



MINUTES OF THE SADCTRLC EXECUTIVE MEETING

BOTSWANA, GABORONE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION CENTRE

Date: 20 March 2011

Time: 14:00 – 17:00

<p>1. OPENING AND WELCOME</p>	<p>The SADCTRLC Chairperson (Zimbabwe- Mr Petros Ndanga) opened the meeting and welcomed all present.</p>
<p>2. ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA</p>	<p>The Agenda was accepted with no additional items.</p> <p>LIST OF ATTENDEES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Petros Ndanga (SADCTRLC Chairperson) - Dr. Elsabe Steyn (SADCTRLC Regional Coordinator) - Mwenya Chiseta SADCTRLC Committee member) - Tombozi Tembo (Zambia) - Naniki Moeketsi (SADCTRLC Secretariat) <p>ABSENT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Seychelles - Swaziland
<p>3. DISCUSSION</p>	<p>A SADCTRLC reporting template was forwarded to member states to report on SADCTRLC activities regarding their respective countries. Only three member states, South Africa, Zambia and Zimbabwe submitted their country reports that will be presented in the SADCTRLC Annual General meeting on 21 March 2011. The SADCTRLC chairperson will request member states to submit the outstanding reports to the SADCTRLC secretariat by the end of April 2011.</p> <p>During the SADC GHS workshop, members agreed to extend the working group with four SADC GHS Experts to assist the working group to develop and finalise the SADC GHS Policy Proposal.</p>

	<p>SADCTRLC is planning an extended SADC GHS Working Group meeting in 2011 to discuss and to agree on the SADC GHS policy proposal that will be submitted to the Ministers of Trade and Industry.</p> <p>The committee finalised the SADCTRLC 2011 Annual General meeting agenda.</p> <p>The SADCTRLC Exco recommends that a legal opinion is required re the alignment of the SADC TBT Annex with the WTO TBT Agreement and that SADC secretariat should handle this matter. The SADC Exco identified that there is a need to clarify definitions or the lack of definitions for terminology used in the SADC TBT Annex such as common standards, harmonised standards, harmonised regulations, conflicting standards and harmonised text.</p>
<p>4.</p>	<p>WAY FORWARD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SADCTRLC RC to prepare presentations regarding the inputs on SADC TBT Annex and an update of the SADCTRLC workshops to be presented at the 2011 SADCTRLC annual general meeting. • The next meeting of the SADCTRLC Exco will be linked with the Extended GHS WG meeting in 2011.
<p>5.</p>	<p>Closure</p>