

Annex 1: SADC Protocols

No.	Name of Instrument	Date Of Signature	Date Of Entry Into Force	Brief outline of objectives
1	Protocol on Immunities and Privileges	17 Aug 1992	30 Sep 1993	This protocol determines that heads of state are afforded the immunities and privileges in each member state which are adequate to carry their duties in a proper and full manner.
2	Protocol on Shared Watercourse Systems	28 Aug 1995	28 Sep 1998	Article 2: to foster close co-operation for judicious, sustainable and co-ordinated management, protection and utilisation of shared watercourses and advance the SADC agenda of regional and poverty alleviation.
3	Protocol on Energy	24 Aug 1996	17 Apr 1998	Article 3: to harmonise national and regional energy policies, strategies and programmes on matters of common interest based on equity, balance and mutual benefit.
4	Protocol on Transport, Communication and Meteorology	24 Aug 1996	6 July 1998	Article 5: Member States should facilitate the unimpeded flow of goods and passengers across their respective territories whilst promoting the development of competitive commercial road transport industry.
5	Protocol on Combating Illicit Drugs	24 Aug 1996	20 Mar 1999	Article 2: to reduce and eventually eliminate drug trafficking, money laundering, corruption and the illicit use and abuse of drugs through cooperation among enforcement agencies and demand reduction through coordinated programmes in the Region.
6	Protocol on Trade	24 Aug 1996	25 Jan 2001	Article 2: to further liberalise intra-regional trade in goods and services on the basis of fair, mutually equitable and beneficial trade arrangements, complemented by Protocols in other areas.
7	Protocol on Education and Training	8 Sep 1997	31 July 2000	Article 3: to develop and implement a common system of regular collection and reporting for information by Member States about the current status and future demand and supply, and the priority areas for provision of education and training in the Region.
8	Protocol on Mining	8 Sep 1997	10 Feb 2000	This protocol places emphasis on harmonising national and regional policies, strategies and programmes to procure a thriving mining sector, which in turn should contribute to the growth of a member state's economy.

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9	Protocol on the Development of Tourism	14 Sep 1998	26 Nov 2002	Article 2: to use tourism as a vehicle to achieve sustainable social and economic development through the full realisation of its potential for the Region.
10	Protocol on Health	18 Aug 1999	18 Aug 2004	Article 3: to identify, promote and co-ordinate and support those activities that have the potential to improve the health of the population within the Region. To develop common strategies to address the health needs of women, children and other vulnerable groups.
11	Protocol on Wildlife Conservation and Law Enforcement MOU on Cooperation in Standardisation, Quality	18 Aug 1999	30 Nov 2003	Article 4: to establish within the Region and within the framework of the respective national laws of each State Party, common approaches to the conservation and sustainable use of wildlife resources and to assist with effective enforcement of laws governing those resources.
12	Protocol on Legal Affairs	7 Aug 2000	1 Sep 2006	Article 2: to provide legal assistance to SADC and all its Institutions and Member States in matters relating to the interpretation of the Treaty Protocols and subsidiary legal instruments made thereunder.
13	Revised Protocol on Shared Watercourses	7 Aug 2000	22 Sep 2003	Article 2: The overall objective of this Protocol is to foster closer cooperation for judicious, sustainable and co-ordinated management, protection and utilisation of shared watercourses and advance the SADC agenda of regional integration and poverty alleviation
14	Amendment Protocol on Trade	7 Aug 2000	7 Aug 2000	
15	Protocol on Politics, Defence and Security Cooperation	14 Aug 2001	2 Mar 2004	Article 2: to promote peace and security in the Region.
16	Protocol on the Control of Firearms, Ammunition and Other Related Materials in SADC	14 Aug 2001	8 Nov 2004	Article 3: to prevent, combat and eradicate the illicit manufacturing of firearms, ammunition and, other related materials, and their excessive and destabilising accumulation, trafficking and use in the Region.

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17	Protocol on Fisheries	14 Aug 2001	8 Aug 2003	Article 3: to promote responsible and sustainable use of the living aquatic resources and aquatic ecosystems of interest to the State Parties.
18	Protocol on Culture, Information and Sport	14 Aug 2001	7 January 2006	Article 17: Member states should cooperate and collaborate in the promotion, establishment and growth of community, commercial, public, regional and global media for free flow of information.
19	Protocol Against Corruption	14 Aug 2001	6 Aug 2003	Article 2: to promote and strengthen the development, by each of the State Parties, of mechanisms needed to prevent, detect, punish and eradicate corruption in the public and private sector.
20	Protocol on Extradition	3 Oct 2002	1 Sept 2009	Article 2: Each State Party agrees to extradite to the other, in accordance with the provisions of this Protocol and their respective domestic law, any person within its jurisdiction who is wanted for prosecution or the imposition or enforcement of a sentence in the Requesting State for an extraditable offence.
21	Protocol on Forestry	3 Oct 2002	17 July 2009	Article 3: to promote the development, conservation, sustainable management and utilisation of all types of forests and trees.
22	Protocol on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters	3 Oct 2002	1 Mar 2007	Article 2: state parties should provide each other with the widest possible measure of mutual legal assistance in criminal matters.
25	Protocol on Finance and Investments	18 Aug 2006	16 Apr 2010	Article 2: foster harmonisation of the financial and investment policies of the State Parties in order to make them consistent with objectives of SADC and ensure that any changes to financial and investment policies in one State Party do not necessitate undesirable adjustments in other State Parties.
26	Revised Protocol on Gender and Development	31 Aug 2016	--	The Revised SADC Protocol on Gender and Development provides for the empowerment of women, elimination of discrimination and the promotion of gender equality and equity through gender-responsive legislation, policies, programmes and projects.
27	Protocol on Science, Technology and Innovation	17 Aug 2008	--	Article 2: to foster co-operation and promote, the development, transfer and mastery of science, technology and innovation in Member States.

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	Protocol on Trade and Services	18 Aug 2012	--	The Protocol on Trade in Services (PTIS) has six primary objectives as set out in article 2, which can be interpreted into one main objective namely, to level the playing field among SADC members by ensuring that industries and consumers take full advantage of a single regional services market. The Protocol focuses on progressively liberalisation of intra-regional trade in services on the legal basis of achieving the elimination of substantially all discrimination between State Parties and a liberal trading framework for trade in services with a view to creating a single market for trade in services.
29	Protocol on Employment and Labour	18 Aug 2014	--	Article 3: to provide Member States with strategic direction and guidelines for the harmonization of employment and labour, as well as social security, policies and legislation.
30	Protocol on Environment	1997		
31	Protocol on Combatting Illicit Drug trafficking	24 Aug 1996	--	Article 2: to eliminate the production of illicit drugs and to protect the region from being used as a conduit for drugs destined for international markets.
32	Protocol on Culture, Information and Sport	14 Aug 2001	7 January 2006	Article 11: to, and not restricted, promote an attitude which takes culture into account in regional development programmes. This should be ensuring culture plays a significant role in economic development of the Region.
33	Protocol on Politics, Defence and Security Cooperation	14 Aug 2001	--	Article 2: the general objective is to promote peace and security of the region.
34	Protocol on Tribunal and Rules thereof	7 Aug 2000	14 August 2011	This Protocol outlines the rules on tribunal hearings and their corresponding rulings, granting the signed-on member states to have jurisdiction in these hearings.
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