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10:30 -11:00	Plenary Discussion
11:00-11:30	<b>Coffee Break</b>
11:30 -11:50	<p><b>SADC COUNTRY EXPERIENCES</b></p> <p><b>Issues and Constraints of SME Financing and Support - Mozambique</b></p> <p><b>Mr. Francisco Souto, CEO, GAPI-SI, Mozambique</b></p>
11:50 -12:10	<p><b>Issues and Constraints of SME Financing and Support – Lesotho</b></p> <p><b>Mr. Robert Likhang, CEO, Basotho Enterprises Development Corporation (BEDCO), Lesotho</b></p>
12:10 -12:30	<p><b>Issues and Constraints of SME Financing and Support – Botswana</b></p> <p><b>Dr. Tebogo Matome, CEO, Local Enterprise Authority, Botswana</b></p>
12:30 - 13:15	Plenary Discussion
13:15 - 13:30	<p>Closing Remarks:</p> <p><b>Mr. Stuart Kufeni, CEO, SADC-DFRC</b></p>
<b>13:30</b>	<b>Lunch</b>



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SADC DEVELOPMENT

**Chief Executive Officers' Forum**



**Supporting SME Development - Lessons and Experiences from Malaysia and Japan**

18<sup>th</sup> June 2015

Radisson Blu Hotel



Maputo, Mozambique

## » Objective

The objective of the programme is to provide a platform for the exchange of views and experiences on the role, operational challenges and experiences of SME financing and support programmes, as well as the broader policy environment within which they operate.

The workshop draws on the experiences of Malaysia and Japan in developing the SME sector, and the overseas development assistance rendered in support of enterprise development. This forms the basis for reflection and comparison of experiences of SADC DFIs and member states in the implementation of such programmes.

The workshop expects to share experiences, and point to directions of policy reform for the enhancement of the performance of SMEs in the SADC region.

## » Approach

The programme will feature a keynote speaker from Malaysia, Dato Hafsah Hashim, who is the Chief Executive Officer of the SME Corporation in Malaysia.

Support speakers will be from Japan to discuss Japanese experiences,

while selected Chief Executive Officers of SADC DFIs will share their experiences in financing and supporting SMEs in the SADC region.

## » Keynote Speaker

**Dato' Hafsah Hashim** is currently the Chief Executive Officer of SME Corporation Malaysia (SME Corp. Malaysia). She holds a Bachelor in Applied Science from Science University of Malaysia and Masters in Business Administration from Aston University, United Kingdom.

Dato' Hafsah has vast experience in Public sector administration and has served in several ministries including Ministry of International Trade and Industry (MITI), Ministry of Agriculture and Ministry of Primary Industries.

She serves and served on several Boards and Councils in Malaysia, and is currently chairman of the Innovation for SMEs committee.

For her dedication and commitment to her work the Government has bestowed on her the following awards;

- Honorary Fellow of AFEO - 2010;
- ASEAN Federation of Engineering organization;
- Excellence Service Award - 2010;
- Excellence Service Award - 1993.

## » Programme

Duration	PROGRAMME
08:00 - 08:30	<b>REGISTRATION</b>  Moderator: <b>Mr. Tomas Rodrigues Matola</b> , CEO, BNI
08:30 - 08:45	<b>OPENING SESSION</b>  Welcome Remarks: <b>Mr. Patrick Dlamini</b> , Chairman, SADC DFI Network
08:45 - 09:00	Official Opening by Guest of Honour (TBC)
09:00 - 09:20	<b>PRESENTATIONS AND DISCUSSIONS</b>  <b>Japanese Experience in SMEs Development</b>  <b>Mr. Tetsuya Fukunaga</b> , JICA Expert, TICAD Advisor to DBSA, South Africa
09:20 - 09:45	<b>Japanese ODA for SME Development - The Case of Malaysia</b>  <b>Mr. Kojiro Matsumoto</b> , Chief Representative of Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) Malaysia Office
09:45 - 10:30	<b>KEYNOTE SPEECH</b> <b>Accelerating Business Growth for SMEs</b>  <b>Dato' Hafsah Hashim</b> , CEO, SME Corporation Malaysia  Discussant: <b>Mr. Thabo Thamane</b> , CEO, Citizen Entrepreneurship Development Agency (CEDA), Botswana