



**COMMUNIQUE OF THE
36TH SUMMIT OF SADC HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT
MBABANE, SWAZILAND
AUGUST 30-31, 2016**

1. The 36th Ordinary meeting of the Summit of the Heads of State and Government of the Southern African Development Community (SADC) was held at Lozitha, Royal Palace, Kingdom of Swaziland on 30th and 31st August 2016.
2. The Summit took place under the theme: ***“Resource Mobilisation for Investment in Sustainable Energy Infrastructure for an Inclusive SADC Industrialisation and for the Prosperity of the Region”***.
3. Summit elected His Majesty, King Mswati III, as Chairperson, and H.E. Jacob Gedleyihlekisa Zuma, President of the Republic of South Africa as Deputy Chairperson of SADC.
4. Summit also elected His Excellency Dr. John Pombe Magufuli President of the Republic of Tanzania, and H.E Jose Eduardo Dos Santos, President of the Republic of Angola as Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson of the SADC Organ on Politics, Defence and Security Cooperation, respectively.
5. Summit was attended by the following Heads of State and Government and or their representatives:

Swaziland	:	H.M. King Mswati III
Botswana	:	H.E. President Lt. Gen. Dr. Seretse Khama Ian Khama
Zimbabwe	:	H.E. President Robert Gabriel Mugabe
South Africa	:	H.E. President Jacob Gedleyihlekisa Zuma
Mozambique	:	H.E. President Filipe Jacinto Nyusi
Namibia	:	H.E. President Dr. Hage G. Geingob
Lesotho	:	Rt. Hon. Prime Minister Dr. Pakalitha Bethuel Mosisili
Madagascar	:	H.E. Prime Minister Mahafaly Solonandrasana Olivier
Angola	:	H.E. Vice President Manuel Domingos Vicente
United Republic of Tanzania	:	H.E. Vice President Samia Suluhu
DRC	:	Hon Raymond Tshibanda, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation
Malawi	:	Hon Francis Kasaila, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Republic of Malawi
Seychelles	:	H.E. Barry Faure, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Republic of Seychelles
Zambia	:	H. E. Amb Chalwe Lombe, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Mauritius	:	Mr M.D. Phokeer, Director, Ministry of Foreign Affairs;

6. Summit was also attended by H.E. Dr. Stergomena Lawrence Tax, SADC Executive Secretary, H. E. Dr. Nkosazana Dlamini-Zuma, Chairperson of the African Union, H.E. Dr. Carlos Lopes, Executive Secretary of UNECA, H.E. Sindiso Ngwenya, Secretary General of COMESA, H.E Ambassador Zachary Muburi-Muita, Executive Secretary of the ICGLR and H.E. Ms Paulina M. Elago, Executive Secretary of SACU.
7. His Majesty, King Mswati III of the Kingdom of Swaziland, Incoming Chairperson and host of the 36th Summit welcomed the SADC Heads of State and Government and other delegates to the Kingdom of Swaziland. His

Majesty King Mswati III paid tribute to the Outgoing Chairperson of SADC, H.E. Lieutenant General, Dr Seretse Khama Ian Khama of the Republic of Botswana for having provided exemplary and foresighted leadership to the Region during his tenure, and for significant progress made.

8. Summit commended the people and governments of the United Republic of Tanzania and the Republic of Seychelles for holding peaceful and credible elections in their respective countries and congratulated Their Excellencies, Dr John Pombe Magufuli and Mr. James Michel, for emerging victorious in the Presidential elections.
9. Summit commended the Outgoing Chairperson, H.E. President Lt. General. Dr. Seretse Khama Ian Khama for convening the High Level Ministerial Workshops on Food Security and Poverty Eradication, Water and Energy and Illegal Trade in Wildlife, which were timely and addressed critical challenges.
10. Summit commended His Majesty, King Mswati III and the government of the Kingdom of Swaziland for dedicating a SADC University of Transformation which will grant 300 scholarships, representing 20 for each of the SADC Member States;
11. Summit received a Report of the Outgoing Chairperson of the SADC Organ on Politics, Defence and Security Cooperation, H.E. Filipe Jacinto Nyusi, President of the Republic of Mozambique, and commended him for the outstanding leadership as the Chairperson of the Organ.
12. The Summit applauded the SADC region for the unity around the candidature of Hon. Dr. Ponomi Venson-Moitoi, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Republic of Botswana as SADC candidate for the African Commission position, and undertook to continue supporting the candidature to the next round of elections set for January 2017, in Addis Ababa

13. Summit noted the adoption of the UN Security Council Resolution 2277 (2016) which extended the mandate of the United Nations Stabilisation Mission in the DRC (MONUSCO) including its Intervention Brigade to 31 March 2017 and commended the DRC government and MONUSCO for signing the Technical Arrangement on 28 January 2016, thereby paving the way for the effective resumption of joint operations between MONUSCO Forces and the FARDC.
14. Summit expressed concern on the impasse in the Repatriation of Ex-M23 Combatants and Demobilization; Disarmament and Reintegration (DRR) of the FDLR combatants in the transit camps of Kisangani, Walungu and Kanyabayonga, as well as the resurgence of pockets of negative forces in the Eastern DRC;
15. Summit noted the initiation of the facilitation of the National Inclusive Dialogue spearheaded by the African Union Special Envoy H.E. Mr. Edem Kodjo and urged the Government and all political stakeholders to participate in the National Dialogue and agree on the calendar for elections and expressed SADC support to the process. The Summit called upon all stakeholders to create a conducive environment and to participate in the national dialogues.
16. Summit condemned the massacre perpetrated by negative forces in Eastern DRC, particularly the ADF that has grown into a terrorist group posing danger not only to the DRC but also to the whole region, thus requiring concerted, collective and robust response.
17. Summit commended the Government of the DRC, the African Union facilitation, all Congolese Stakeholders and the Facilitation Support Group for the effective launching of an inclusive dialogue that is expected to adopt a roadmap towards peaceful elections in accordance with SADC and international standards.
18. Summit noted the progress report on SADC decisions; and the Roadmap on constitutional, security sector, parliamentary and judiciary reforms as presented by the Government of the Kingdom of Lesotho, and mandated the

Organ on Politics, Defence and Security Cooperation to assess the report and the roadmap and present a report to Summit.

19. Summit noted the progress made with the convening of the Security Sector Workshops and adopted the recommendations of the workshops.
20. Summit encouraged the Kingdom of Lesotho to continue implementing SADC decisions, and all stakeholders to participate in the reform processes.
21. Summit reiterated the urgent need for the return from exile of the opposition leaders that will pave the way for an inclusive participation in the on-going reforms and commended H.E Cyril Ramaphosa, Deputy President of the Republic of South Africa for his stewardship in facilitating the process in the Kingdom of Lesotho.
22. Summit commended the Republic of South Africa for hosting AMANI AFRICA II Field Training Exercise (AAFTX II) in October/November 2015 and member states that contributed graciously and participated in this very important exercise.
23. Summit noted progress on Madagascar on the political arena and economic recovery, and underscored the importance of regional support to the mobilisation of resources in the country's effort to revive the economy.
24. Summit noted that the Republic of Zambia held peaceful general elections, and urged for the speedy resolution of the pending legal issues currently under consideration by the Constitutional Court.
25. Summit commended H.E. Dr. Carlos Lopes, CEO for UNECA for his excellent presentation on the 36th Theme of the Summit. Summit adopted the theme and directed the Secretariat to expedite the finalization of the SADC Resource Mobilisation Framework underpinned by innovative, predictable and sustainable financing modalities.
26. Summit received the Report of the Ministerial Task Force on Regional Economic Integration, and noted with appreciation the progress made in the

implementation of the Industrialization Strategy, emphasizing the need to prioritise and act collectively in the implementation of high impact infrastructure projects with potential to catalyse industrialisation. While noting progress made in preparing the Costed Industrialisation Action Plan, and urged Member States to finalise consultations and facilitate its approval in March 2017.

27. Summit urged Member States that have not signed and ratified SADC Protocols to do so as soon as practically possible.
28. Summit approved the Agreement on the Operationalization of the SADC Regional Development Fund, and urged Member States to urgently ratify the Agreement in order to facilitate mobilization of resources to finance key regional projects and programmes, giving further impetus to preparation of infrastructure and industrialization projects.
29. Summit noted the progress made with regard to the implementation of the Regional Infrastructure Development Master Plan, and urged Member States to scale up implementation of priority infrastructure projects.
30. Summit noted with satisfaction, the progress with the commissioning of power generation projects yielding 1700 Mega-Watts during the year under review, as well as the planned commissioning of power generation projects whose net output amounts to about 4 000 Mega-Watts, which will go a long way in alleviating power shortfalls in the region.
31. Summit noted the overall deterioration of the Regional food security situation following the 2015/16 agricultural season occasioned by the extreme El Nino drought phenomenon, which left the region with a cereal deficit of 9 million tonnes, with 39.6 million vulnerable people requiring both food and other humanitarian assistance. Summit appealed to the Regional and International Community for continued support to the affected population, in particular to close the gap of US\$ 2.5 billion.

32. Summit noted the presentation by Mrs Mary Robinson, the United Nations Secretary General Special Envoy on El Nino, on the severe impact of the current drought affecting the region, and appreciated supported rendered by the United Nations.
33. Summit commended the then Chairperson of SADC, the President of the Republic of Botswana, His Excellency Lt. General Dr. Seretse Khama Ian Khama, for declaring a Regional Drought Disaster and launching the SADC Regional Humanitarian Appeal in Gaborone, Botswana on 26th July 2016.
34. The Summit also commended the Secretariat for timely preparation of the disaster declaration and humanitarian Appeal.
35. Summit received a report on the implementation of the Maseru Declaration on HIV and AIDS, and noted a decline in rates of infections across the region and an increase in the coverage of Prevention of Mother to Child Transmission (PMTCT) programme with coverage for the SADC region at 90 per cent in 2015. Summit also appreciated the substantial reduction in the incidence of tuberculosis and malaria, including malaria-related mortality.
36. Summit noted the progress made with empowerment of women through appointment to key decision making positions. Summit commended Member States that achieved high representation of women both in political and decision making positions and urged Member States to strive towards reaching the gender parity target at all levels.
37. Summit approved the following legal instruments:
 - (a) Draft Agreement Amending the SADC Protocol Against Corruption;
 - (b) Draft Agreement *Amending* the SADC Protocol on Politics, Defence and Security Cooperation;
 - (c) Draft Agreement Amending Annex 1 to the SADC Protocol on Finance and Investment;
 - (d) Draft Annex on Cooperation in Financial Matters;
 - (e) Draft Agreement Amending Article 3(1)9c) of the SADC Trade Protocol

- (f) Draft Agreement on the Operationalisation of the SADC Regional Development Fund;
 - (g) Draft Agreement Amending SADC Protocol on Gender and Development.
38. Summit also took stock of the status of signature, ratification and accession to SADC Protocols noting that twenty six (26) have entered into force, while the following seven (7) have not yet come into force, and urged Member States that that are yet to accede to these Protocols, to do so.
- (a) the Protocol on Science, Technology and Innovation;
 - (b) the Protocol on the Facilitation of Movement of Persons;
 - (c) the Protocol on Trade in Services;
 - (d) the Agreement on Assistance in Tax Matters;
 - (e) the Protocol on Environmental Management for Sustainable Development;
 - (f) the Protocol on Employment and Labour;
 - (g) the new Protocol on the Tribunal in the Southern African Development Community;
39. Summit was officially closed by SADC Chairperson, His Majesty, King Mswati III of Swaziland, who thanked all the Heads of State and Government for attending the 36th Ordinary Summit of SADC Heads of States and Government.
40. The Deputy Chairperson of Summit, H.E Mr Jacob Gedleyihlekisa Zuma President of the Republic of South Africa delivered a vote of thanks and invited the Heads of State and Government and all delegates to the next Summit to be held in South Africa in August 2016.
41. The SADC Heads of State expressed their gratitude for the invitation by His Majesty, King Mswati III to the Umhlanga (Reed Dance ceremony) which took place at the Ludzidzini Royal Residence in Lobamba, Swaziland. The Reed

Dance is a Swazi cultural event created in the 1040s by the Umcwasho custom.

42. Summit expressed its appreciation to the Government and the people of the Kingdom of Swaziland for hosting the Summit and for the warm hospitality extended to all the delegates.

**DONE AT MBABANE, KINGDOM OF SWAZILAND
AUGUST 31, 2016**

