

## **SOUTHERN AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY**

### **TREATY OF THE SOUTHERN AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY SADC TREATY (17 AUGUST 1992)\* AS AMENDED BY AMENDMENT TREATY OF 14 AUGUST 2001**

#### **ARTICLE 21**

##### **AREAS OF CO-OPERATION**

1. Member States shall cooperate in all areas necessary to foster regional development and integration on the basis of balance, equity and mutual benefit.
2. Member States shall, through appropriate institutions of SADC, coordinate, rationalise and harmonise their overall macro-economic and sectoral policies and strategies, programmes and projects in the areas of co-operation.
3. In accordance with the provisions of this Treaty, Member States agree to co-operate in the areas of:
  - a) food security, land and agriculture;
  - b) infrastructure and services;
  - c) trade, industry, finance, investment and mining;
  - d) social and human development and special programmes;
  - e) science and technology;
  - f) natural resources and environment;
  - g) social welfare, information and culture; and
  - h) politics, diplomacy, international relations, peace and security.
4. Additional areas of co-operation may be decided upon by the Council.

#### **ARTICLE 22**

##### **PROTOCOLS**

1. Member States shall conclude such Protocols as may be necessary in each area of cooperation, which shall spell out the objectives and scope of, and institutional mechanisms for, cooperation and integration.
2. Each Protocol shall be approved by the Summit on the recommendation of the Council, and shall thereafter become an integral part of this Treaty.
3. Each Protocol shall be subject to signature and ratification by the parties thereto.