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THE SECOND INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON REGIONAL INTEGRATION AND SADC LAW:

***Strategies for Achieving the Mainstreaming of Regional Integration
through the Harmonization and Modernization of Economic and
Business Laws in Southern Africa.***

**Joaquim Chissano International Conference Centre
Maputo, Mozambique, 9th – 11th November 2010**

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PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

| Day / Time | Activity | Chair |
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| Monday, 8 th November 2010 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Arrival of regional and international facilitators and participants, - Airport transfers and Hotel check-in | |
| <u>DAY ONE:</u> Tuesday, 9 th November 2010 | OPENING CEREMONY | |
| 09h00 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Welcome address by the host of the conference: Dean of the Faculty of Law, Eduardo Mondlane University, Prof. Doutor Armando César Dimande - Introductory Remarks by the Chair of the Organizing Committee, - Opening Statement by a representative of the International Development Law Organization IDLO - Opening Statement by a representative of the African Development Bank (AfDB). - Opening Statement by the Chairman of the Mozambique Revenue Authority (Autoridade tributaria de Moçambique ATM). | Facilitator (MC) Valdomiro Sócrates (CEDIR-UEM) |
| | Official opening speech by the Rector of Eduardo Mondlane University, Prof. Filipe José Couto. | |
| | - Key Note Address by the SADC Executive Secretary | |
| 10h30 | Tea / Coffee break | |
| SESSIONS : PRESENTATIONS AND DEBATES | | |
| 11h00 | Session I Current tasks and challenges with regard to the implementation of the Regional Indicative Strategic Development Plan (RISDP) at national level and the domestication of SADC Protocols. | Chair Justice Charles Mkandawire SADC Tribunal |
| 11h00 – 11h40 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Introduction to the SADC Regional Indicative Strategic Development Plan (RISDP) by Alfred Latigo - Current challenges with regard to the implementation of the RISDP at national level and the domestication of SADC Protocols by Alfred Latigo /Charles E Minega. | |
| 11h40 – 12h00 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Presentation on the EPAs and their implications on the SADC Regional Integration: Some insights from other RECs and how they are dealing with the contradictions between their | |

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| | integration agenda and the EPAs, by Maria Luisa Ficheira, IDLO | |
| 12h00 – 12h30 | - Presentation of CEDIR’s “Model Framework on Mainstreaming Regional Integration in National Development Plans” By Alfred Latigo & Charles E Minega. | |
| 12h30 – 13h00 | Panel Discussions: Debate (Questions/ Answers) | |
| 13h00 | Lunch / Break | |
| 14h30 | Session II Regional and International Experiences in the harmonization and modernization of Economic and Business Laws: practice and lessons from success cases. | Chair Armando César Dimande, UEM |
| 14h30 – 15h30 | Presentations from International Partner Institutions: - Presentation on International experience and lessons for mainstreaming regional integration and harmonization of law by Mr. Fortunato Piergiuseppe (UNCTAD - Geneva) - Presentation on the Harmonization of SADC Laws under the experience of international practice, by Mr. Raphael Jakoba (UNCITRAL) - Presentation by a Representative of the OHADA Permanent Secretary - Presentation by a Representative of the African Development Bank | |
| | <u>Plenary discussions</u> | |
| 15h40 | Tea / Coffee break | |
| 16h00 | Session III The need for a Framework for the Harmonization of Economic and Business Laws in Southern Africa: Conceptual and Theoretical Frameworks. | Chair Justice Adelino Manuel Muchanga |
| 16h00 – 16h40 | Requirements for mainstreaming regional integration at national level: An overview on experiences and best practices from other RECs in Africa by Gilles Cistac | |
| | A Contribution to the Development of a Strategic Framework for the Harmonization of Economic and Business Law in SADC by Prof Gilles Cistac UEM | |
| | Legal integration in the SADC region: some methodological reflexions by Prof. Salvatore Mancuso, University of Macau (China) | |
| | - Working Groups : Presentations of thematic topic and discussion by working group members (see annex) | |
| 19h00 – 20h30 | UEM-IDLO special cocktail/dinner for invited guests Theme: EPAs and Regional Integration. | |
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| <p>DAY TWO: Wednesday, 10th November 2010</p> | <p align="center">Session IV Mainstreaming Regional Integration through the Harmonization and Modernization of Economic and Business Laws in Southern Africa: Conceptual issues and Methodologies.</p> | <p align="center">Chair Maxine Kenneth IDLO</p> |
| <p>09h00 – 10h30</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Is there the need for a Uniform Commercial Law Approach in Southern Africa - by Doris LENO - Presentation on the Adoption of UNCITRAL Instruments to Fast Track Regional Integration of Commercial Law by Sieg Eselen (UNISA) - Regional Integration and the Harmonization Custom Laws and Regulations: experiences and lessons from the SADC Customs Union Initiative By Mozambique Revenue Authority (ATM) - Harmonization of Value Added Taxes (VAT) in SADC Countries by Puseletso Letete - <u>Plenary discussions</u> | |
| <p>10h30</p> | <p align="center">Tea / Coffee break</p> | |
| <p>11h45</p> | <p align="center">Session V Strategies for Mainstreaming Regional Integration through the Harmonization and Modernization of Economic and Business Laws in Southern Africa: Practical Issues</p> | <p align="center">Chair Raphael Jakoba UNCITRAL</p> |
| <p>11h45 – 12h20</p> | <p>Presentation of background papers from the Regional Academic Network and SADC Focal Points.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Regional Integration and the Harmonization in the area of Intellectual Property Rights: What role for SADC By Marumo Nkomo - The Harmonization of Mineral Regimes in SADC by Hudson MTEGHA - The Harmonization of Electronic Legal Environment and Enhancement of Business in the Southern African Development Community by Khaled Qasaymeh | |
| <p>12h20 – 13h00</p> | <p>- Debate (Questions / Answers)</p> | |
| <p>13h00</p> | <p align="center">Lunch / Break</p> | |
| <p>14h30 – 15h30</p> | <p align="center">Session V (Continued) Strategies for Mainstreaming Regional Integration through the Harmonization and Modernization of Economic and Business Laws in Southern Africa: Practical Issues</p> | <p align="center">Chair Gilles Cistac, UEM</p> |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Institutional Investment and the Protection of Human Rights: the developing Regional and International Legal Framework by Bonita Meyersfeld - An Analysis of the SADC Tribunal Role and Capacity as a Labour Court for SADC Employees and for the SADC Region | |

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| | <p>as a Whole by Tazorora Musarurwa</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Challenges Facing the Harmonization of the Legal Profession in SADC by Phazha Jimmy Ngandwe <p><u>Plenary discussions</u></p> | |
| 15h30 | Tea / Coffee break | |
| 15h45 – 16h40 | <p align="center"><u>Session VI</u></p> <p>Collaborative efforts for Mainstreaming Regional Integration through the Harmonization and Modernization of Economic and Business Laws in SADC Countries</p> | <p align="center"><u>Chair</u> Salvatore Mancuso University of Macau</p> |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Presentation on funding of the programme on Mainstreaming Regional Integration in National Development Plans and the Harmonization and Modernization of Economic and Business Laws in SADC Countries by the African Development Bank - The Contribution of National Institutions (public and private sector partnerships, civil society), universities (Regional Academic Network) and research institutions. | |
| 16h40 – 17h40 | - Panel Discussions | |
| <p><u>Day Three:</u> Thursday, 11th November 2010</p> | <p align="center"><u>Session VII</u></p> <p>Towards the adoption of a Framework for Mainstreaming Regional Integration through the Harmonization and Modernization of Economic and Business Laws in SADC countries.</p> | <p align="center"><u>Chair</u> TRALAC</p> |
| 09h00 – 10h30 | <p>Presentation of Guidelines on the collaborative efforts towards the elaboration of the Draft Framework for the Harmonization of Economic and Business Laws by Conference Secretariat</p> | |
| | - Panel Discussions: questions and answers, debate on the methodology and work organization and funding of the harmonization programme. | |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <u>Working Groups</u> : <p>Presentations of thematic topic and discussion by working group members (see annex) Interactive session : exchange of experiences from SADC Focal Points, government officials, civil society and private sector</p> | |
| 10h30 | Tea / Coffee break | |
| 11h30 – 12h20 | <p align="center"><u>Session VIII</u></p> <p>Plenary Session : Debate on the draft Framework for Mainstreaming Regional Integration through the Harmonization and Modernization of Economic</p> | <p align="center"><u>Chair</u> Evanca Kalula UCT</p> |
| | <p>Presentation of a Draft Framework for Mainstreaming Regional Integration through the Harmonization and Modernization of Economic and Business Laws in SADC</p> | |

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| 12h20 –13h00 | - Preparation of final draft summary by Conference Secretariat | |
| 13h00 | Lunch / Break | |
| 14h30 – 15h30 | <u>Session IX</u> Plenary Session : Validation and adoption of the Draft Framework for the Harmonization of Economic and Business Law in Southern Africa (including deliverables and timelines). | <u>Chair</u> Alfred Latigo |
| | Conclusions, Recommendations and the Way Forward. | |
| 15h30 | Tea / Coffee break | |
| | CLOSING CEREMONY | <u>Chair</u> Armando César Dimande, UEM |
| 16h00 | Launching of the latest edition of the OHADA Law Manual in Portuguese by the Chair of the Organizing Committee. | |
| 16h15 | <u>Vote of thanks</u> By a representative of Agostinho Neto University, Angola | |
| 16h30 | <u>Official Closing Speeches</u> - Closing speech By H.E. the Ambassador of France: - by the Rector of Eduardo Mondlane University (UEM), Prof. Doutor Filipe José Couto. | |
| 19h00 – 21h00 | <u>Farewell cocktail</u> | Rector of Eduardo Mondlane University UEM |
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