



SADC Gender Protocol Alliance members.

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Key achievements of the Alliance

- **Demanding accountability:** Mobilising for the signing and ratification of the SADC Protocol on Gender and Development, the only sub-regional instrument of its kind that brings together all existing commitments to gender equality in one instrument with 28 time-bound targets.
- **Coalition building and strengthening civil society:** Galvanising the women's movement through national focal networks, theme clusters and interest groups. Representing the gender sector in the SADC Congress of NGOs and mainstreaming gender in the work of this regional lobby network.
- **Advocacy and awareness raising** through distributing multi-media IEC materials in 23 local languages; village workshops; radio spots; a DVD and interactive engagements in all SADC countries whose impact is measured through a knowledge quiz available on the website.
- **Implementation:** The Alliance has conducted pioneering research on aligning national gender policies and action plans with the targets of the Protocol and costing implementation at national level. The Alliance is working with the SADC Gender Unit on a road map for implementing the Protocol agreed by gender ministers in 2011.
- **Monitoring and evaluation** through the monthly *Roadmap to Equality* newsletter; annual *Southern Africa Gender Protocol Barometer* that tracks implementation of the 28 targets and several case studies of the Protocol@work. In 2011 the Alliance introduced the Southern Africa Gender and Development Index (SGDI): an empirical measure of how countries are performing as a baseline against which progress towards the 2015 targets can be measured.

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The Southern Africa Gender Protocol Alliance

The Southern Africa Gender Protocol Alliance is a regional “network of networks” that championed the adoption of the SADC Protocol on Gender and Development (2008). With its slogan, *Yes we can!* the Alliance now focuses on advocacy and lobbying for the signing and ratification of the Protocol by member states of the Southern African Development Community (SADC) that have not done so, and implementation of the 28 targets to be attained by 2015.



Family affair! Reviewing the provisions of the Protocol in Malawi.

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How the Southern Africa Gender Protocol Alliance works:

