

Southern African Development Community Great Green Wall Initiative



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The Great Green Wall Initiative

- Great Green Wall Initiative (GGWI) is a flagship initiative of the African Union aiming to restore the continent's degraded landscapes and transform millions of lives by tackling the triple challenges of desertification, climate change and loss of biodiversity
- The GGWI was launched in 2007 by the African Union with an initial focus in the Sahel region.
- Inspired by the GGWI in the Sahel, the SADC GGWI was initiated in 2015



Key steps in the development of the SADC GGWI

2015:
Endorsement of the idea of GGWI SADC by Ministers of Environment & Natural Resources

2018:
Development of GGWI SADC Strategy by SADC Member States

2019:
Endorsement of the Strategy by SADC Joint Committee of Ministers responsible for Environment, Natural Resources and Tourism

2021-2023:
Development of GGWI National Action Plans

May 2022:

UNCCD COP 15 decisions

August 2022:

Stakeholder Engagement and Capacity Building Workshop with country Parties, technical and development partners

March 2023:

Partners meeting exploring next steps with key partners and getting commitment from technical and financial partners

July-August 2023:

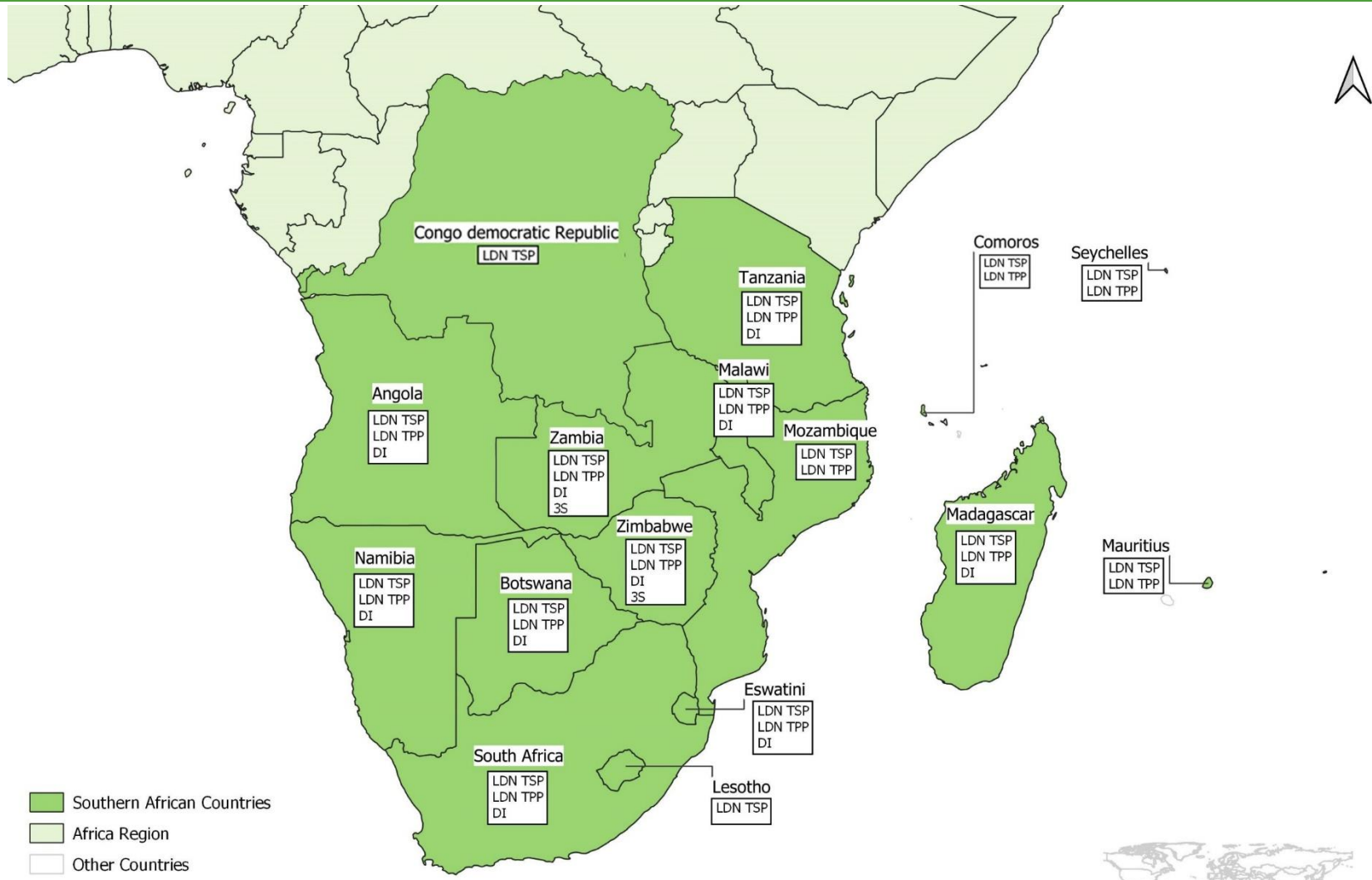
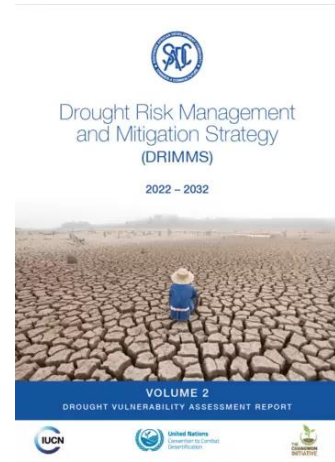
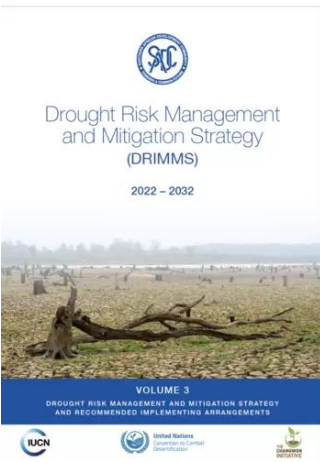
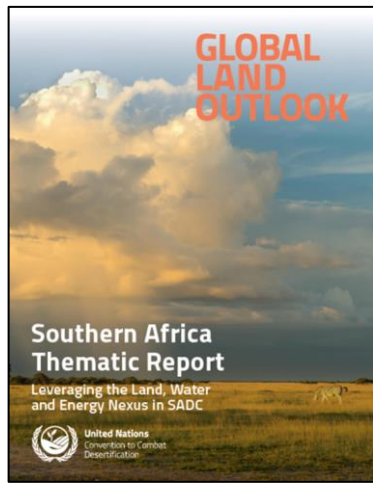
Regional Workshop on the SADC GGWI with country Parties, technical and development partners

UNCCD Global Mechanism

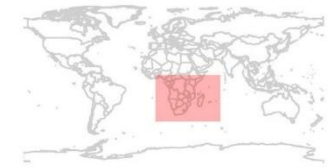
Mandate: to facilitate the mobilization of financial resources to implement the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD)

- Enabling environment:
 - Land Degradation Neutrality (LDN) Target Setting Programme
 - Drought planning
- Project preparation and resource mobilization
 - Capacity building
 - Partnerships for project preparation (regional flagships, as well as national and multi-county projects)
 - Pilot projects
- Greater Sahel and Legacy Programmes
- Private sector and innovative financing

UNCCD & Global Mechanism Footprint in Southern Africa



LDN TSP : Land Degradation Neutrality Target Setting Programme
 LDN TPP : Land Degradation Neutrality Transformative Projects and Programmes
 DI : Drought Initiative
 GGW : The Great Green Wall Initiative
 3S : 3S Initiative



Strategic Direction

SADC/ECC-NRM/17/2019/5

SADC STRATEGY FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE GREAT GREEN WALL INITIATIVE



AIM OF THE SADC GGWI

To promote synergies and effective coordination between the activities of various national and sub-regional bodies and partners

VISION

Productive landscapes in the southern Africa region that contribute to regional socially inclusive economic prosperity and environmental sustainability.

SADC GGWI STRATEGY AND NATIONAL ACTION PLANS

The strategy was endorsed by the Joint Committee of Ministers responsible for Environment, Natural Resources and Tourism in 2019, now countries are finalizing their GGWI National Action Plans

Characteristics of the region: the context

The Southern African Development Community comprises of 16 countries with great diversity in the people and landscapes.

The People: 345 million

65% live in rural areas

70% are agriculture-dependent

70% are reliant on ground water

33% live in drought-prone areas

15% are facing acute food insecurity

The Land: 10 million km²

84% is drylands

38% is forest and woodlands

25% is arable land

45% is used for grazing

34% is degraded



Challenges facing the region:

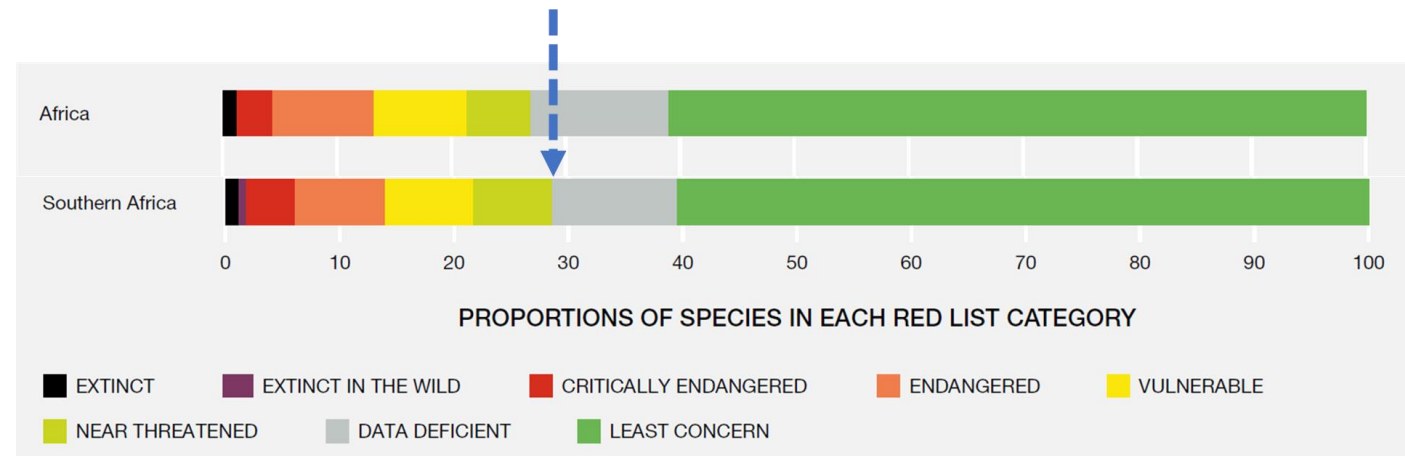
In 2019, UNCCD national reports revealed that **over 34% of the total land area of Southern Africa is degraded** based on SDG indicator 15.3.1 metrics.

Land that is degraded in km² and proportion of land that is degraded over total land area at global, regional and subregional level

Subregion name	Total area degraded land (km ²)	
	1000s)	Proportion degraded land (%)
Central Africa	735	13.8
Eastern Africa	782	19.9
Northern Africa	213	4.3
Southern Africa	1 751	34.1
Western Africa	679	14.0
Africa (total)	4 161	17.2

Source: UNCCD (2019) ICCD/CRIC(17)/2 – CRIC Preliminary analysis – UNCCD strategic objective 1:

East and Southern African rangelands shelter the greatest diversity of large mammals in the world. Almost 30% of endemic species in Southern Africa are at **risk of extinction**



Source: IPBES (2018) based on Brooks et al (2016). Graphic is taken from Figure SPM 5 of the regional assessment report on biodiversity and ecosystem services for Africa

Drought is the most common, most costly and most deadly natural disaster in southern Africa



Source: Southern Africa Drought Resilience Initiative (SADRI 2021)

**There are many more challenges,
but also opportunities...**

Where are SADC countries on global commitments?

15 SADC countries have set national voluntary Land Degradation Neutrality (LDN) targets

Angola, Botswana, Comoros, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Eswatini, Lesotho, Madagascar, Malawi, Mauritius, Namibia, Seychelles, South Africa, United Republic Tanzania, Zambia, Zimbabwe

16 SADC countries have submitted Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs)

Angola, Botswana, Comoros, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Eswatini, Lesotho, Madagascar, Malawi, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, Seychelles, South Africa, United Republic Tanzania, Zambia, Zimbabwe

15 SADC countries have submitted National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans (NBSAPs)

Angola, Botswana, Comoros, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Eswatini, Madagascar, Malawi, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, Seychelles, South Africa, United Republic Tanzania, Zambia, Zimbabwe

10 SADC countries are participating in AFR100

Democratic Republic of the Congo, Eswatini, Madagascar, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, South Africa, United Republic Tanzania, Zambia, Zimbabwe

IN TOTAL:

OVER 105,290,521 HECTARES have been committed by SADC countries to be restored through the LDN targets

OVER 131,580,539 HECTARES have been committed by SADC countries through the LDN, NBSAP, NDCs and Bonn Challenge

What the GGWI can bring to Southern Africa?

- A brand and narrative for the collaborative pursuit of sustainability & wealth creation
- An intersectoral platform for planning and cooperation
- Transboundary initiatives to maximize ecosystem services
- New financing mechanisms and revenue streams



SADC GGWI Investment Pillars

The **SADC GGWI** will be mobilizing resources for regional, multi-country and national projects aligned with its 6 investment pillars and cross-cutting issues

SADC GGWI INVESTMENT PILLARS

1	WATER FOR ALL Drought and water scarcity
2	ACCESS TO RENEWABLE ENERGY Renewable energy and energy efficiency for access and development
3	PRODUCTIVE & RESILIENT ECOSYSTEMS (LAND, BIODIVERSITY & CLIMATE CHANGE) Land restoration, soils, land management, agroforestry, forests, rangelands, wetlands, coastal (Blue Wall), land use planning, nature-based solutions, wildlife, natural resource management
4	CLIMATE RESILIENT GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE
5	STRENGTHENED AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTIVITY & RESILIENT FOOD SYSTEMS Food security, value chains, irrigation, commercialization, fisheries, climate smart agriculture, livestock
6	TRANSFORMATIVE ECONOMIC & BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT Livelihoods vs. wealth creation, green jobs, ecotourism, equitable and resilient communities, waste management & circular economy, private sector development

CROSS CUTTING

GREEN TECHNOLOGY
(& Technology transfer)

GOVERNANCE
(Policy, institutions, tenure, monitoring, reporting & verification)

CAPACITY BUILDING
(Knowledge, education, awareness-raising, research & innovation)

GENDER
(Women's empowerment)

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RESOURCE MOBILIZATION & INNOVATIVE FINANCING

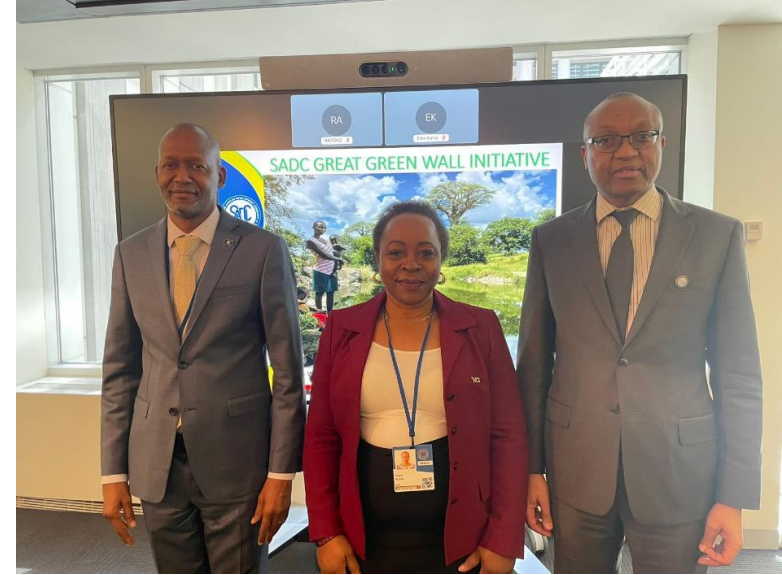
DISASTER RISK REDUCTION & EARLY WARNING SYSTEMS

*The SADC GGWI Investment Pillars were jointly formulated with country representatives and development partners at the SADC GGWI Stakeholder Engagement and Capacity Building Workshop, August 2022 in Pretoria, South Africa

Realising the SADC GGWI vision...

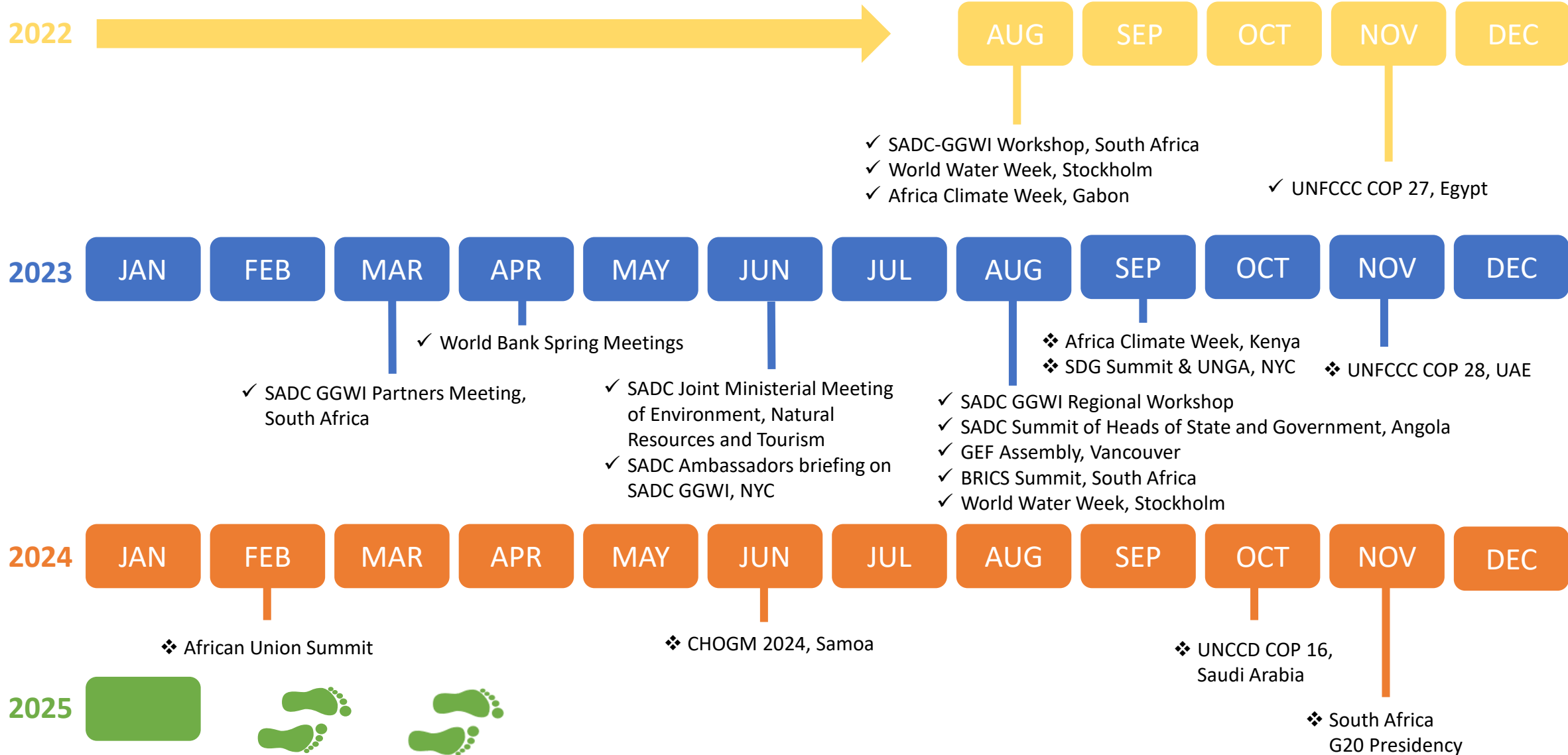
4 lessons learnt from the GGWI of the Sahara and Sahel

- 1. Strong political momentum with the commitment of Heads of States**
 - Heads of State of the 11 countries are meeting every two years to monitor the progress.
- 2. Involve Ministries of Planning and Finance** – Mobilizing resources is a joint effort and the Ministries of Planning and Finance as well as other sectoral ministries leading the prioritized pillars need to be involved right from the beginning



- 3. National coalitions for intersectoral coordination** – The GGW is an ambitious initiative that needs strong human, technical and financial resources in each country as well as at the regional level for a smooth implementation and monitoring
- 4. Mobilization of the private sector** – the private sector will be key to ensure the creation of jobs and economic growth, the GGW has the potential to transform regional agro-value chains attracting private investments and promoting a “Made in SADC” brand.

Political processes, key high-level events and timelines



SADC GGWI roadmap for resource mobilization

Developing a pipeline of investment-ready projects and programmes

2019

- SADC GGWI regional strategy and implementation plan approved

2022

- Investment Pillars
- Project Ideas

2023

- Narrative (our story)
- Branding of SADC GGWI
- Implementation of the Roadmap
- Project preparation
- Resource mobilization
- Development of Investment Plan

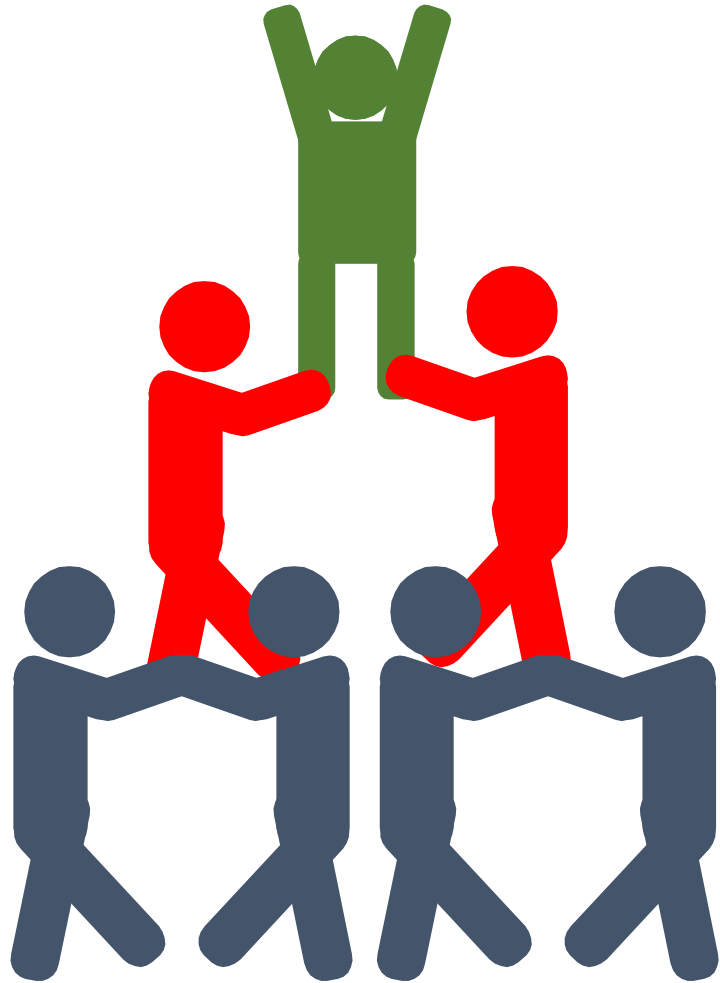
2024

- Implementation of the Roadmap
- Development and implementation of Investment Plan
- Project preparation
- Resource mobilisation
- Pledging conference

2025

- Call for financing
- Coordination approach agreed
- Funding secured for SADC GGWI

Accelerating Implementation of the SADC GGWI



SADC GGWI REGIONAL COORDINATION - WINNING TOGETHER

- Setting up operational modalities of the SADC GGWI to enhance the coordination and collaboration across sectors and actors relevant to the SADC GGWI

LEVERAGING ON EXISTING & NEW FUNDING SOURCES TO FINANCE AT SCALE

- Development of a SADC GGW regional investment plan and project pipeline (taking into consideration existing on-going and planned projects)
- Making the investment case and securing traditional and non-traditional/innovative financing

BUILDING PARTNERSHIPS TO MOBILISE INVESTMENTS

- The SADC region has immense potential with multi-sector active stakeholders with strong technical and technological capacity
- Opportunities are available to collaborate and enhance investment readiness and to support programme development

**Example of a regional programme
contributing to the SADC GGWI...**

Zambezi Watercourse Key Features

- Africa's 4th largest river (after Nile, Congo, Niger)
- Covers 8 countries: Angola, Botswana, Tanzania, Namibia, Zambia, Zimbabwe, Malawi and Mozambique
- River Length: 2,700 km
- Watercourse Area: 1.37million km²
- M.A.R: Over 200 Billion m³
- 13 sub-basins
- Pop: Over 40 Ml. Projected 51Ml.2025



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Regional Programme: PIDACC Zambezi

Programme for Integrated Development and Adaptation to Climate Change in the Zambezi Watercourse

Component 1: Strengthening Integrated Landscape Management

- 1.1 Integrated Landscape Management Approach
- 2.2 Integrated Water Resources Management

Component 2: Building Communities' Resilience

- 2.1 Climate resilient infrastructure development
- 2.2 Reinforcing inclusive livelihoods

Objective and Components

PIDACC Zambezi Relationship

“build strong communities that are resilient to climatic and economic shocks in the Zambezi Watercourse, through promoting inclusive transformative investments, job-creation and ecosystem-based solutions.”

Component 3: Supporting Adaptive Capacity and Institutional Capacity Development

- 3.1 Strengthening Adaptive Capacity of Communities
- 3.2 Strengthening Institutional Foundation

Component 4: Coordination and Programme Management

- 4.1 Monitoring, evaluation and learning/knowledge sharing



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Regional Programme: PIDACC Zambezi

Zambezi Portfolio of Projects

- PIDACC Zambezi Zone I, AfDB – Approved (Regional, Mozambique and Zambia)
- PIDACC Zambezi Zone II, AfDB – Under development
- Zambezi Region Investment Plan, CIF NPC – Investment Plan Preparation Grant request submitted
- PIDACC Zambezi, GCF – Under development
- PIDACC Zambezi, GEF – Under development



Thank you

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