



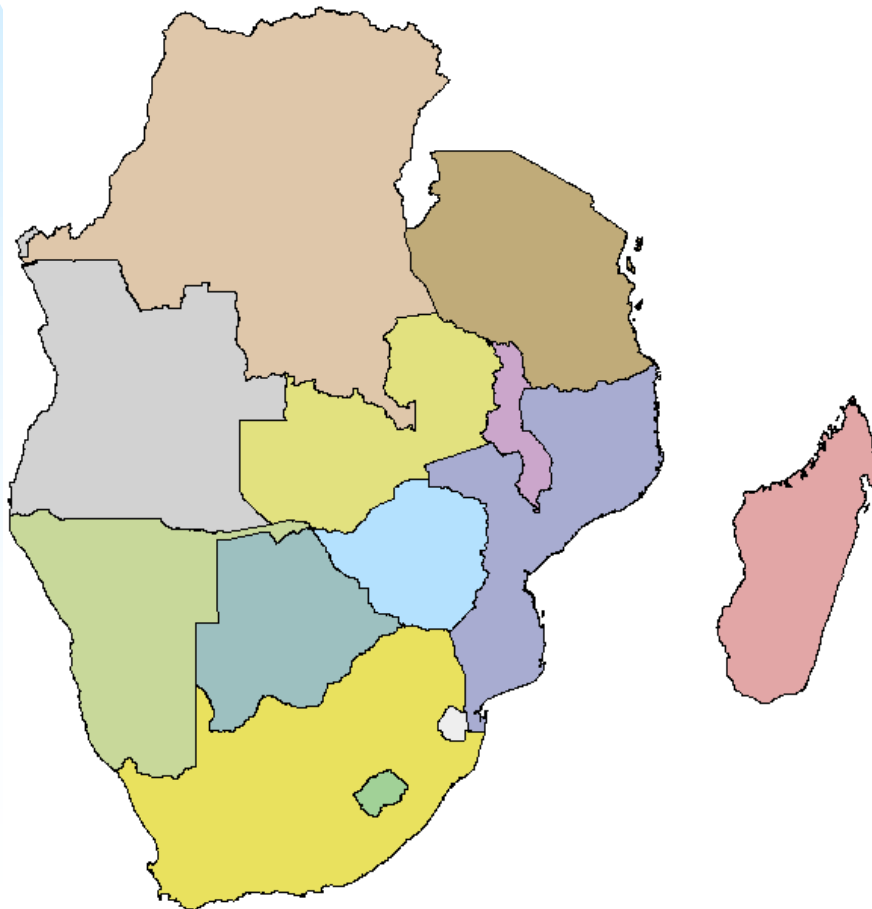
# Progress of the Southern Africa Development Community on the implementation of HFA and Africa Regional Strategy on DRR

# Outline

- Overview of SADC
- Current Status of SADC Disaster Risk Management
- SADC Disaster Risk Reduction Strategic Plan
- SADC Activities aligned with DRR

# SADC Overview: Member States

- Southern Africa Development Community (SADC)



# SADC Overview: History + Vision

- Founded in 1980 as SADCC with 9 countries, became a Development Community in 1992
- Vision:
  - ◆ “The SADC vision is one of a common future, within a regional community that will ensure economic well-being, improvement of the standards of living and quality of life, freedom and social justice; peace and security for the peoples of Southern Africa.”

# Current Status of SADC DR Management

- Disaster management at sub-regional level was traditionally reactive
- Strategy had to be revised to align with the HFA and the ARSDRR
- The SADC Disaster Risk Reduction Strategic Plan was produced in 2005-2006
- This SADC DRR Plan has since been sent out to Member States
- It is expected to be approved by the Ministerial Committee of the Organ this year

# Current Status of SADC DR Management

- Ministerial Committee of the Organ comprises:
  - ◆ Ministers of Foreign Affairs
  - ◆ Ministers of Defence
  - ◆ Ministers of State Security
  - ◆ Ministers of Public Safety
- Alongside these functions, there are other DRR-related functions comprising early warning, meteorology, hydrology, agriculture, health, among others

# Current Status of SADC DR Management

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- These national Disaster Management Structures undertake their national activities
  - ◆ Sometimes with assistance from international organizations
- The heads of the national Disaster Management Units, together with their technical experts, comprise the SADC Disaster Management Technical Committee (DMTC)

# Current Status of SADC DR Management

- The SADC DMTC is scheduled to meet bi-annually to share experiences and exchange information, pre-season and mid-season
- This has not always been possible due to financial constraints



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# SADC Disaster Risk Reduction Strategic Plan

- On recommendation of the DMTC, the SADC Disaster Risk Reduction Strategic Plan was produced in 2005-2006
- It basically aligns SADC DRR strategy with the HFA and the Africa Regional Strategy for DRR
- These similarities are highlighted in the indicative objectives and activities of the plan:

# SADC Disaster Risk Reduction Strategic Plan

- The indicative objectives and activities of the plan are:
  - ◆ Strengthen governance, legal and institutional framework at all levels of DRR
  - ◆ Facilitate identification, assessment and monitoring of disaster risks and support enhancement of EWS at all levels
  - ◆ Promote usage and management of info & knowledge, innovation & education to build a culture of safety and resilience at all levels in the SADC region
  - ◆ Ensure that disaster risk reduction becomes a national and local priority with a strong institutional basis for implementation
  - ◆ Integration of preparedness and emergency response into disaster risk reduction interventions

# SADC Disaster Risk Reduction Strategic Plan

- Among others, the SADC DRR Strategic Plan recommends the setting up of a regional Disaster Management Unit
- Due to delays in the approval, this has led to delays in the formalization of the structure at a regional level
- There have also been talks between SADC and the EU, to assist with the establishment of the regional DMU

# SADC Disaster Risk Reduction Strategic Plan

- While the Regional DM office is being formalized, an Officer for secondment is currently being selected.
- A consultant has been selected to draft ToR for the Officer and the DM Structure
- It is expected that by September the seconded officer will be at Secretariat to
  - ◆ Build up the process of establishing regional DM structure
  - ◆ Coordinate with national DMUs in the region
  - ◆ Link the SADC DRR Plan with national and regional processes in alignment with HFA and ARSDRR

# SADC Activities aligned with DRR

- Several activities are already currently underway or planned which are in line with the HFA, ARSDRR and SADC DRRSP
- These include the following:

# SADC Activities aligned with DRR

- SADC International Consultative Conference on Poverty and Development (2008)
  - ◆ Led to the SADC Declaration on Poverty Eradication and Sustainable Development
  - ◆ Conference recognized the need for SADC region “to develop adaptation and mitigation measures and ... strengthen its early warning and disaster preparedness mechanisms”, and further that
  - ◆ “SADC must develop a comprehensive “Regional Social Protection mechanism to facilitate the achievement of MDGs...”

# SADC Activities aligned with DRR

- SADC intends to establish a mechanism for operating a “Regional Food Reserve Facility” as an effective buffer for food supply in the region
- A study was commissioned in 2006, study report produced in 2007, and in-country consultations with Member States carried out in 2008-2009



# SADC Activities aligned with DRR

- SADC has several regional programmes and projects for coordinating activities related to DRR
- These include, among others
  - ◆ Drought Monitoring Centre
  - ◆ Water Programmes
  - ◆ Agricultural Information Management System
  - ◆ Natural Resources Management Programme
  - ◆ Regional Remote Sensing Unit
  - ◆ Regional Vulnerability Analysis and Assessment Program Management Unit
- SADC has also worked with, and is continuing to work with International Organizations and ICP in DRR related matters
- These relevant programmes, projects, and activities will all function to provide technical capacity and initiatives for the implementation of the SADC DRR SP, in collaboration with the to-be-established Regional DMU



**Thank You**