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SADC AND PARTNERS TO DISCUSS WATER, ENERGY, FOOD SECURITY AT THE 10th SADC MULTI-STAKEHOLDER DIALOGUE

30 August 2022, Gaborone, Botswana. The Southern African Development Community (SADC), with the technical support of the Global Water Partnership Southern Africa (GWPSA) will hold the 10th SADC Multi-Stakeholder Dialogue on 5-7 September 2022 in Maseru, in the Kingdom of Lesotho. The theme of the dialogue is “**Bolstering regional productive capacities for water, energy, food security and ecosystem resilience to achieve inclusive and sustainable industrial transformation**” and will be hosted by the Government of Lesotho through the Ministry of Water. Building on the momentum from previous meetings the 10th Multi-Stakeholder Dialogue will take forward the implementation of the SADC Industrialisation Strategy and Roadmap 2015-2063, with a specific focus on enhancing regional productive capacities through the Water, Energy and Food (WEF) Nexus and Ecosystem-based approaches.

The Dialogue is a biennial event organised by the SADC Secretariat which provides a forum for practitioners from the water and related sectors to discuss pertinent issues on deepening regional integration and poverty reduction in the region. The objective is to ensure that the region unlocks the potential of sustainable water resources development in contributing to regional integration, poverty eradication and socio-economic development. The outcomes of the three- day Dialogue will feed into the decisions to be presented by the Ministers responsible for food, water, and energy security to the SADC Council of Ministers.

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