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Quick Facts

Countries	Angola, Botswana, Congo, Democratic Republic of, Eswastini, Lesotho, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, South Africa, Tanzania, Zambia, Zimbabwe
Financial Institutions	World Bank (WB)
Status	Approved
Bank Risk Rating	A
Voting Date	2025-11-04
Borrower	Southern African Power Pool
Sectors	Energy, Infrastructure, Law and Government, Technical Cooperation
Investment Type(s)	Grant
Investment Amount (USD)	$ 12.00 million
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Project Cost (USD)	$ 38.00 million

Project Description

As stated by the World Bank, access to affordable, reliable, and clean energy is a critical enabler of sustainable and inclusive development. However, persistent global geopolitical shocks and inflationary pressures have continued to impede progress toward achieving Sustainable Development Goal 7 (SDG7). These challenges are particularly pronounced in Africa, where many countries face difficulties in ensuring reliable electricity services and expanding access to modern energy.

RETRADE SAPP (P512662)--the second phase of the Regional Energy Transmission, Trade and Decarbonization Project in Southern Africa (RETRADE-SA) Multi-phase Programmatic Approach (MPA) program--aims to address these challenges by providing long-term technical assistance to the Southern African Power Pool (SAPP). It builds on the achievements of the SAPP-AREP program (P126661), through which the World Bank supported SAPP and its member utilities in preparing regional energy infrastructure and improving the enabling environment for cross-border electricity trade. Implemented by the SAPP Coordination Centre (SAPP CC) through its Project Advisory Unit (PAU), the Project will support SAPP in strengthening institutional and member country capacities to prepare regional energy projects and enhance regional electricity trade. It will also collaborate closely with the Southern African Development Community (SADC) Secretariat, the Regional Electricity Regulators Association of Southern Africa (RERA), and the SADC Centre for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency (SACREEE).

The total estimated cost of the Project is US$38 million. The Project is structured around three components:

1) Support to the SAPP Coordination Centre and Regional Energy Institutions;
2) Regional Project Preparation and Implementation; and
3) Strengthening the Enabling Environment for Regional Energy Integration.

Component 1 directly supports regional institutions, including the PAU, by equipping them with technical expertise, laying the foundation for the implementation of Components 2 and 3. Component 2 contributes to Program Area 1 of the RETRADE-SA MPA program (Strengthening Regional Infrastructure Connectivity) by supporting upstream preparation and mobilization of financing for regional energy projects, while Component 3 aligns with Program Area 2 of the MPA program (Support to Regional Soft Infrastructure Interventions).

Investment Description

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Bank Documents

- Appraisal Environmental and Social Review Summary (ESRS) - RETRADE-SA MPA Phase 2: Technical Assista
- Appraisal Project Information Document (PID)
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- Climate Finance Assessment (P512662)
- Concept Environmental and Social Review Summary (ESRS) - Regional Energy Transmission Trade and Deca
- Concept Project Information Document (PID)
- Disclosable Version of the ISR - RETRADE-SA MPA Phase 2: Technical Assistance to the Southern Africa
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- Environmental and Social Commitment Plan (ESCP) - RETRADE-SA MPA Phase 2: Technical Assistance to th
- Environmental and Social Management Framework (ESMF) RETRADE-SA MPA Phase 2: Technical Assistance to
- Minutes of a Meeting of the Executive Directors of IBRD, IDA and the Board of Directors of IFC on No
- Official Documents- Disbursement and Financial Information Letter for Grant E5990 and ESMAP Grant TF
- Official Documents- Financing Agreement for Grant E5990.pdf
- Official Documents- Grant Agreement for ESMAP Grant TF0C9737.pdf
- Stakeholder Engagement Plan (SEP) - RETRADE-SA MPA Phase 2: Technical Assistance to the Southern Afr

Other Related Projects

- WB-P515018 RETRADE-SA MPA Phase 4: Zambia - Malawi Interconnector Project