

Enhancing Nationally Determined Contributions Across the SADC Region

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Time: 2 -4 pm (SAST)

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NDCs form the backbone of the Paris Agreement. These national policy instruments communicate countries' domestic climate commitments to the international community, report on progress and outline support that is needed to ensure effective implementation. NDCs are required to be updated every five years to ensure increasing ambition and alignment with the latest climate science. SADC countries are at different stages in this process - five Member States have submitted their revised NDCs to the UNFCCC, while others are undergoing internal validation and stakeholder engagement. The NDC revision process allows countries to reflect internally and draw on the experiences of others, both in the region and globally. This targeted virtual event will promote engagement and uptake of the key lessons of the NDC revision experiences of Rwanda, South Africa and Costa Rica.

14h00 – 14h10	Welcome & Introduction Alex Benkenstein (SAIIAs GARP Programme Head) Erick Omollo, KAS programme
14h10 – 14h20	NDCs and SADC: setting the scene Romy Chevallier, Climate Change Researcher, South African Institute of International Affairs (SAIIA)
14h20 – 14h45	Inclusive stakeholder engagement and key processes: South Africa Mkhuthazi Steleki, Director of International Climate Change, Department of Environment, Forestry and Fisheries, South Africa
14h45 – 15h10	Anticipating futures to enhance NDC ambition and catalyse change: Costa Rica Marieke Veeger, Scenarios and Policy Researcher, University for International Cooperation (UCI), Costa Rica
15h10 – 15h35	Building on a longer-term, low carbon development vision: Rwanda Herman Hakuzimana, Director of Climate Change and International Obligations Unit, Rwanda Environment Management Authority, Ministry of Environment, Rwanda
15h35 – 16h00	Q and A, dialogue and participant perspectives (Interactive session for all)
16h00	Workshop Close