



GREEN FINANCE AND DFIs IN SADC

CEOs and senior officials from different DFIs, governments, financial institutions, the private sector and other development finance stakeholders met in Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe on the 6th June 2019 for the 18th biannual SADC DFI CEOs' Forum. The forum focused on "Green Finance and Development Finance Institutions in SADC".

This is a topic that has been gaining prominence for a while now, particularly as it speaks to issues of ameliorating the negative effects of climate change on the global environment and our region has not been an exception regarding these effects. Cognisant of the critical role of green finance, broadly defined to incorporate climate finance, the main objective of this CEOs Forum was to allow DFIs the opportunity for self – assessment as to their role and the extent to which, individually or under the auspices of their governments, they have actively adopted and implemented green finance in their operations.

The Forum, therefore, presented a platform to share knowledge and exchange experiences on green finance with a view to highlight the nature of projects or sectors DFIs are involved in; the sources of finance available or mobilised locally and globally; what policy frameworks and institutional structures, including guaranteeing facilities, governments and international finance institutions have put in place to promote participation in green projects. Only a limited number of our members have actively and deliberately pursued green finance in their operations.

Thus, besides assessing themselves as to the extent of their involvement in this area, at the close of the Forum, DFIs had a good sense of the degree of their involvement and available opportunities to actively contribute to greening their economies, as well as the various forms of finance available and the conditionality associated with accessing global funds for this purpose.

The Forum was officially opened by Dr. Kupukile Mlambo, Deputy Governor of the Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe and presentations covered both country experience and regional perspective.

This meeting attracted 74 participants from SADC member states and other countries across the world. The report of the forum can be accessed on the DFRC website <http://www.sadc-dfrc.org>.



Deputy Governor of the RBZ, Dr. Mlambo officially opening the Forum at Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe

Motto

Building Partnerships for
Economic Growth and
Development

Vision

To be a centre of excellence
for development finance
solutions

Mission

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

Values

- ◆ Innovation
- ◆ Stakeholder centric
- ◆ Professionalism
- ◆ Transparency
- ◆ Teamwork

Activities

- ◆ Policy Research, Advisory Services & Advocacy
- ◆ Capacity Building
- ◆ SME Development
- ◆ Infrastructure Support

EXPORT CREDIT FINANCE

The DFRC conducted a programme on Export Credit Finance on 8th – 10th April 2019 in Zimbabwe. The training presented the main features of Export Credit Insurance products and was aimed at enabling DFIs to understand the basic principles relevant to export credit finance and allowed them to improve their financial structuring skills in developing projects.

The programme attracted fifteen (15) participants from different SADC countries.



Export Credit Finance programme participants

WOMEN POWER

On the 11th – 12th May 2019, the DFRC ran a workshop on Executive Development for Women which took place in Harare, Zimbabwe. The aim of the workshop was to upgrade and refresh the leadership and management skills of senior and middle management, to be more effective in achieving results to prepare themselves for higher levels of responsibility.

The programme was attended by twenty-three participants from across SADC member states.



“Executive Development for Women” programme participants

PPP - ANOTHER MODEL FOR FINANCING PROJECTS

A programme on Public Private Partnerships (PPP) was run on 22 - 24 May 2019 in Eswatini. The aim of the programme was for participants to gain broader understanding of government service delivery facilitation, public debt management, promotion of public sector savings, efficiency in public sector delivery and the attraction of public and private partnerships (PPP) as a model for financing projects.

Twenty-five participants attended the programme.



AGRIBUSINESS VALUE CHAIN DEVELOPMENT AND FINANCE

A special in-house programme was delivered for Citizen Entrepreneurial Development Agency (CEDA) on Agribusiness Value Chain Development and Finance on 24th—27th May 2019 in Botswana.

The objectives of the programme was to understand value chain concepts and competitiveness and be able to assess risks and identify strategic opportunities to strengthen value chains; to recognize how cohesive value chains can be used to reduce risks and facilitate access to finance; to learn how to apply value chain finance products to meet the needs of various actors in the value chain; to learn/practice how to assess and map a value chain (including actors, factors and relationships); to learn/ practice how to develop agriculture value chains financing solutions and to understand how to monitor agribusiness projects and agribusiness loans.



CEDA staff who participated in the programme

PRUDENTIAL STANDARDS, GUIDELINES AND RATING SYSTEM (PSGRS)

The SADC-DFRC in collaboration with the Pan African Capacity Building/DBSA organised a workshop on Prudential Standards, Guidelines and Rating System on the 26th – 27th June 2019 at the DBSA, Midrand, South Africa. The aim of the programme was to review and discuss the Prudential Standards, Guidelines and Rating System tool with an objective to identify challenges leading to a decline in submission of the DFI self-Assessment Peer reviews, and find ways to address these issues to achieve maximum capacity utilisation of the Peer review rating system with a key objective of strengthening the technical capacity of participants by enabling them to have a clear understanding of the adopted AADFI Prudential Standards, Guidelines and Rating System for African DFIs through explanations by the Project Consultant.

UPCOMING PROGRAMMES

	PROGRAMMES	COUNTRIES	DATES	DURATION
i)	*Enterprise Risk Management	Kenya	26th – 30th August 2019	5 days
ii)	*Presentation Skills	Botswana	25th – 27th September 2019	3 Days

**Jointly with MEFMI*

Programmes for financial year 2019/20 can be viewed by following the links below;



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