

## DISTRICT AND NATIONAL SUMMIT DATES

Country	District Summits			National Summits	
	No. Councils	START	END	START	END
BOTSWANA SOUTH	12	17-Mar	21-Mar	14-Apr	17-Apr
BOTSWANA NORTH	11	24-Mar	28-Mar		
DRC				27-Apr	03-May
LESOTHO	13	10-Mar	14-Mar	14-Apr	17-Apr
LESOTHO	15	10-Mar	14-Mar		
MADAGASCAR	15	17-Mar	21-Mar	14-Apr	17-Apr
MADAGASCAR	20	17-Mar	21-Mar		
MADAGASCAR	21	17-Mar	21-Mar		
MALAWI				14-Apr	17-Apr
MAURITIUS	12			07-Apr	14-Apr
MOZAMBIQUE	7			07-Apr	14-Apr
NAMIBIA	11	10-Mar	14-Mar	14-Apr	18-Apr
NAMIBIA	11	24-Mar	28-Mar		
NAMIBIA	9	31-Mar	04 April		
SA - LIMPOPO	6	10-Mar	14-Mar	7-Apr	10-Apr
SA - W CAPE	7	31-Mar	4-Apr		
SWAZILAND	10			07-Apr	14-Apr
TANZANIA				07-Apr	14-Apr
ZAMBIA	10	11-Mar	15-Mar	14-Apr	17-Apr
ZAMBIA	10	17-Mar	21-Mar		
ZAMBIA	6	17-Mar	21-Mar		
ZIMBABWE	12	17-Mar	21-Mar	14-Apr	17-Apr
ZIMBABWE	12	24-Mar	28-Mar		

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## THE SADC GENDER PROTOCOL SUMMIT 2014



**50/50 by 2015:  
Demanding a strong post 2015 agenda!**



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# 50/50 BY 2015 • A STRONG POST 2015 GENDER AGENDA

The SADC Gender Protocol Summit and Awards soar to greater heights this year with district, national and a regional summits calling on governments to account for their commitments to gender equality in the critical countdown to 2015. The summits will also witness the launch, from the ground up, of a movement from a strong post 2015 global and SADC gender agenda.

Gender Links (GL), the Southern African Gender Protocol Alliance, local government associations, Faith Based Organisations and the Gender and Media Diversity Centre (GMDC) with the collaboration of the SADC Gender Unit, will coordinate the SADC Gender Protocol@Work summits under the strapline "50/50 by 2015 and a strong post 2015 agenda."

The summits will serve as a loud speaker for the call to step up the pace on fulfilling the 28 targets of the SADC Protocol before the 2015 deadline. With ten elections in the region between now and the end of 2015, the Alliance and partners will especially focus on the 50/50 campaign and use the elections to demand government actions and accountability.

This year, for the first time, in a bid to strengthen the reach and impact of the **SADC Protocol@Work Summit** at the local level, summits will be cascaded to the district level in ten SADC countries. The district summits will serve to verify the work of nearly 200 Councils that have developed and are implementing gender action plans through the Centres of Excellence initiative.

During **March and April**, partners will convene 20 preparatory district summits and 12 preparatory national summits in Botswana, DRC, Lesotho, Malawi, Mauritius, Madagascar, Mozambique, Namibia, Swaziland, Tanzania, Zambia and Zimbabwe, culminating in a **regional summit held in Johannesburg from 26-28 May**.



The **2014 SADC Protocol@Work Summit** will have a stronger institutional and sustainability focus, with new categories for government ministries and the Alliance networks. A new category is on the 50/50 campaign, will put the spotlight on SADC countries holding elections over the next two years, and turn up the pressure for delivery. The gender and climate change will increase pressure for strong provisions on gender and sustainable development in the post-2015 agenda. 50/50 and post-2015 working meetings will follow each national summit. All recommendations will be consolidated at the regional summit.

	Alliance and FBO's	Government	Local Government	Media
Target groups eligible to enter the different categories	Affiliates of the Southern Africa Gender Protocol Alliance - theme, country and cross country.	Gender, local government and all line ministries, statutory bodies and parastatals.	Councils from across the SADC region who are currently part of the COE process; survivors of GBV who have received entrepreneurship training.	Institutional: Media COE. Theme: All public, private or community media house in the SADC region.
<b>Award categories</b>				
Institutional gender mainstreaming awards	Networks formed around the SADC Gender Protocol championing its provisions.	Line ministries that demonstrate the SADC Protocol@Work through targeted and costed action plans.	Centres of Excellence for Gender in Local Government in ten SADC countries.	Centres of Excellence for Gender in the Media in 12 SADC Countries. Centres of Excellence for Gender in Media Education in 7 SADC countries.
Emerging entrepreneurs			Participants in the FLOW project	
Leadership - Gender champions	Drivers of Change across all target groups who have championed the SADC Gender Protocol at local and or national level and can show evidence of results.			
GBV	Evidence of the SADC Gender Protocol@Work in halving gender violence by 2015.			Journalists may submit entries for print/online, radio, television and photojournalism in any one of the four theme categories.
50/50 awards	Special measures taken at local or national level to ensure women's equal representation and participation in decision-making in all areas, especially in preparation for forthcoming elections in the SADC region.			
Women's rights and the post 2015 SADC agenda	Evidence of the SADC Protocol@work in any one of the following theme areas of the Protocol - Constitutional and legal; Education and Training; Economic Justice; Health; HIV and AIDS; Peace Building and Conflict Resolution.			
Gender and climate change	Breaking new ground, this category calls for good practise on gender and sustainable development - and area that MUST feature in the post 2015 agenda!			

GL and Southern African Gender Protocol Alliance are calling for entries for the above categories. The closing date for district level entries is **7 March 2014**. Entries for national level close on **20 March 2014**.

Visit the SADC Protocol@Work Summit page for further details and to submit your online entry:  
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