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**(SADCTRLC)**

**ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2011/12**

## 1. INTRODUCTION

Some of the key SADCTRLC objectives include the use of consultation, participation and exchange of information processes when technical regulations are developed, amended and implemented through the relevant risk and impact assessments. The first project undertaken by the SADCTRLC, the SADC GHS project, will be ready for the consultative process in member states after the presentation at the AGM.

## 2. Updates on 2011/12 Annual Work Plans

- 2.1 SADCTRLC Resolutions 2011 update  
(See separate report attached)
- 2.2 SADC GHS Policy development  
(See the draft GHS Policy document attached and updates)

## 3. Work Plans Carried Forward to 2012/13

- 3.1 SADC GHS Policy development is now at an advanced stage. The final draft will be presented by the consultant later today for some group discussion before it is forwarded to all member states for a consultative process. The SADCTRLC is very grateful to our GHS Extended Working Group (GHS EWG) experts who worked tirelessly in assisting the consultant to come up with the final draft to be presented to the AGM.
- 3.2 SADCTRLC website development is still work in progress. A separate update report is attached.
- 3.3 A review of the SADCTRLC logo and printing of the brochures are still to be done with funding support from SADC / PTB.
- 3.4 The development of the following Guidelines will be carried out once funding mechanisms are confirmed;
  - 3.4.1 guidelines for the identification of needs and proposals for the harmonised. This should be completed during the 2012/13 year.
  - 3.4.2 guidelines for determining priorities for the harmonization of TRs in the region is still to be done.
  - 3.4.3 guidelines for the risk and Impact assessments of implementing TRs in member states
  - 3.4.4 guidelines for the consultation process on Regulatory Impact Assessment in member states.

## 4. EXCO and SQAMEG Meetings

- 4.1 The EXCO managed to three times during the period 2011/2012 (**in August 2011, December 2011 and March 2012**). More meetings could have been arranged if all members had adequate financial support.
- 4.2 SADCTRLC attended both SQAMEG meetings arranged during the period under review. The meetings were held in **August 2011** and **February 2012**.

## 5. New Projects

The SADCTRLC EXCO has identified potential projects for the 2012/13 year to be through some SADC support program to the SADCTRLC.

- 5.1 Training on Hazardous Chemical Substances and Transportation of Dangerous Goods for the representatives from member states with support from cooperation partners.
- 5.2 Train the trainer course on SADCTRLC issues

## **6. Challenges in 2011/12**

- 6.1 Three EXCO members left the SADCTRLC. Dr Elsabe Steyn (RC) moved from the Department of Trade (SA) to SANAS. Meanwhile, Ms Anna-Marie Lotter has been the Acting Regional Coordinator (RC).
- 6.2 Mr H. Dhlamini retired from the government of Swaziland. Swaziland was requested to nominate a replacement to the EXCO. This was still be confirmed through SADC Secretariat.
- 6.3 Mr C. Celestine (Vice Chair) from Seychelles resigned from the government of Seychelles and a replacement has been nominated.
- 6.4 Funding mechanisms for TRLC projects was mainly through PTB, the DTI and SADC Secretariat. More resources were required to be able to fulfil all the plans. A number of the current plans could not be initiated or completed due the unavailability of adequate funding.
- 6.5 Communication challenges with the TRLC membership in member states has always been a problem. The EXCO will be engaging the SADC secretariat to assist with the identification of the relevant officers from the ministries of trade so that the SADCTRLC Secretariat will be contacting the correct officers in the Ministries of Trade. If this challenge is not addressed, the SADCTRLC will find it difficult to implement most resolutions.

## **7. Conclusion**

The SADCTRLC has evolved to become one of the very important SQAM structures that has a lot of work to be done in the region. The work of the structure requires serious support by the SADC Secretariat through the cooperating partners who may be willing to see implementation in the technical regulations domain. We are very hopeful that our partners would be impressed by our new projects and avail some funding to see these projects through.

The SADCTRLC has managed to achieve most of the planned activities for the year 2011/12 including the development of the draft SADC GHS Policy, the development of the guidelines for the Identification of needs and proposals for harmonised technical regulations and securing a website host and funding for the SADCTRLC website. Member states are expected to report on the progress regarding their regulatory activities and GHS implementation status.