



2018 CHARTERED INSTITUTE OF DEVELOPMENT FINANCE'S HIGH LEVEL REGIONAL CONFERENCE

In partnership with the Development Finance Centre (UCT Graduate School of Business)

Theme: Strengthening Cross Border Trade, Investment and Financial Services in the SADC: Opportunities and Challenges

Date: 26-27 September 2018

Venue: DBSA Vulindlela Conference Centre, Midrand, Johannesburg

Background of Conference:

Since its formation, SADC's main functions still centre around political integration with economic integration (except the SACU countries) lagging behind. It is, however, clear that both political and growth attributes are critical for optimal regional development. Over the last 30 years, economic integration has remained stagnant in the wider SADC region. Without a broad and optimally integrated economic, trade and investment plan for the SADC region, similar to the European Union, growth across the region will remain at best, stagnant, or at worst decline with some SADC member countries moving towards protectionist economic policies. Key to optimally growing the SADC region is to ensure that the lending institutions (including banks and development finance institutions) and capital markets work together to develop a trade and investment platform which will enhance sustainable economic development in the region. A "harmonised" trade and investment platform will have the unique ability to decrease transactional frictions on trade and investment and strengthen economic development between member countries.

The Areas to be covered at the Conference:

The Chartered Institute of Development Finance (CIDEF), in partnership with a number of institutions in the SADC region, will bring together representatives of government, development

finance institutions, trade and investment related firms, other Financial Institutions, Chambers of Commerce, and NGOs to discuss the following:

- Maintaining banking sector stability and sustainability in Africa;
- Impact of trade tariffs on investments in SADC's Economy;
- Infrastructure Development in SADC: Financing Challenges and Opportunities?
- Financing SADC's Infrastructure through Public-Private Partnership;
- An Integrated Approach for Financing Sustainable Development: What can work for SADC?

Who should attend?

- Development finance institutions;
- Government Representatives;
- Chambers of Commerce;
- Trade Organisations;
- Infrastructure Development Institutions;
- Import and Export Organisations;
- Central Banks;
- Commercial and Investment Banks;
- Multilateral Organisations; and
- NGOs in SADC working in the area of trade and investments.

The programme draft is available [HERE](#).

Conference Fee: R2875.00 per person

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