**SECOND CALL FOR CONCEPT NOTES FOR THE SOUTHERN AFRICA DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY (SADC) TRANSFRONTIER CONSERVATION AREA (TFCA) FINANCING FACILITY**

**Announcing the Call**

International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) announces the Second Call for Concept Notes for the Southern Africa Development Community (SADC) Transfrontier Conservation Area (TFCA) Financing Facility.

**Alternatively**

IUCN is happy to announce that the SADC TFCA Financing Facility Second Call for Concept Notes is now open!

**Application Deadline**: 1700 hrs, South Africa Standard Time, 15 November 2023

**About SADC TFCA Financing Facility**

The SADC TFCA Financing Facility (FF) is a regional fund which supports development of TFCAs in the SADC region. It is part of the SADC TFCA Programme, which aims to contribute towards sustainable financing mechanisms for transboundary natural resources management.

The initial phase of this programme (2020-2026) is funded by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development, with funding facilitated through KfW Development Bank.

The Facility aims to invest in tangible measures that support ecological connectivity, local economic development, and strengthen institutional capacities of SADC TFCAs.

The SADC TFCA FF will address the critical needs for conservation by integrating the three dimensions of “species”, “habitat” and “people”, and aligning with the overall socio-economic development and regional integration goals of SADC.

**How to Apply**

Applications must be submitted through the SADC TFCA FF Grants Portal on the link below.[**https://bit.ly/3pUeoQm**](https://bit.ly/3pUeoQm)

Applicants can register on the portal as users, to be able to log in and out of the portal during the application process. More guidance on the online application process will be provided to registered applicants, through a **webinar at the end of August*.*** The SADC TFCA FF Grants Portal will only be available to accept applications **at the end of August**. Between now and **end of August** applicants can take time to register as users on the portal, familiarise with the terms and conditions of the Call. There are useful documents for download which may help you to conceptualise your project ideas.

Please read the concept note application guidelines together with these instructions to applicants.

IUCN will host webinar sessions, providing information on the online application process, TFCA FF priorities and any other questions potential applicants may have. Specific dates for the webinars will be announced in due course.