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# Southern Africa 5<sup>th</sup> Civil Society Forum

Theme: Transformation of SADC - Towards equitable and people-centered regional integration

**3- 5 September 2009,**

**Venus Hotel, Kinshasa,**

## Programme

Time	Session Details	Facilitator/ Presenter
<b>Day One: 3 September 2009</b>		
0800	<b>Registration</b>	
0910	<b>Session one: Opening ceremony</b>  Welcome and introductions  Introductory remarks  From the 4 <sup>th</sup> to the 5 <sup>th</sup> Civil Society Forum: Whither Civil Society  Official opening address	Rev. Mabala Kasongo (DRC)  President, SADC-CNGO President of SATUCC President of FOCCISA  Mr. B.A Dithake, SADC-CNGO  His Excellency, President of DRC (tbc)
1030	TEA BREAK	Self style

1100	<p><b>Session two: Transformation of SADC-Towards equitable and people-centred regional intergration</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Key note adress (20 Minutes)</li> <li>• The background, rationale and need for the transformation of SADC (20 minutes)</li> <li>• The need for the transformation of SADC – Case analysis of the development of the SADC Protocol on Gender and Development (20 Minutes)</li> </ul>	<p>SADC Executive Secretary, Dr Salamao (tbc)</p> <p>Boichoko. A. Dithake, Executive Director, SADC-CNGO</p> <p>Loga Virahsawmy, SADC Protocol Gender Alliance Coordinator and Pamela Mhlanga, former SADC Protocol Gender Alliance Manager</p>
1210	<p><b>Plenary</b></p>	<p>Session Chair</p>
1300	Lunch	Self-style
1400	<p><b>Session three: Constraints and opportunities for equitable and people centered regional economic integration</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Can the SADC Region be economically integrated within the agreed time frames? (20 Minutes)</li> <li>• Negotiating trade and development agreements - challenges and opportunities for SADC, Critical analysis of EPA processes (20 Minutes)</li> <li>• Labour perspectives of regional economic integration (20 Minutes)</li> </ul>	<p>Ambassador Nathan Irumba, SEATINI</p> <p>Percy Makombe, Economic Justice Network</p> <p>Austin Muneku, SATUCC</p>
1500	<p><b>Plenary</b></p>	<p>Session Chair</p>
1540	<p><b>Session Four – Theme : Improved transparency and accountability within the extractive industries</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Transparency and accountability within the extractive industries - challenges and prospects for the region (20 Minutes)</li> <li>• Case Analysis of DRC(20 Minutes)</li> </ul>	<p>Claude Kabemba, Southern African Resource Watch</p> <p>Bishop D. Mbaya Tshiakany Tshiabantu, Feclaha, DRC</p>
1620	<p><b>Plenary</b></p>	<p>Session Chair</p>
1700	<b>Break</b>	
1900 - 2030	<b>Session Five: Transformation of SADC -</b>	Session Chair

hours	<b>Roundtable discussion with Ministers</b>	
<b>Day Two: 4 September 2009</b>		
0900	<b>Session Five – Theme: Scaling up action against poverty</b>	
0910	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The essence of Monitoring Poverty Eradication efforts - lessons from other countries for the SADC Region - Guest presentation (20 Minutes).</li> <li>The poverty challenge – which way for SADC? (15 Minutes)</li> <li>Opportunities for deeper, collaborative and collective civil society actions in support of scaled up action against poverty (20 Minutes)</li> <li>Civil society mobilization for popular participation in the Regional Poverty Observatory and the Civil Society Poverty and Development Charter (20 Minutes)</li> <li>Impact of climate change on poverty eradication efforts in the region and the possible policy options for SADC (20 Minutes)</li> </ul>	<p>Minister of Finance and Planning, Mozambique (tbc)</p> <p>Archbishop N W Ndungane</p> <p>Alfred Sigudla, Southern African Youth Movement</p> <p>Bob Libert Muchabaiwa, SADC-CNGO</p> <p>Hugh Cole, Regional Climate Change Advisor, OXFAM</p>
1030	<b>Plenary</b>	<i>Session Chair</i>
1130	TEA BREAK	Self style
1150	<b>Session Six – Theme: Models for peace building, conflict resolution and construction of strong and democratic states</b>	Dr. Cheryl Hendricks, Institute for Security Studies
1215	<b>Plenary</b>	<i>Session Chair</i>
1250	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Post conflict reconstruction of effective and democratic states- possible options for SADC member states involved in or emerging from conflict -Country case studies (15 Minutes each)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mr. J. Uthui, Mozambique</li> <li>Rev. Mabala Kasongo, DRC</li> <li>Madam Lalao RANDRIAMAMPION ONA, Madagascar</li> <li>Mr. Cephas Zinhumwe, Zimbabwe</li> </ul>
1420	Lunch	

1520	<p><b>Session Seven – The Protection of Freedom of Expression and the Right to Information in Southern Africa (Coordinated by the Africa Court Coalition and session chaired Ms Blessing Gorejena)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Freedoms of expression and access to information - the media environment in SADC and proposed ways forward (15 Minutes)</li> <li>• Protection of freedom of expression – the role of the Regional Courts (15 Minutes)</li> <li>• The role of the African Court and SADC Tribunal and enforcement of judgments (15 Minutes)</li> </ul>	<p>Sampa Kangwa-Wilkie, MISA</p> <p>Lloyd Kuvuya, Southern Africa Litigation Centre</p> <p>Joseph Yav, University of Lubumbashi.</p>
1600	<b>Plenary</b>	<i>Session Chair</i>
1700	Break	Session Chair
1900	Launch of the SADC Gender Protocol Barometer: a regional audit of the 28 targets of the SADC Protocol on Gender and Development	Coordinated by SADC Protocol Gender Alliance
<b>Day Three : 5 September 2009</b>		
0900	<p><b>Session Eight : Commissions / Break away sessions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regional Economic Integration</li> <li>• Action against poverty</li> <li>• Peace building, conflict resolution and construction of strong and democratic states</li> <li>• Transformation of SADC</li> <li>• Transparency and accountability within the extractive industries</li> </ul>	Commission Facilitators
1100	Report Back from Commissions	Commission Facilitators
1300	Lunch	
1400	Session Nine: Presentation and adoption of communiqué	SADC – CNGO Executive Director
1500	Discussion and adoption of Programme of Action and implementation mechanisms	SADC – CNGO Executive Director
1600	BREAK	
1900	Session Ten : Closing Ceremony and dinner	<p><b>Closing Statements</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Guest presentation</li> <li>• President of SADC-CNGO</li> <li>• President of SATUCC</li> <li>• President of FOCCISA</li> <li>• Representatives of International Cooperating Partners</li> </ul>

## Appendix 1: Framework for Commissions

The Commissions or break Away sessions are aimed at creating space to generate and build consensus on policy recommendations to issues of concern on each of the sub themes. Participants are encouraged to attend commissions, as guided by their primary organizational mandate. The commissions should produce three main outcomes:

1. Consensus reached on priority issues of concern on each sub-theme
2. Concrete recommendations generated to address the identified issues
3. Clear 12 month and time bound programme of action developed to ensure that the recommendations proffered become lived realities.

The table below summarizes the framework for the commissions

Sub-themes / Commissions	Guiding questions		
	Key questions on priority issues of concern (Output 1)	Key question on way forward (Output 2)	Key questions on programme of action (Output 3)
<b>1. Regional Economic Integration</b>	What issues should be urgently addressed if people-centered, equitable and sustainable regional economic integration is to be achieved?	Generate concrete recommendations / policy proposals to address the identified issues/ gaps or challenges.	Develop a 12-month programme of action for civil society, until the next Forum, to ensure that the proposed recommendations are implemented. The Programme of action should outline possible opportunities and time bound actions.
<b>2. Action against poverty</b>	What are the challenges (policy, structural, historical, practical or otherwise) militating against scaled up action against poverty by SADC and individual member states?	Generate concrete recommendations / policy proposals to address the identified issues/ gaps or challenges.	Develop a 12-month programme of action for civil society, until the next Forum, to ensure that the proposed recommendations are implemented. The Programme of action should outline possible opportunities and time bound actions.
<b>3. Peace building, conflict resolution and construction of strong and democratic states</b>	What are the impediments for sustainable peace and construction of strong and democratic states within SADC?  What are the underlying causes of pre and post electoral conflicts that need to be addressed?	Generate concrete recommendations / policy proposals to address the identified issues/ gaps or challenges.	Develop a 12-month programme of action for civil society, until the next Forum, to ensure that the proposed recommendations are implemented. The Programme of action should outline possible opportunities and time bound actions.
<b>4. Transformation of SADC</b>	What are the structural, operational and political factors affecting SADC, that, if not addressed will possibly result in the noble goals and objectives of SADC, as spelt out in the SADC Treaty, not being achieved?	Generate concrete recommendations / policy proposals to address the identified issues/ gaps or challenges.	Develop a 12-month programme of action for civil society, until the next Forum, to ensure that the proposed recommendations are implemented. The Programme of action should outline possible opportunities and time bound actions.
<b>5. Transparency and accountability within the extractive industries</b>	What are the main issues / complaints raised (should be evidence based) by various peoples of SADC, particularly the poor maturity concerning the use of extractive industries	Generate concrete recommendations / policy proposals to address the identified issues/ gaps or challenges.	Develop a 12-month programme of action for civil society, until the next Forum, to ensure that the proposed recommendations are implemented. The Programme of action should outline possible opportunities and time bound actions.

NB) Each participant will be required to register, at the information desk, the Commission of choice by 1900 hours on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of September 2009.

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