THE SADC WEF NEXUS DIALOGUES PROJECT

The SADC WEF Nexus Dialogue Project "Fostering Water, Energy and Food Security Nexus Dialogue and Multi-Sector Investment in the SADC Region" is a project supported by the European Commission as part of the global 'Nexus Dialogues Programme'. Phase I of the Nexus Dialogues Programme ran from 2017-2019 and aimed at helping regional organisations, and their member states apply a nexus approach in formulating multi-sector policy recommendations, strategies, action plans and investment programmes.

KEY RESULTS FROM PHASE I

The key results achieved from Phase I include:

- Establishment of a SADC Regional WEF Nexus Governance Framework.
- The development of a SADC WEF Nexus investment project screening and appraisal tool; and,
- Development of a prioritised list of Nexus Investment Projects

PROJECT SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES

The specific objectives of Phase II are to:

- Increase application of the Nexus approach in planning, policymaking and implementation and,
- Increase interest from the public and private investors for projects applying the Nexus approach
- Identifying and accelerating WEF nexus investments in the SADC region

EXPECTED OUTCOMES

Two major outputs are expected from the project:

- Increased application of the Nexus approach in planning, policy making, and implementation.
- Increased interest from public and private investors for projects applying the Nexus approach.

APPROACH AND ACTIVITIES

The following are the key project activities.

PHASE II

The project is currently implementing Phase II which commenced in 2020 until 2023. This phase builds on the achievements of the first phase, with the overall objective being to institutionalise the WEF Nexus approach at regional and national governance structures and investment decisions for water, energy, and food security in the SADC region.

SUPPORTING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF WEF NEXUS DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS

- Raising awareness and promoting WEF Nexus opportunities for development
- WEF Nexus knowledge and communication
- Technical support to promote WEF nexus opportunities

OT 2.1 WEF NEXUS INVESTMENT PROJECTS

- Strengthening capacities and processes to implement the WEF Nexus Approach
- Strengthening WEF Nexus in regional Instruments (RSAP V and RIDMP)
- Regional WEF Guidelines for project implementation and planning
- Regional WEF Training on project implementation

The national dialogues aim to strengthen capacity on the WEF Nexus, especially in conducting WEF nexus analysis to inform decision making. The overall objective of the SADC WEF Nexus National Dialogues is to identify national WEF nexus priorities and showcase the benefits of how improved sectoral coordination can accelerate national investment opportunities.
Fostering a Water, Energy and Food security Nexus dialogue and multi-sector investment in the SADC region:

**Phase II**

**Engagement through Regional Dialogues**

The 10th SADC Multistakeholder Dialogue was held from 5 to 7 September 2022 at Avani Maseru hotel in the Kingdom of Lesotho under the main theme ‘Bolstering regional productive capacities for water, energy, food security and ecosystem resilience to achieve inclusive and sustainable industrial transformation’.

**Technical Support to the Development of Investment Projects**

The project is providing technical assistance in incorporating the WEF Nexus approach in the following projects:

- Upscaling solar powered irrigation demo projects in Malawi and Zambia.
- Land Degradation Neutrality Transformative Projects and Programmes (LDN TPP) in South Africa.
- Strengthening knowledge and capacity for the implementation of WEF Nexus adaptation interventions for improved climate resilience in Lesotho.
- Strengthen integrated source to sea management for sustainable development of SADC’s Incomaputo Commission.

**Strengthening Capabilities and Processes to Implement Nexus Approach**

The project is currently providing technical support in the development of the following technical documents:

- WEF Nexus Regional Guidelines Document
- Strengthening the WEF Nexus approach in the development of the second RIDMP Short Term Action Plan (RIDMP STAP II)
- Roadmap for guiding WEF Nexus planning, adoption and investment planning in the SADC region.

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