

PROJECTS UPDATE

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1. TCIB Payment Scheme Project

TCIB scheme manager and governance arrangements

- Bankserv Africa has been appointed as scheme manager.
- The mandate of the scheme manager role entails:
 - business management, and
 - Scheme management of the payment scheme (e.g., rulebook, access criteria, participant conduct, risk management, etc.).
- The scheme manager will account to SADC PSOC.

Onboarding of TCIB participants

- The payment scheme is ready to go live.
- Finalising legal matters.
- Four participants, consists of: (1) commercial bank, (2) PPSPs, and (2) PSPs will be part of the Phase 1 go live.
- Targeting to have on boarded 25 participants by the end of 2021.



SADC RTGS account for non-banks

- Obtained approval in principle to enable non-banks to have RTGS settlement account at the SADC RTGS Operator.
- Under the auspices of Financial Inclusion.
- Eligible non-banks will be able to monitor, fund, and settle own transactions with other participating banks and non banks. No longer require banks to settle on their behalf.
- On boarding criteria is being defined by the SADC RTGS Operator.

SWIFT alliance access for the non-banks (regulated institutions)

- SWIFT has made provision to enable all regulated financial institution to now have access to the alliance network.
- SADC BA working with various entity, including SWIFT to find appropriate economical user interface solution for the non-banks.
- This functionality will leverage the use of RTGS settlement account and incorporate non-bank into the financial system even further.

SADC harmonisation of Balance of Payment (BOP) codes

- SADC BA working with the SADC Secretariat and SADC Exchange Control Committee to harmonise the use of BOP codes for exchange control reporting purposes.
- So far, 14 countries in SADC have approved the proposed BOP codes in principle. The Technical Committee is busy reviewing the codes with the remainder member countries.
- SADC BA is also in the process of obtaining a no objection approval to use remittance related BOP codes to enable STP for TCIB transactions (e.g., gift-401, migrant remittance-416, foreign-contractor-417, etc.).



2. ISO 20022 Migration Project

Working groups setups

- SADC RTGS Operator has started with the ISO20022 migration project.
- SADC BA working together with the SADC RTGS Operator to implement appropriate industry engagement strategy, and communication plan.
- Part of the key fundamental aspects of the approach is to set up technical working group with the participants that will look at various aspect of the projects (e.g., usage guidelines, standards, communication channels, etc.).
- SADC BA will be engaging with you soon to formulate those working groups.

SADC PSMB in country representatives

- SADC BA is also working towards mobilising the in-country SADC PSMB representatives to spearhead the project implementation and engagement strategy within their respective countries. The in-country banking association will be involved.



Usage guidelines

- A key task to be accomplished with the industry participants/working groups is the usage guidelines and standards.
- This is a documents that defines all the message types and formats for the SADC RTGS participants. SADC BA will be instrumental in facilitating completion of this document.

Stakeholder engagement strategy

- SADC BA has drafted the proposed strategy and currently socializing it with the SADC RTGS Operator and various key stakeholders, including the SADC-PSMB.
- As soon as it is finalised, stakeholder engagement session will commenced, and participating countries through the respective SADC PSMB member will be expected to also share their in-country plan to establish some alignment and synergies where possible.
- Communication plan will be incorporated in that document giving a view indication of the timelines.
- Various medium of communication will be utilized (e.g., email, website, newsletters, social media platforms, etc.).



3. AACB Initiative

Payment systems linkages

- AACB initiative on going
- The intention is to link the payment system of COMESA, EAC and SADC.
- Regulatory work is ongoing.
- Information is documented in the Beige Book.

Mobile

- Working group now set up.
- Terms of reference submitted to the AACB for comments.
- Busy with central bank survey.



4. TCIB Participant Association (the TPA)

Brief overview and mandate of the association

- To represent the interest of participants both the banks and non-banks.
- To ensure implementation of the TCIB payment scheme in the region.
- To engage regulators, service providers with the objective of streamlining process, standards and containing cost, and tracking local and international developments
- The TPA is an independent entity with its own cost center. It will soon have fulltime office barriers of 3 officers: (1) CEO, (1) market development, and (1) administrative staff.
- The TPA will be a mediation between the participants and the TCIB scheme operator.

Rollout plans

- Non Profit Organisation (“NPO”) established and registered.
- Currently, an interim council running the association.
- As soon as TCIB is launched and have considerable number of participate, the interim council will officially handover the association to the appointed CEO.
- Targeting to accomplish by end of 2021.



5. SADC BA Training

SADC BA offering

Up coming training

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