



SOUTHERN AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY REGIONAL COUNTER TERRORISM CENTRE (SADC-RCTC)

MEASURES TO ELIMINATE INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM IN SADC REGION

1.0 Preamble

Southern African Development Cooperation (SADC) is intergovernmental regional block that comprises 16 Member States in African Continent namely, Angola, Botswana, Comoros, Democratic Republic of Congo, Eswatini, Lesotho, Malawi, Mauritius, Madagascar, Namibia, Mozambique, Seychelles, South Africa, Tanzania, Zambia and Zimbabwe. The region is currently engulfed with two hotspots of terrorism activities in DRC and Mozambique. The REC notes such cases with all weight deserves as threat to those countries is a threat to entire region. In ensuring the situation remains stable, the following Measures to eliminate international terrorism have been considered.

2.0 Measures Taken

2.0.1 Regional Counter Terrorism Strategy

In 2015 initiated an exercise of drafting and ratifying CT Strategy to all member states. The strategy among other things, suggested to establish a dedicated Regional Counter Terrorism Centre to coordinate efforts of fighting terrorism in the Region. Currently the centre is spearheading establishment of dedicated National Counter Terrorism Centres from each member State. Furthermore, the emphasis has been placed on ensuring each country write its National Counter Terrorism Strategy. The Centre was established in November 2021 as among key satellite office of SADC located in Dar es Salaam Tanzania

2.0.2 Establishment of Regional Counter Terrorism Forum

The Region holds a biannual Counter Terrorism Forum famously abbreviated as CT Forum. This event brings together all heads of Counter Terrorism Agencies from Member States to share experience, discuss and decided on matters related to terrorism activities in the region.

2.0.3 Engaging in special Missions aiming to help Member Sates

SADC through its superior meeting 'the summit of Head of States' decided in 2022 to help Mozambique stabilize from terrorism incidences by authorizing a special operation famously known as SAMIM (SADC Mission in Mozambique) which its mandate ended on 2023 with milestone achievements of neutralizing the terrorism activities in Mozambique and Region at large.

Member states:

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

3.0 Conclusion

SADC will keep its boots strongly in the ground as far as elimination of International Terrorism is concerned. Currently SADC is cooperating with various regional communities and United Nations Agencies like UNOCT, UNODC all aiming to ensure the fight of terrorism is multilaterally approached as it is difficult to win this war unilaterally.

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