

DiMSUR

Disaster Risk Management,
Sustainability and Urban Resilience



7th Executive Board Meeting
21th March 2022
Blantyre, Malawi

VII Session of DiMSUR
Executive Board
Blantyre

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Progress Report on DiMSUR

General Background

- **2013:** *Establishment of DiMSUR by the Governments of Mozambique, Malawi, Madagascar and the Union of the Comoros facilitated by UN-Habitat.*
- **2016:** elaboration and approval of the Strategic Plan that defines DiMSUR priorities for a 10-year time horizon (2016-2026) with a view to maximizing its effectiveness and impacts in sub-Saharan Africa.
- **2015-2016:** Development and pilot implementation of the DiMSUR Flagship product, the City RAP Tool.
- **2017:** *Approval of the proposal to host DiMSUR in Mozambique by the Council of Ministers chaired by the Head of State.*

Activities Implemented by DiMSUR (2013- 2022)

1. Executive Board Meetings

- Six (6) sessions of the DiMSUR Executive Board have been held since its establishment, organized by the DiMSUR Secretariat the UN-Habitat, the last of which was held on a virtual basis in June 2020.
- The Disaster Management Centre of South Africa participated in the Vth Session of the DiMSUR Executive Board in July 2018 in Maputo, Mozambique, as a result of its expression of interest in joining DiMSUR during the SADC Regional Conference in Disaster Risk Reduction in Pretoria, South Africa.
- Two (2) Biennial Work Plans (2016 – 2020) developed and approved by the DiMSUR Executive Board

2. Strengthening Partnerships with SADC

- UN-Habitat facilitates contact between DiMSUR and SADC, with the aim of expanding the DiMSUR mandate to other SADC member countries.
- Synergies with the SADC Disaster Risk Reduction Unit have been particularly fostered during the DiMSUR Executive Board meetings, which were attended by SADC representatives on two occasions.
- A mission was undertaken to SADC in May 2017 by the UN-Habitat Regional Office to SADC and in 2018, DiMSUR was represented at the SADC Disaster Risk Reduction Conference.
- Synergies with ongoing initiatives in the SADC region identified and windows for cooperation under discussion

3. Resource Mobilization for Strengthening Urban Resilience in Sub-Saharan Africa

Project 1

Title: Strengthening urban resilience in south-east Africa (Madagascar, Malawi, Mozambique and the Union of Comoros)

Donor: **UN Development Account (UNDESA)**

Period: 2018-2020

Total amount: US\$625,000

Objective: to strengthen capacities and establish conditions to build resilience and adapt to the adverse effects of climate change in vulnerable cities and towns

Project 2

Title: Building urban climate resilience in south-eastern Africa
(Madagascar, Malawi, Mozambique and the Union of Comoros)

Donor: ***Adaptation Fund***

Period: 2018-2021

Total amount: US\$14M

Objectives: (1) to develop capacities and establish conditions to adapt to the adverse effects of climate change in vulnerable cities and towns; (2) to promote inter-country experience sharing and cross-fertilisation

Project 3

Title: Mainstreaming Urban Risk Management and Resilience in Southern Africa

Donor: **World Bank** (EU Natural Disaster Risk Reduction Programme)

Period: 2018-2019

Total amount: US\$500,000

Objective: To strengthen the institutional capacities of SADC Member States to mainstream urban risk management and resilience at regional, national and local levels

4. DiMSUR Operationalization

- *DiMSUR Office Host Agreement with Eduardo Mondlane University in 2020.*
- Initial Furnishing of the Office carried out
- Recruitment of the DiMSUR Executive Director and the Administrative Officer