



REVISED ROADMAP

DEVELOPMENT AND ADOPTION OF THE SADC MODEL LAW ON CONSTITUTIONALISM AND RULE OF LAW (SMLCR)

September – November 2026

DATE & TIME	EVENT	STAKEHOLDERS	ZOOM LINKS
3 Sep 09:00-11:00 CAT	Virtual Consultation on the Draft Model Law on Constitutionalism and the Rule of Law with media, civil society, academia, gender and women's rights organisations, faith-based institutions, and traditional authorities. This includes the Media Institute of Southern Africa (MISA), Southern Africa Editors Forum (SAEF), Southern African Council of Non-Governmental Organisations (SAf-CNGO), other Civil	MISA, SAEF, SAf-CNGO, other CSOs, WILSA, UN Women, other UN agencies, women's groups, FOCCISA, other faith-based	https://us06web.zoom.us/j/7888888888

09:00-11:00 CAT	Group (TWG). This session will take place after the broader stakeholder consultations and will consolidate key feedback before engagement with legal drafters from Member States. <i>(Output 2.1.1 GIZ-ADA)</i>		ster/AE79d-R2RfiBW0aiitctUA
22-23 Sept (Physical)	The regional physical meeting of legal drafters from Member States' ministries of justice and parliaments comprehensively reviews the Draft SMLCR, scrutinising its structure, language, and coherence; aligns it with domestic and regional legal standards; and incorporates key stakeholder input gathered during earlier consultations. The drafters will ensure that the Model Law upholds core principles such as judicial independence, constitutional review, access to justice, and inclusive governance, and will recommend flexible legal formulations to facilitate national adaptation. The session will ensure that the SMLCR is technically sound and ready for presentation to the Joint Sitting and the 60th Plenary Assembly. <i>(Output 2.1.1 GIZ-ADA)</i>	Legal Drafters from Ministries of Justice and National Parliaments	
12 October (Physical)	Presentation and validation of the Draft SADC Model Law on Constitutionalism and the Rule of Law at a Joint Sitting of SADC PF Standing Committees. This session, held in Johannesburg, South Africa, will allow Members of Parliament to review the final draft and formally validate the Model Law ahead of Plenary adoption. <i>(Output 2.1.1 GIZ-ADA)</i>	Joint Sitting of SADC PF Standing Committees	
23-25 Nov (Physical, Eswatini)	Presentation of the Draft SADC Model Law on Constitutionalism and the Rule of Law to the 60th Plenary Assembly for formal approval and adoption. <i>(Output 2.1.1 GIZ-ADA)</i>	60 th Plenary Assembly	