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Introduction

SADCTRLC is a fairly young SQAM structure that has been in effective operation for the past two years now. The structure still needs a lot of support to get some of the key projects to be up and running for the benefit of all member states, other SQAM structures and stakeholders.



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Introduction

1.0 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.

2.0 The first project undertaken by the SADCTRLC, the SADC GHS project, will be ready for the consultative process in member states after a presentation and adoption of the draft policy by the AGM.



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Update on 2011/12 Resolutions

Resolution 1/2011

Only six (6) member states submitted written reports before the AGM. The EXCO encourages other members to submit reports in time so that they can be compiled for circulation to all at the AGM.

Member states are also encouraged to include the status reports in their country reports.



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Update on 2011/12 Resolutions

Resolution 2/2011

The SADC Secretariat has made some enquiries and follow up on the issue for SADCTRLC seeking observer status on the SADC transport harmonization process. The matter is still work in progress.



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Update on 2011/12 Resolutions

Resolution 3/2011

The development of guidelines is still to be done for;

1. the identification of needs for harmonization of TRs
2. proposals for SADCTRLC harmonized TRs
3. determining priorities for the harmonization of TRs
4. consultation on Risk & Impact Assessments



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Update on 2011/12 Resolutions

Resolution 4/2011

Only four countries submitted country reports for before the AGM. A big thanks to Botswana, Zambia, South Africa and Zimbabwe for submitting reports on time.



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Update on 2011/12 Resolutions

Resolution 5/2011

The SADC Secretariat confirmed that the legal opinion confirmed that the SADC TBT Annex is indeed aligned to the WTO TBT agreement. Furthermore, it was found that the TBT Annex actually goes beyond the WTO agreement.



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THE SADC GHS PROJECT

The SADC GHS project was identified by the SADCTRLC to be the first project for Technical Regulations harmonization. Significant progress has been made which has resulted in the work being finalised by the consultant. A progress report on the draft policy will be presented by the consultant later on.



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Work Plans Carried Forward

1. SADC GHS Policy document
2. SADCTRLC website & review of logo
3. Printing of SADCTRLC logos



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Work Plans Carried Forward

4. Development of guidelines for;
 - i) identification of needs & proposals for harmonization
 - ii) determining priorities for harmonization
 - iii) Risk & Impact Assessments
 - iv) consultative process for RIAs



EXCO Meetings

Three EXCO meetings were held during the 2011/12 period as follows;

August 2011

December 2011

March 2012



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SQAMEG meetings

Only two SQAMEG meetings were held in **August 2011 & February 2012** during the period under review.



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Proposed New Projects

SADCTRLC EXCO has identified the training need for SADCTRLC and relevant representatives of the Handling and Transportation of Hazardous Chemicals and Dangerous Goods in the region.

We hope to get support from PTB.



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Proposed New Projects

The EXCO has also identified the train the trainer course on SADCTRLC issues also to be supported by PTB.



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Challenges in 2011/12

Three EXCO members left the
SADCTRLC



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Challenges in 2011/12

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).



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Challenges in 2011/2

Mr H. Dhlamini retired from the government of Swaziland in 2011. Swaziland was requested to nominate a replacement to the EXCO. This was still be confirmed through SADC Secretariat.



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Challenges in 2011/12

Mr C. Celestine (Vice Chair) from Seychelles resigned from the government of Seychelles and a replacement is still to join the SADCTRLC family.



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Challenges in 2011/12

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..



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Challenges in 2012

Communication challenges with the TRLC membership in member states has always been a challenge for the SADCTRLC Secretariat.



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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 mechanisms.



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Conclusion

The SADCTRLC has managed to make significant in roads on the SADC GHS project. SADCTLC has also managed to secure funding from PTB for its website development and hosting by NMISA.



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Thank you

Zikomo Kwambili !!!



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