

SARA Facilitating a Platform to enhance railway sector capacity building & Human Resource Development

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SADC Transport Sector Plan key objective:

Identify key hubs and gateways for rehabilitation and development, in order to ensure that the passenger and goods markets are adequately catered for. (2012 SADC RIDMP)

Member States' general objective:

To establish transport, communications and meteorology systems which provide efficient, cost-effective and fully integrated infrastructure and operations, which best meet the needs of customers and promote economic and social development while being environmentally and economically sustainable. (SADC PTCM 1996)

Member States shall facilitate:

The provision of a seamless, efficient, predictable, cost- effective, safe and environmentally-friendly railway service which is responsive to market needs and provides access to major centres of population and economic activity (SADC PTCM 1996) 2

Guidance from SADC Protocols



1996 SADC Protocol on Transport Communications and Meteorology

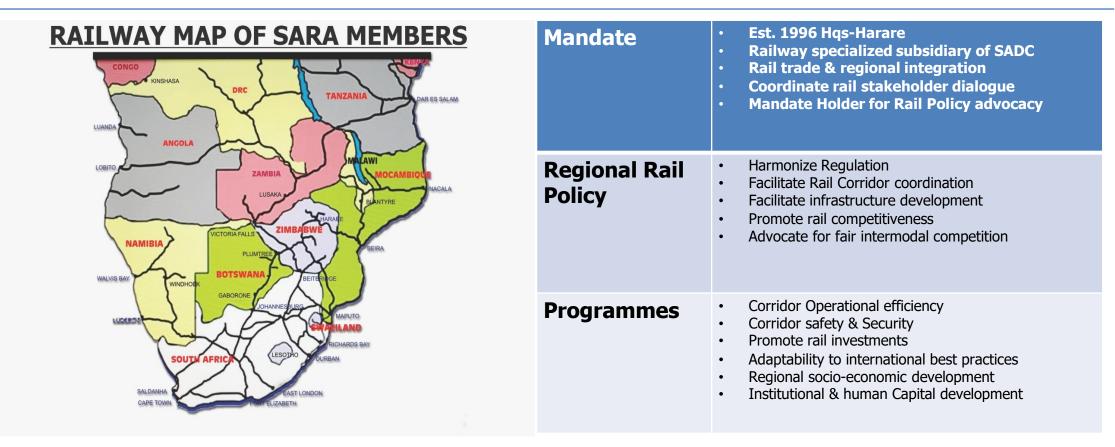
- Integration of regional transport via compatible policies, legislations, rules, standards and procedures
- Elimination or reduction of hinderances & impediments to the movement of persons, goods and services
- \checkmark Broad-based investment to develop, preserve and improve viable strategic transport
- Restructuring of state enterprises & public entities which are financially independent & commercially viable
- ✓ Optimal utilization of resources and the effective allocation of existing scarce resources
- ✓ adequate own funding and appropriate supplementary funding, amongst others, through recovery of full costs for maintenance of infrastructure and service provision and progressive recovery of full future costs for infrastructure and service provision and use on an equitable basis
- customer driven service provision characterized by adequate access to basic transport.
 communications and meteorology services and progressive improvement of service quality
- improved diversity of services and provision of services on a competitive bid basis through the promotion of fair and healthy competition between service providers in terms of transparent, flexible, predictable and streamlined regulatory frameworks
- ✓ informed decision-making and improved investor confidence to facilitate commercial activity

2012 SADC Protocol on Trade in Services

- Progressively liberalize intra-regional trade in services
- Ensure consistency between liberalization of trade in services & various Protocols in specific service sectors
- Pursue services trade liberalization, while fully preserving the right to regulate and to introduce new regulations
- Enhance the capacity & competitiveness of the services sectors of State Parties

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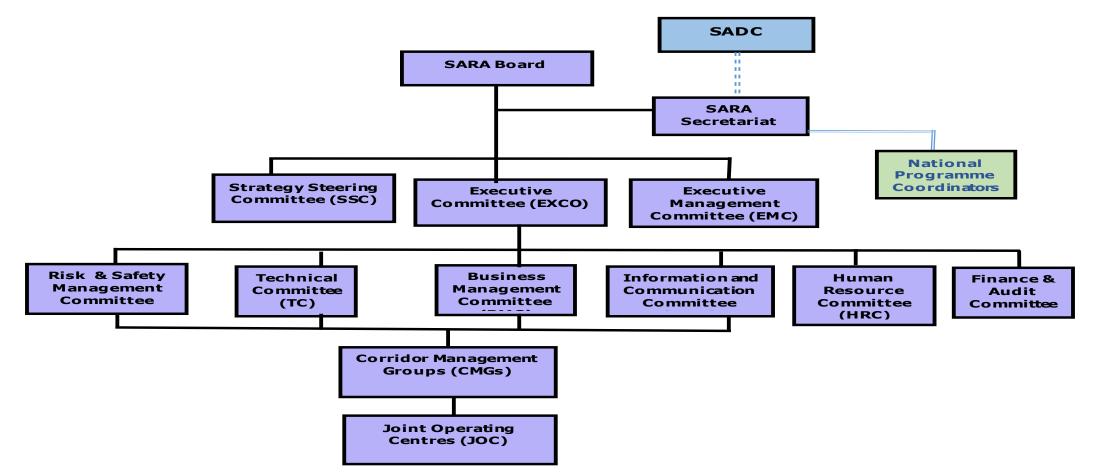






Governance Structure

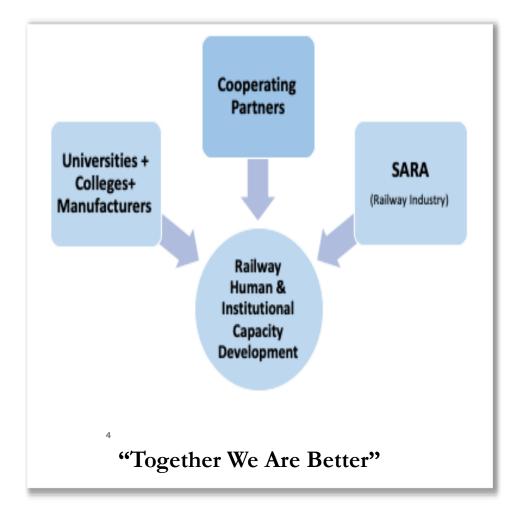




SARA Organizational and Operational Structure

Human Resource & Institutional Capacity Development for Railways





- activated cooperation on applied Research, design and development of standardised railway sector curriculum for SADC;
- established centres of excellence for railway institutional and human capital development;
- standardised learning delivery systems for core-railway programmes;
- Identified best practices and exchange of experiences;
- applied research and development for railway industry enhanced; and
- resources mobilized for sponsorship of learners for railway institutional and human capacity enhancement





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