

5th Regional Workshop on the SADC Regional Investment Policy Framework (IPF)

24 March 2015 – Johannesburg, South Africa

Agenda

Meeting objectives

The objectives of this 5th regional workshop are to:

- 1) report on and discuss the main findings of the four analytical reports on investor protection, restrictions on FDI, tax incentives for investors and infrastructure investment as summarized in the draft Policy Brief on “A Regional Investment Policy Framework to address SADC’s development challenges”;
- 2) discuss, further adapt to national and regional priorities, and finalise the draft SADC Policy Guidance on Investment;
- 3) discuss implementation activities to operationalize the draft SADC Policy Guidance.

For detailed notes on the individual items, please refer to the annotations to the agenda.

Background documents

- Focus Meeting 5-1: Draft agenda of the 5th regional workshop (this document)
- Focus Meeting 5-2: Analytical reports (revised drafts)
- Focus Meeting 5-3: Draft Policy Brief
- Focus Meeting 5-4: Draft SADC Policy Guidance on Investment

Venue

Garden Court O.R. Tambo International Airport
Johannesburg, South Africa

Find out more:

www.oecd.org/daf/inv/investment-policy/africa.htm
www.sadc.int

Monday, 23 March 2015

08:30 – 09:00 *Registration of Participants*

09:00 – 09:05 Welcome remarks by Chairperson of SADC Investment Sub-committee

09:05 – 09:15 Update of SADC developments - by the Secretariat

09:15 – 09:55 Presentations of Findings on the:

“Study on Investment regulatory framework and restrictive policies in SADC Member States”

09:55: – 10:30 Questions & Answers on the Study Findings

10:30 – 11:00 *Tea/Coffee Break*

11:00 – 11:10 Introductory remarks by the OECD:

Iza LEJARRAGA, Lead Manager NEPAD-OECD Africa Investment Initiative, OECD

11:10 – 11:50 Background presentations by the OECD on:

- Presentation on Draft Policy Brief: “A Regional Policy Framework to Address SADC's Development Challenges by Frederic WEHRLE, Senior Policy Analyst, OECD

- Presentation on Draft SADC Policy Guidance for Investment by Iza LEJARRAGA, Lead Manager NEPAD-OECD Africa Investment Initiative, OECD; Rainer GEIGER, former OECD Deputy-Director; and Carole BIAU, Policy Analyst, OECD

At the last October meeting, it was agreed that the OECD Secretariat would review and complete the four analytical reports in the areas of investor protection, restrictions on FDI, tax incentives for investors and infrastructure investment, which the OECD Secretariat and SADC Member States developed together in 2013 and 2014. On this basis, the OECD Secretariat prepared a Policy Brief bringing together the main findings of the four reports, as well as the SADC Policy Guidance for Investment, which is the meeting's main topic of discussion. Delegates will be invited to provide general feedback on the two draft documents and raise any question they might have in relation to them.

11:50 – 12:30 Questions and answers

12:30 – 13:45 *Lunch break*

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13:45 – 15:00 2 – Roundtable discussion: the draft SADC Policy Guidance on Investment

Introduction by the OECD Secretariat

SADC Delegates' views on the draft Guidance

Summary of the Roundtable discussions by the OECD and SADC Secretariats

Each Member State Delegate will be invited to reflect on the proposed Guidance, sharing his/her views and making a statement on each area covered in light of his/her country's priorities and on those that would require revision and/or expansion. To determine priorities or rank issues, a form has been circulated by the SADC Secretariat prior to the Meeting. This roundtable discussion will inform and provide guidance to the drafting Committee responsible for revising the draft document.

15:00 – 15:15 Coffee break

15:15 – 18:00 3 – Break-Away Session: Meeting of the SADC Drafting Committee (for Committee's members only)

The break-away session will be used for the purpose of revising the draft Policy Guidance in light of the plenary discussion. For the purpose of ensuring efficient and smooth running of this process, a Drafting Committee, composed of a limited number of volunteering Member States, will consider the draft guidance and revise it on the basis of the directions given by the Plenary. The SADC and OECD Secretariats, under the guidance of the Drafting Committee Members, will make any appropriate changes in response to comments and proposals that have been expressed. The Drafting Committee, represented by a Chair, will present the result of its work to all SADC Member States the next day.

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9:00 – 10:15 3 – Plenary Discussion of Revised Policy Guidance

Introduction by the Chair of the Drafting Committee

Plenary discussion

Finalisation of the draft Policy Guidance

The plenary discussion will involve a review of the revised draft; consider the areas for actions, including the policy options; and further revision of the draft

10:15 – 10:30 *Coffee break*

10:30 – 12:30 4 – Next steps and way forward

Presentations by OECD on menu of possible implementation activities:

- Regional reform index and indicators for benchmarking against the Policy Guidance
- Peer-learning on priority areas of the Policy Guidance
- Capacity-building and support at regional and country-level
- International partnerships

Plenary discussion

Closing remarks by the SADC and OECD Secretariats

12:30 – 14:00 *Lunch break and plenary meeting ends*
