

# EU-SADC Economic Partnership Agreement

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# EU-SADC EPA

## Where are we now?

- Four main issues:

1. Implementation of IEPA
2. Outstanding Tariff issues
3. Concerns presented by Angola, Namibia, SA
4. Services and investment negotiations

# EU-SADC EPA, Trade in Services and investment Legal framework (1)

## **Cotonou Partnership Agreement, Ch 4, Trade in Services:**

**”The Parties... agree on the objective of extending under the economic partnership agreements, ..... their partnership to encompass the liberalisation of services...”**

## EU-SADC EPA, Trade in Services and investment Legal framework (2)

### EU-SA Trade, Development and Cooperation Agreement (TDCA):

(Art 30) Further Liberalisation of supply of services

"The Parties will endeavour to extend the scope of the Agreement with a view to **further liberalising trade in services between the Parties.**"  
The objective shall be subject to a first examination at the latest five years after the entry into force of the Agreement (2000). *(Note: The revision of the trade and trade related issues chapters was moved to the EU-SADC EPA process upon SA's inclusion in the group in 2007. The revision of the other chapters in the TDCA was concluded at the end of 2007)*

Other relevant articles in the TDCA: (Art 63) Services cooperation, (Art 52) Investment promotion and protection

# EU-SADC EPA, Trade in Services and investment

## Legal framework

**EU-SADC Interim EPA, Art 67** (*Note: In this respect the SADC EPA negotiating group currently consists of Botswana, Lesotho, Mozambique and Swaziland*)

### I.a) Trade in Services

Negotiations to be completed by 31 Dec 2008 on:

1. Liberalisation schedule for one service sector;
2. Commitment to a standstill for all services sectors (GATS: V.1.b (ii));
3. Agreement to negotiate progressive liberalisation within three years.

### I.b) Cooperation in Services

### II.a) Investment

### II.b) Cooperation on Investment

# EU-SADC EPA, Trade in Services and Investment, First round of negotiations 19-23 May

- Discussions focused on clarification of a number of issues
- Proposal from the EU: "Establishment, Trade in Services and E-commerce"  
*(Note: The text covers the establishment phase of investment.)*
- Standstill: GATS V.1.b (ii): "prohibition of new or more discriminative measures, either at the entry into force of that agreement or on the basis of a reasonable time-frame,..."
- Development cooperation (next slide)

# EU-SADC EPA, Trade in Services and Investment Development Cooperation

- The principal legal Framework for Development Cooperation remains the ACP-EU Partnership Agreement signed in **Cotonou**. E.g. Art 21 (Investment and private sector development), Art 23 Economic sector development , Section 3 Regional Cooperation and Integration.
- Translated into programmes through the European Development Fund (EDF):  
Regional Indicative Programmes;  
National Indicative Programmes;  
and all-ACP programmes.

# EU-SADC EPA, Trade in Services and Investment Development Cooperation

## Examples of relevant development cooperation assistance to date:

- SADC EPA-Facility (€6.5m)
- SADC Customs Modernisation programme (€18m)
- Economic integration support programme to SACU (€6m)
- Support to (SADC) Trade in Services (€1.1m)
- Support to SADC Finance and Investment Protocol (€13m, latest phase)
- National programmes



# EU-SADC EPA, Trade in Services and Investment Development Cooperation

## **Forthcoming (EDF10 2008-2013):**

- SADC Regional Indicative Programme (€116m): Draft proposal for SADC EPA Assistance Needs completed under RPTF
- National Indicative Programmes:  
([http://ec.europa.eu/development/how/iqsg/documents\\_library\\_en.cfm#rsp10](http://ec.europa.eu/development/how/iqsg/documents_library_en.cfm#rsp10))

## **Sources with EPA-related funding available at present, e.g.:**

- SADC EPA Facility, managed by SADC EPA Unit, SADC Secretariat
- TradeCom Facility, <http://www.tradecom-acpeu.org/>

# EU-SADC EPA Negotiations

## Next steps

- 2-4 July: Next round of negotiations

Before that:

- Possible feed-back on Concerns presented by Angola, Namibia and SA
- Likely: EU-SACU exchange of offers for agricultural and processed agricultural products

**Thank you!**