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# GOVERNANCE FRAMEWORKS SHAPING RESPONSES TO MIGRATION, DISPLACEMENT AND HEALTH IN THE SOUTHERN AFRICA DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY (SADC)

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## Governance frameworks shaping responses to migration, displacement and health in the Southern African Development Community (SADC)

1992	Declaration and Treaty of the Southern African Development Community (SADC) [1]
1996	Draft Protocol on the Free Movement of Persons
1998	Declaration on Refugee Protection within Southern Africa [2]
1999	Protocol on Health [3]
2005	Protocol on Facilitation of Movements of Persons <sup>1</sup> [4]
2009	Policy Framework for Population Mobility and Communicable Diseases in the SADC region [5]
	SADC HIV and AIDS Strategic Framework, 2009 – 2015 [6]
	Harmonised Surveillance Framework for HIV and AIDS Tuberculosis and Malaria in the SADC Region [7]
	SADC Strategic Plan of Action on Combating Trafficking in Persons, especially Women and Children (2009-2019) [not accessible]
2010	SADC HIV and AIDS Cross Border Initiative [8]
	Harmonised Minimum Standards for the Prevention, Treatment and Management of Tuberculosis in the SADC Region [9]
2011	Draft SADC Guidelines on Coordinated border Management [10]
2012	SADC Declaration on Tuberculosis in the Mining Sector [11]
2013	Regional Action Plan on Labour Migration (2013-2015) [12]
	Labour Migration Policy (draft) [13]
2015	Code of Conduct on Tuberculosis in the Mining Sector [14]
	SADC Health Policy Framework [not accessible]
	Southern Africa Strategic Plan to Address Mixed and Irregular Migration 2015 - 2018 (draft) [15]
	Development of Financing Mechanisms to support the Implementation of the draft 'Policy Framework for Population Mobility and Communicable Diseases in the SADC Region' [16,17]
2016	SADC Protocol On Gender And Development Plan (2008, revised 2016) [18]
	Regional Strategy to Combat Illegal Migration, Smuggling of Migrants and Trafficking in Persons (2016-2020) [19] [not accessible]
	Draft Labour Migration Action Plan (2016-2019) [20]
2017	The SADC Common Position on the AU Protocol on Free Movement of Persons (2017) [not accessible]
	Draft SADC Regional Policy Framework on Management of Asylum Seekers and Refugees (SADC, 2017) [not accessible]
2018	TREATY OF THE SOUTHERN AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY (SADC, 2018A)
	Regional Strategy for HIV and Prevention, Treatment and Care and Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights among Key Populations [22]

<sup>1</sup> Not in force; not ratified by the required 2/3 of REC MS

2019	Common Regional Policy Framework on Refugees and Asylum Seekers [23] <i>[not accessible]</i>
	Strategy for Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights in the SADC Region 2019-2030 [24]
2020	SADC Regional Indicative Strategic Plan (RISDP) 2020-2030 [25]
	SADC Guidelines on the Portability of Social Security Benefits [19,26,27] <i>[not accessible]</i>
	SADC Vision 2050 [28]
2021	SADC Labour Migration Action Plan (2020-2025) [26,29] <i>[not accessible]</i>
<b>PROCESSES</b>	
2020 onwards	Development of a Regional Migration Policy Framework [23] <sup>2</sup>
	Development of that SADC - United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) Action Plan (2020-2024) [23,30] <sup>3</sup>
2023 onwards	SADC, UNHCR and African Development Bank: addressing forced displacement, fragility and climate resilience [30–32]
2024 onwards	Developing a 'route-based approach' to migration in SADC [33]

<b>Selected key resources</b>	
2022	Migrants Rights to Health. A Legislative and Policy Review for Southern Africa [34]
forthcoming	The future of global health security: towards migration-aware responses in SADC [35]

<sup>2</sup> "The Migration Policy Framework will outline key strategies and actions for regional response, as well as the roles and responsibilities of various actors in migration governance and also assist SADC Member States to align to Global, Continental and Regional frameworks on migration. Once in operation the Regional Migration Policy Framework will facilitate and promote the development and implementation of National Migration Policies as well as tailored National Action Plans" [23].

<sup>3</sup> "A joint UNHCR and SADC regional workshop took stock of the implementation of the 2022 SADC asylum action plan, resulting in the agreement by SADC Member States to prioritize legislative reforms, investment in registration and data management, and implementation of differentiated case processing modalities. In 2024, a regional platform on asylum will be established with SADC to address asylum issues through a "whole-of-society" approach. Moreover, UNHCR will continue to assist Governments to improve decision-making in refugee status determination processing"[30].

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