



MEDIA RELEASE

Announcement of the winners of the 2021 SADC Media Awards and Secondary School Essay Competition

17th August, 2021, Gaborone, Botswana: The Secretariat of the Southern African Development Community (SADC) is pleased to announce the winners of the 2021 SADC Media Awards and Secondary School Essay Competition.

The first prize and second prize winners of the SADC Media Awards in the four categories namely; Photo, Print, Television and Radio Journalism are as follows:

First prize (US\$2500) winners

CATEGORY	NAME OF JOURNALIST	DESCRIPTION OF ENTRY	MEMBER STATE
Television	Ms. Jabulile Audrey Binauli	Malawi and Mozambique strengthening their bilateral ties in the context of SADC regional cooperation and integration, following the meeting of the Presidents of Malawi and Mozambique.	Malawi
Radio	Mr. Horácio Romão	Impact of adoption of the SADC biometric driving licence on the region's economy	Mozambique
Print	Mr. José Luis Mendonça	Cultural isolation syndrome between the nations of Southern Africa and promoted SADC regional integration from a cultural perspective.	Angola
Photo	Mr. Gaseitsiwe Moruakgomo	Final inspection of Kazungula Bridge by Ministers from the Republics of Botswana and Zambia	Botswana

Second prize (US\$1000) winners

CATEGORY	NAME OF JOURNALIST	DESCRIPTION OF ENTRY	MEMBER STATE
Television	Mr. Emmanuel Munyaradzi Chamalimba	violence against migrant truck driver, SADC called to intervene, which highlights the need for peace and harmony in the trucking industry for the promotion of trade and	Zimbabwe

		economic growth of the SADC region.	
Radio	Ms. Auleria Gabriel Palali	The arrival of the new MV Space Amani ship from the Democratic Republic of Congo to Kigoma Port and how it will facilitate the transportation of goods to Kigoma region of the United Republic of Tanzania.	United Republic of Tanzania
Print	Mr. Shabani Thamani	Ferry ends after 5 years of services which highlighted the importance of the Kazungula ferry whose services came to an end following the opening of Kazungula Bridge.	Botswana
Photo	Mr. Patrick O' Leary	Truckers 'bleeding money' as authorities play their border fiddles which highlighted the challenges faced by truckers in crossing borders within the SADC region at the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic.	South Africa

Secondary School Essay Competition Winners

Secondary School learners are given a topic on which to write an essay of 1200 words. The topic for the 2021 SADC Secondary School Essay Competition was; ***How has SADC contributed to peace and security of the region in the last 40 years and how can SADC consolidate peace going forward?*** The topic was derived from the 40th Ordinary SADC Summit of Heads of State and Government; ***“SADC: 40 Years Building Peace and Security, Promoting Development and Resilience in the Face of Global Challenges”***.

The adjudication exercise for the 2021 SADC Secondary Schools Competition was held virtually from 12-16th July 2021. The Competition entries were adjudicated by education experts from the Republic of Botswana, Democratic Republic of Congo and Republic of Seychelles and the following winners were awarded;

Name	Prize money	Member State	Score
Stephanie Lee You Voon	1st prize US\$1500.00	Mauritius	Average score of 82.7%
Tholang Thejane	2nd prize US\$1000.00	Lesotho	Average score of 78.3%
Ricky Ngulube	3rd prize US\$750.00	Zambia	An average score of 77%

The SADC Secretariat congratulates all the winners for winning the 2021 SADC Media Awards and Secondary School Essay Competition for promoting SADC regional integration, cooperation and development. The Secretariat further encourages

journalists and secondary school learners in the SADC region to participate in these two annual regional competitions.

The SADC Media Awards and Secondary School Essay Competition were established in 1996 to support the process of regional co-operation and integration in the Region.

The winners of the 2021 awards will be recognised and officially announced through a video presentation during the opening ceremony of the 41st Ordinary SADC Summit of Heads of State and Government to be held in Lilongwe, Republic of Malawi on 17th August, 2021.

More information on the SADC Awards can be accessed from our website: www.sadc.int or contact Mr. Innocent Mbvundula, Communication and External Relations Officer or Mr Letso Mpho, Assistant Public Relations Officer at the SADC Secretariat; email imbvundula@sadc.int or lmpho@sadc.int and copy prinfo@sadc.int

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SADC in Brief

SADC is an organisation of 16 Member States established in 1980 as the Southern African Development Coordinating Conference and later in August, 1992 transformed into the Southern African Development Community (SADC). The mission of SADC is to promote sustainable and equitable economic growth and socio-economic development through efficient, productive systems, deeper cooperation and integration, good governance and durable peace and security; so that the region emerges as a competitive and effective player in international relations and the world economy. Member States are Angola, Botswana, Comoros, Democratic Republic of Congo, Eswatini, Lesotho, Madagascar, Malawi, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, Seychelles, South Africa, United Republic of Tanzania, Zambia and Zimbabwe

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