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# The SADC Protocol on Gender and Development



## Encompasses



commitments made in all regional, global and continental instruments for achieving gender equality.



## Enhances



these instruments by addressing gaps and setting specific, measurable targets where these do not exist.



## Advances



gender equality by ensuring accountability by all SADC Member States, as well as providing a form for the sharing of best practices, peer support and review.





In August 2008, Heads of State of the Southern African Development Community adopted the ground-breaking SADC Protocol on Gender and Development. This followed a concerted campaign by NGOs under the umbrella of the Southern Africa Gender Protocol Alliance.

Although by the 2010 summit, 2 countries had still not yet signed, and only 3 had ratified the Protocol, the clock is ticking to 2015 when governments have 28 targets that they will have to account for. In keeping with the Alliance slogan: "The Time is Now", this 2010 Barometer provides a wealth of updated data against which progress will be measured by all those who cherish democracy in the region. Whilst there are several challenges, the successes to date strengthen our view that change is possible.

***"Yes we can!"***