



Summary

TITLE	To enhance the participation of SADC member countries and the role of the SADC secretariat in the Regional and multilateral trade negotiations
Applicant	SADC Secretariat
Duration of the Project	The intended commencement date is October 2011 and the period of implementation of the contract will be 5 months from this date.
Purposes of the action	The main purpose is to enhance the participation of the SADC member States in the regional and multilateral trade negotiations and to establish a coordination role of the SADC secretariat.
Target group(s)	The SADC Secretariat Directorate of Trade, Finance Industry and Investment and the representatives from 15 SADC Member States. Officials from the Ministries and agencies involved in trade policy negotiations and implementations, Geneva based SADC delegates, trade associations, civil society, academia and other stakeholders involved in multilateral trade issues.
Expertise Required	Three key experts are envisaged for this assignment: a Trade Policy Expert who will review the state of play in the negotiations and identify potential gap between negotiating positions. An Economist who will analyse the consequences of these gaps for the SADC region, and identify possible options to militate against any potential negative effect that is likely to ensue. The third expert will mainly focus on the legal implications.
Expected results	
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Better understanding of the multilateral trading system and its implications to the SADC members countries 2. Improved coordination at national, regional and multilateral levels to manage trade negotiations 3. Improved capacity of SADC secretariat and its Member States to identify pro-development reforms and appropriate policies to benefit from the multilateral trading system opportunities 4. improved communication and flows of information exchange between SADC Member States; SADC Geneva based representatives and the SADC Secretariat
Main activities	
	<p>The experts will:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Prepare workshop materials on the multilateral trading system taking. ii. Hold a 4 days' workshop

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">iii. Propose an improved coordination mechanisms at the national, SADC, and multilateral levelsiv. Assist the participants to come up with recommendations on the way forward in preparation for the 8th WTO Ministerial Conference and beyondv. Preparation of summary of proceedings
Budget Estimate	€ 199.550