



# BACKGROUND ON SADC FORESTRY STAKEHOLDER FORUM

Forests and Climate Change

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# Declaration and Treaty of SADC

- **ARTICLE 5: OBJECTIVES**

- 1. The objectives of SADC shall be to:
  - a) achieve development and economic growth, alleviate poverty, enhance the standard and quality of life of the people of Southern Africa and support the socially disadvantaged through regional integration;
  - b) evolve common political values, systems and institutions;
  - c) promote and defend peace and security;
  - d) promote self-sustaining development on the basis of collective self-reliance, and the interdependence of Member States;
  - e) achieve complementarity between national and regional strategies and programmes;
  - f) promote and maximise productive employment and utilisation of resources of the Region;
  - **g) achieve sustainable utilisation of natural resources and effective protection of the environment;**

# RISDP – Environment & Sustainable Development

- Ensuring a coordinated regional positions in the negotiations and implementation of MEAs; and other agreements.
- Harmonization of positions and coordination of regional efforts to ensure maximum benefit for SADC member states in all MEAs; and coordination of the development and implementation of national and sub-regional action programmes and resource mobilization

# RISDP

- SADC has inculcates a sense of regional belonging as well as a tradition of consultation among the peoples and governments of Southern Africa, which, among other things, has improved regional security.

# Establishment of Forestry Stakeholder Forum

- To promote and ensure stakeholder participation and collaboration in forestry development in the SADC region

# First Stakeholder Forum

- November 17, 2008 in Gaborone, Botswana.
- Purpose was to develop the SADC position on the UNFF8.

# Functions of the Forum

- Provide advisory services to TCF on relevant issues
- Establish Task Groups on issues identified by TCF
- Assess reports from Task Force
- Follow up and report on major decisions as recommended by TCF and engage in lobbying
- Facilitate and galvanize opinions on issues from stakeholders
- Facilitate information management and dissemination
- Promote partnership and networking
- Facilitate capacity building