector	Assessed as adequate by Steering Committee but to be combined with other projects for resubmission	Procurement and Financial Assessments (January 2017)
	Technical Assistance to Tanzania Eliminate Non-Tariff Barriers (NTBs)	Not recommended for approval by Steering Committee. To be reviewed and merged with other projects	Procurement and Financial Assessments (January 2017)
	Strengthening of the TBT/SPS Systems to support production of selected Agricultural and Fisheries products	Not recommended for approval by Steering Committee. To be reviewed and merged with other projects	Procurement and Financial Assessments (January 2017)
Swaziland	Strengthening of National Quality Infrastructure in Swaziland	Approved By Steering Committee	Awaiting Procurement and Financial Assessments and Finalization of technical

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	Trade Facilitation, Trade Promotion and Development	Approved By Steering Committee	Awaiting Procurement and Financial Assessments and Finalization of technical documents (Nov-December 2016)
Zambia	Industrial Development, Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT) and Trade Facilitation	Approved by Steering Committee on 11.8.16	Procurement and Financial Assessments to be ready by 5 December 2016
Zimbabwe	Strengthening Quality Infrastructure for SPS and TBT	Consultant engaged and application being developed	Procurement and Financial Assessments (January 2017)

Procurement and Financial management systems assessments at national level are a necessary step to inform contract award procedures to be included in Financing Agreements which will formalize the contractual relationship between SADC Secretariat and the Member States.

It is now expected that implementation of TRF projects will commence during the first quarter of 2017 and will have an implementation phase running to the end of September 2019.

TRF Facility Support Unit

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