

# NEWS LETTER

SEPTEMBER 2022



2

PROGRAMME  
ACTIVITIES



4

BLOOD DONATION  
CAMPAIGN

## BACKGROUND

The Southern African Development Community – Development Finance Resource Centre (SADC DFRC) was founded in 2003 as a subsidiary of Southern African Development Community (SADC). The DFRC is owned by SADC Development Finance Institutions (DFIs) Network, currently with 40 members. Both the DFRC and SADC DFI Network are recognized as SADC institutions under the SADC Finance and Investment Protocol (FIP) as per the following responsibilities:

- Strengthen DFIs in all sectors of their respective activities;
- Offer a policy research and analysis capability for the region;
- Effect capacity building and training of DFI staff;
- Facilitate the mobilization and sharing of information through a central hub for ICT;
- Engage in confidence building measures within the region for purposes of supporting investments;
- Offer advisory services to Governments of the State Parties and DFIs in respect of development resources and financial services; and
- Identify and promote opportunities for cooperation and coordination in development finance in the region.

The DFRC therefore developed the 2019 – 2024 corporate strategy which seeks to align to the FIP objectives previously enumerated. The strategic foundations along with an intent which seeks to describe how the organisation proposes to meet its vision for the defined period are presented below:

## MISSION

To support development finance institutions and governments to achieve national and regional development and integration through capacity building, research and advisory services.

## VISION

To be a centre of excellence for development finance solutions.

### Underpinned by a culture of



Innovation



Stakeholder  
centric



Transparency



Professionalism



Teamwork

## PROGRAMMES

The following programmes and activities were undertaken by the DFRC since June 2022.



### Customer Service for DBN

The DFRC facilitated an in-house training on Customer Service for the Development Bank of Namibia. The training was held at the Namibia University of Science and Technology Hotel, Windhoek, Namibia from the 30th May - 10th June 2022. The programme was attended by one hundred and twelve (112) DBN employees, and was rated at 91%.

The participants were divided into three (3) groups being the Executive Committee (EXCO), Middle management and Junior staff.

### Performance Management

The aim of the programme was to guide participants towards the implementation of a performance management system that would be the foundation for sound governance practices and principles in the organization.

The programme was held at Monomotapa Hotel, Harare, Zimbabwe on 13th – 17th June 2022. It was attended by twenty-six (26) participants and rated at 95.7%.

### Youth Empowerment Workshop

The workshop was held virtually on 30th June 2022 and was meant to share ideas on how Development Finance Institutions can empower youth in the region, given high levels of unemployment and other challenges youth are faced with. Forty-three (43) participants attended the programme.

## Monitoring and Evaluation

The programme was aimed at assisting participants in gaining a broad understanding of Monitoring and Evaluation, learn a World Class framework for Monitoring and Evaluation, learn how to select indicators, how to set and monitor targets, develop Monitoring and Evaluation specific skills and acquire practical tools for Monitoring and Evaluation implementation.

It was held at Aquarian Tide Hotel, Gaborone, Botswana on the 26th – 28th July 2022. The programme was attended by fourteen (14) participants and was rated 98.1%.

## Funding of SME's in Renewable Energy Sector

The DFRC in collaboration with the SADC Centre for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency (SACREEE) and International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA) facilitated a programme on Funding of SME's in Renewable Energy Sector on the 17th August 2022.

Forty (40) participants attended the programme.

## SACREEE in-house programmes

The DFRC also facilitated four virtual in-house programmes for SACREEE Small Medium Enterprises in the energy sector and thirty-four (34) participated in each of the programmes as follows:

### **i) Record Keeping for Energy Business and Preparation of Financial Reports**

The programme was held on 30th May – 1st June 2022. It was aimed at equipping entrepreneurs with basic skills on bookkeeping with particular attention given to discussions on the cash flows, how to prepare an income statement, how to prepare a balance sheet and understanding the concept of a transaction.

### **ii) Team Management**

The programme was held on 2nd - 6th June 2022 with the aim of improving the understanding of team dynamics and stages of team development, and also to identify the challenges and barriers to effective teamwork.

### **iii) Marketing**

The programme was aimed at assisting participants in mastering the principles and techniques of project development, marketing and management. It was held on the 7th – 9th June 2022.

### **iv) Business Plan Development**

The programme was held on the 13th - 16th June 2022 and it aimed at equipping entrepreneurs with skills on a viable business plan development.

## KEY STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENTS

### Project Financing Conference

The DFRC participated in the inaugural Project Financing Conference on the 6th July 2022, hosted by the Ministry of Finance, Botswana, in partnership with the World Bank Group in Gaborone, Botswana.

The objective of the conference was to bring together stakeholders to discuss possible new options for financing the Government Development Programme through Public Investment Programme, (PIP) for infrastructure projects and related services. The conference also discussed innovative mechanism for financing of public sector investments; legal and policy frameworks for project finance and Public Private Partnerships (PPP); structuring public sector projects suited to innovative funding sources including an update on available and potential projects for Botswana Government.

## BLOOD DONATION CAMPAIGN



The Botswana National Blood Transfusion Services in partnership with SADC-DFRC, Norsad Capital, the Square Mart, Mokwata wa Bomme Association, and Glen Valley Youth Club, held a month-long blood donation campaign from the 1st – 31st August 2022. The theme of the blood drive outreach was, “Be the reason for someone’s heartbeat this August”.

The drive was launched on the 6th August 2022, at the Three Chiefs Monument in CBD, Gaborone. Despite the set goal to obtain 75 pints of blood at the Launch, the blood donation drive only reached a collection of 35 pints on the day. Furthermore, there were high expectations that the drive would attract more people to donate blood post Covid, after a 3-year long break, particularly during the course of the month at the Botswana National Blood Transfusion Services Centre. The final number of blood pints collected at the end of August was 1,216.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

	PROGRAMME	VENUE	DATE
1.	Regional Roundtable on creating Sustainable DFIs for Southern Africa	South Africa	31 <sup>st</sup> October – 1 <sup>st</sup> November 2022
2.	Capacity Building Review and Leadership Coaching	South Africa	9 <sup>th</sup> – 11 <sup>th</sup> November 2022
3.	Chief Executive Officers' Forum	Mozambique	1 <sup>st</sup> December 2022

For more information on upcoming programmes or requests for customised and institution-specific programmes, please contact us on [programmes@sadc-dfrc.org](mailto:programmes@sadc-dfrc.org) / [kmmipi@sadc-dfrc.org](mailto:kmmipi@sadc-dfrc.org) or +267 3191146.



The SADC DFRC is a Subsidiary  
institution of SADC

#### **CONTACTS**

TEL: (+267) 319 1146  
FAX: (+267) 319 1147  
info@sadc-dfrc.org  
www.sadc-dfrc.org

#### **PHYSICAL ADDRESS**

Plot 54352, West Avenue  
Zambezi Towers, CBD  
7th Floor, South Wing

#### **POSTAL ADDRESS**

Private Bag 0034, Gaborone  
Botswana