

SADC COMMITTEE OF INSURANCE, SECURITIES AND NON-BANKING FINANCIAL AUTHORITIES

PROGRAMME FOR VALIDATION WORKSHOP

10 - 11 APRIL 2025

REPUBLIC OF MAURITIUS

TIME	SPEECH / PRESENTATION
THURSDAY 10 APRIL 2025	
09:15 – 09:30	Registration
09:30 - 10:45	<p>Opening Ceremony</p> <p><u>Welcome Address by</u> Mr Kenneth Simataa MATOMOLA, <i>CISNA Chairperson & CEO, Namibia Financial Institutions Supervisory Authority, Namibia</i></p> <p><u>Address by</u> Dr Ramakrishna SITHANEN, GCSK, <i>Governor, Bank of Mauritius and Chairperson, Financial Services Commission Mauritius</i></p> <p><u>Address by</u> The Honourable Hambyrajen Narsinghen, <i>Junior Minister of Foreign Affairs, Regional Integration and International Trade</i></p> <p><u>Address by</u> The Honourable Dhaneshwar DAMRY, <i>Junior Minister of Finance</i></p> <p><u>Address by</u> Dr. The Honourable Mrs Jyoti JEETUN, <i>Minister of Financial Services and Economic Planning</i></p> <p><u>Vote of Thanks</u> Dr. Grace MURADZIKWA, <i>CISNA Vice Chairperson & Commissioner, Insurance and Pensions Commission, Zimbabwe</i></p> <p><i>Presentation of tokens and souvenir photos (photo session)</i></p>

TIME	SPEECH / PRESENTATION
11:00 – 11:30	Tea / Coffee Break
11:30 - 13:00	<p>Enhancing the Microfinance Landscape in the SADC Region: Evaluating Regulatory Frameworks and Support Systems</p> <p>Presenter Mr Hamilton Thomas, Programme Officer, SADC Secretariat</p>
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch
14:00 – 15:30	<p>Build capacity of regulators and the private sector on accessing green finance and carbon credits</p> <p>Presenter Mr Mario Lironel, Senior Programme Officer, SADC Secretariat</p>
15:30 – 15:45	Tea / Coffee Break
15:45 - 17:00	<p>Build capacity of regulators and the private sector on accessing green finance and carbon credits..ctnd..</p> <p>Presenter Mr Mario Lironel, Senior Programme Officer, SADC Secretariat</p>
END OF DAY 1	

FRIDAY 11 APRIL 2025

08:30 – 09:00	Registration
09:00 - 11:00	<p>Development of a Training and Certification Model for Non-Banking Financial Institutions (NBFIs) in the SADC</p> <p>Presenter Mr Hamilton Thomas, Programme Officer, SADC Secretariat</p>
11:00 – 11:15	Tea / Coffee Break

TIME	SPEECH / PRESENTATION
11:15 – 13:00	<p>Feasibility study for the establishment of a Regional Agricultural Derivatives Commodity Exchange</p> <p><u>Presenter</u> Mr Hamilton Thomas, <i>Programme Officer, SADC Secretariat</i></p>
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch
14:00 – 15:00	<p>Develop guidance on creating an enabling environment for the development and application of Fintechs in the SADC region and conduct a mapping of the related cybercrime legal landscape.</p> <p><u>Presenter</u> Mr Mario Lironel, <i>Senior Programme Officer, SADC Secretariat</i></p>
15:00 – 15:15	Tea / Coffee Break
15:15 – 16:45	<p>Develop guidance on creating an enabling environment for the development and application of Fintechs in the SADC region and conduct a mapping of the related cybercrime legal landscape <i>ctnd.</i></p> <p><u>Presenter</u> Mr Mario Lironel, <i>Senior Programme Officer, SADC Secretariat</i></p>
16:45 – 17:00	<p>Closing Remarks</p> <p><u>Presenter</u> Dr. Grace MURADZIKWA, <i>CISNA Vice Chairperson & Commissioner, Insurance and Pensions Commission, Zimbabwe (TBC)</i></p>
END OF CAPACITY BUILDING PROGRAMME	

PROJECTS FOR VALIDATION

SADC SECRETARIAT

Brief Overview of Projects

Regional Agriculture Commodity Derivatives Report



The **Regional Agriculture Commodity Derivatives Report** explores the feasibility of establishing a Regional Agricultural Commodity Derivatives Exchange (RACDE) in the Southern African Development Community (SADC) region. The report highlights the potential benefits, challenges, and critical success factors for such an initiative. Key findings emphasize the need for an enabling policy environment, sufficient production volumes, and the importance of a liquid derivatives market for improved price risk management and access to finance.

Microfinance Study in the SADC Region



The report titled "**Microfinance Study in the SADC Region**" outlines several benefits for the region, including improved regulatory frameworks, enhanced monitoring and reporting, and support for financial inclusion. It emphasizes the importance of aligning with international best practices, capacity building, and technical assistance for both regulatory authorities and microfinance institutions (MFIs). The report also highlights the need for reliable data collection and transparency, offering practical recommendations for sustainable growth and promoting collaboration among member states. By implementing these recommendations, the SADC region can create a more supportive environment for MFIs, contributing to economic development and financial inclusion.

Guidance on Development and Application of FinTechs and Mapping of Related Cybercrime Legal Landscape



The report titled "**Guidance on Development and Application of FinTechs and Mapping of Related Cybercrime Legal Landscape**" focuses on creating an enabling environment for FinTech development in the Southern African Development Community (SADC) region and mapping the related cybercrime legal landscape. It highlights the potential of FinTech to transform the financial sector and promote financial inclusion, while addressing cyber risks.

Development of a Training and Certification Model for NBFIs in the SADC Region



The **Report on the Development of a Training and Certification Model for Non-Banking Financial Institutions (NBFIs) in the SADC Region** aims to establish a regional training and certification system to enhance skills and support industrialization. This initiative aligns with the SADC Financial Inclusion Strategy and the SADC Industrial Development Strategy, with the goal of driving economic growth, reducing poverty, and improving living standards.

Accessing Green Finance and Carbon Credits



Carbon Credit

The report outlines the consultancy work aimed at building capacity for regulators and the private sector in accessing green finance and carbon credits within the Southern African Development Community (SADC) region. The assignment is part of the SIBE Programme, which seeks to transform SADC into an investment zone, promoting intra-regional investment and foreign direct investment (FDI), particularly benefiting small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs).