



SADC DEVELOPMENT FINANCE INSTITUTIONS (DFI) NETWORK CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS FORUM

**Maputo, Mozambique
Hotel Avenida
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“Implementing the AfCFTA: Assessing the SADC Region readiness and the DFI Role”

SUMMARY

The AfCFTA entered into force in May, 2019. It was launched at the 12th Extraordinary Session of the AU Assembly of Heads of State and Government in Niamey – Niger, in July 2019 and trading under the AfCFTA commenced on January 1, 2021.

The African Continental Free Trade Agreement (AfCFTA) is the world’s largest free trade area bringing together the 55 countries of the African Union (AU) and eight (8) Regional Economic Communities (RECs). As one of the flagship projects of Agenda 2063, the mandate of the AfCFTA is to create a single continental market for a population of about 1.3 billion people and a combined GDP of approximately US\$ 3.4 trillion. As part of its mandate, the AfCFTA intends to eliminate trade barriers and boost intra-Africa trade by advancing trade in value-added production across all service sectors of the African Economy.

While the AfCFTA is envisaged to contribute to establishing regional value chains in Africa, enabling investment and job creation, it is important to understand its impact on the SADC region and the role of SADC DFIs in the implementation of the AfCFTA.

The SADC region has a lot of work to do to ensure the successful implementation of the AfCFTA as it has the potential to foster industrialisation, job creation, and investment, thus enhancing the competitiveness of the SADC region and Africa as a whole. Development Financial Institutions finance the private sector, which is becoming the engine of Africa's regional integration. They ensure that the economic and social issues are addressed adequately.

The forum will therefore address issues around the regional integration and implementation of the AfCFTA basing its concentration on infrastructural connectivity, investment and trade issues and the integration and provision of financial systems to enable the implementation of the AfCFTA.



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PROGRAMME

CHAIR	<i>Dr Adolfo Adriano Muholove</i> Presidente da Comissão Executiva (PCE) Small Investment Promotion Company – Gapi - SI	
08:30 – 09:00	REGISTRATION	
09:00 – 09:05	WELCOME REMARKS	Mr Stuart Kufeni Chief Executive Officer SADC DFRC
09:05 – 09:10	OPENING REMARKS	Mr Rafael Uaiene Chairman of Gapi's Board
09:10 – 09:30	OFFICIAL OPENING	Mr Silvino Moreno Minister of Industry and Commerce Mozambique
09:30– 09:40	GROUP PHOTO	
PRESENTATION		
09:40 – 10:10	KEYNOTE SPEAKER	Mr Rinaldo Mendiata Programme Officer – Multilateral Trade SADC Secretariat
10:10 – 10:30	HEALTH BREAK	
Panel Discussion: SADC Region readiness for implementation of the AfCFTA		
10:30 – 11:50	MODERATOR	Ms Heike Scholtz Head: Business Strategy Development Bank of Namibia
	PANELLISTS	Ms Mapolao Mokoena Director: Infrastructure SADC Secretariat
		Ms Thozama Mokoena Executive Manager Transnet Freight Rail
		Mr Cesar Augusto Mba Abogo Country Manager Mozambique Country Office African Development Bank
		Eng. Sidonio Dos Santos National Director of Industry Programa Nacional Industrializar Moçambique [PRONAI] Ministry of Industry and Commerce Mozambique
11:50 – 12:05	OPEN DISCUSSIONS	

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Panel Discussion: Financing and DFI Role in implementation of AfCFTA		
12:05 – 13:05	MODERATOR	<i>Mr Davies Pwele</i> <i>Head SADC</i> <i>Development Bank of Southern Africa</i>
	PANELLISTS	<i>Mr Humphrey Nwugo</i> Regional Chief Operating Officer, Southern Africa African Export–Import Bank (Afrixembank)
		<i>Mr Thomas Zondo Sakala</i> Chief Executive Officer Industrial Development Bank of Zimbabwe
		<i>Mr Roberto Tibana</i> African Centre for Economic Transformation (ACET) Mozambique
		<i>Mr Benoit Fugah</i> <i>Head of Political, Economic Analysis and</i> <i>Research</i> <i>Export Credit Insurance Corporation of South</i> <i>Africa SOC Ltd</i>
13:05 – 13:20	OPEN DISCUSSIONS	
	CHAIR	<i>Dr Adolfo Adriano Muholove</i> Presidente da Comissão Executiva (PCE) Small Investment Promotion Company – Gapi - SI
13:20 – 13:30	CLOSING REMARKS	<i>Mr Mohan Vivekanandan</i> Group Executive: Client Coverage Development Bank of Southern Africa