Investment Climate in the SADC Region

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Background

- The Southern African
 Development Community
 has 15 Member States
- Population: 277.1 million
- GDP: US\$ 577 billion
- SADC comprises eight Institutions



OBJECTIVES OF SADC

 Promote sustainable and equitable socioeconomic development through regional integration



Main Areas of Regional Cooperation and Integration

RISDP and SIPO define the main areas of regional cooperation and Integration as follows:

- Peace and Security, pre-requisite for regional integration
- Trade and Economic Liberalization
- Infrastructure Support for Regional Integration
- Food Security and Joint Management of Natural Resources
- Social and Human Development (HIV and AIDS, Gender and Development

STATUS OF REGIONAL INTERGRATION

- SADC Free Trade Area launched 2008
- Preparations for the SADC Customs Union ongoing
- Deep Regional Integration Common Market and Economic Union including Single Currency
- Regional Macro Economic Convergence
- Protocol on Finance and Investment aimed at harmonization of Finance and Investment Policies
- Work on finalisation of industrial policy and road map for implementation ongoing

SELECTED ECONOMIC INDICATORS

Trade:

- Total exports of goods amounted to over US\$100 billions in 2010
- Intra-regional trade in goods amounted to over US\$40 billion in 2010, an increase of 17% from 2009.
- Economic growth was adversely affected by the global economic melt down as the demand for minerals and other primary commodities declined.
- Economic recovery on course following higher growth rates in main developed countries and emerging economic

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Investment:

- FDI inflow: US\$20,403 billion in 2010
- Stock inward FDI: US\$204 billion in 2010
- About 1459 FDI green-field projects from 2003 - 2011



World Bank Doing Business:

Reduction in average days of starting a business:
 81,5 days in 2004 to just 41,1 days in 2012

Investment Opportunities: SADC Resource Endowment

The Region is well endowed in a wide array of natural resources including:

- Diamonds
- Coal
- Gold
- Uranium
- Oil
- Gas
- Tourism opportunities
- Agriculture and Fisheries





MEASURES TO FACILITATE INVESTMENT

- Establishment of the Project Preparation and Development Facility (PPDF), as a window of the SADC Development Fund, to facilitate preparation of bankable projects.
- Region currently developing modalities for the SADC Regional Development Fund.
- Region adopted the Finance and Investment Protocol that seeks to put in place fundamentals aimed at investment promotion and facilitation

 Development of SADC Regional action program on investment and a SADC investment policy framework (IPF) aimed at improving the investment climate, reducing risks, improving cost competitiveness and removing barriers to investment ongoing as apriority;

MEASURES TO FACILITATE INVESTMENT - cont

- Launched the Public Private Partnerships (PPP) network to create opportunities partnerships
 Southern African Development Community Public Private Partnership Network
- The Region has developed a model Double Tax Avoidance Agreement (DTAA) to encourage investment
- Measures to combat money laundering conclusion of the Anti Money Laundering Annex to the Finance and Investment Protocol
- Existence of a well developed banking system in the Region

BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES IN SADC INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT

- The SADC Infrastructure Project Portfolio is estimated at approximately US\$50 Billion
- Details of priority projects will be presented in the next sessions of this Seminar
- SADC Infrastructure Development Programme: guided by the regional development objectives of deepening regional integration, accelerating economic growth, poverty eradication and achievement of sustainable development patterns
- Infrastructure deemed a key enabler to SADC's economic development
- Region finalising the SADC Regional Infrastructure Development Master Plan to elaborate long term infrastructure priorities based on regional consensus

Priority Infrastructure Development Areas

- Energy Based on the SADC Southern African Power Pool Plan (SAPP Pool Plan), elaborating generation and transmission requirements
- Transport based on the SADC Corridors Strategy with four geographical clusters (Western, Eastern, Southern and North – South Corridor Clusters)
- Communication/ICT based on the SADC inter-state broad band connectivity network termed the SADC Regional Information Infrastructure (SRII)
- Water based on the SADC Strategic Water Infrastructure Development Programme (SWIDP)

KEY PROGRAMME OBJECTIVES

- Providing regional energy security through enhanced power generation of major plants to be connected to the SAPP
- Provision of inter-connectors to facilitate intra-regional power trading in the region, and connect three outstanding mainland countries of Angola, Malawi and United Republic of Tanzania
- Ensure intra-SADC connectivity and access to the sea through seamless corridors infrastructure provision and One-Stop-Border-Posts (OSBP)
- Provide access to water supply and sanitation to meet industrial requirements and MDGs
- Provide universal access to ICT to drive socio-economic development, ensure global competitiveness for the region and minimum standards for an information society

Tripartite – COMESA, EAC & SADC



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SADC, EAC, COMESA

СОМ	Membership	GDP, US \$ million	Population '000
African Union	52	1,065,228	917,568
COMESA-EAC-SADC	26	624,368	527,131
of which			
COMESA	19 (4EAC, 8 SADC)	286,775	398,130
EAC	5 4 COMESA, 1 SADC)	79,231	133,100
SADC	15 (8 COMESA, I EAC)	577,096	277,042
COMESA-EAC-SADC as share of AU, %	50	60%	57.4

CONCLUSION & WAY FORWARD

 In this first Japan –SADC Infrastructure Investment Seminar we have provided an overview of the Business Climate in the SADC Region based on the on-going Regional Cooperation and Integration Process.

- Details of priority infrastructure projects will be presented to you in the next sessions of the seminar indicating specific opportunities in the sectors of energy, transport, communications/ICT and water.
- Japanese investors are invited to review the array of projects to be presented today and indeed seize the investment opportunities in one of the fastest growing regions in the world.
- SADC Region invites Japanese investors to the regional dimension of development of Southern Africa through the projects presented.

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