

SADC-JICA Forestry Project organized the trial MOU/first aid and awareness training on Forest Fire Management in Nelspruit (South Africa).

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The trial MOU/first aid and awareness training for forest fire management was held from 22nd to 26th July in Nelspruit, South Africa. Prior to the training JICA South Africa extended their condolences on the loss of Mr. Vincent, an expert working group member of Namibia, who passed away in the early July. The training was organized by the Project for Forest Conservation and Sustainable Management of Forest Resources in Southern Africa, which is being implemented jointly by the Southern African Development Community (SADC) Secretariat and the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) since June 2015.

The main objectives of the training were as follows:

- 1) To learn basic knowledge to draw up MOU for transboundary forest/wild fire management through the work drafting trial MOU
- 2) To learn basic knowledge and skill of first aid on forest/wild fire management
- 3) To learn basic knowledge of forest/wild fire awareness in order to plan and implement forest/wild fire awareness program for local people

After the training, all participants appreciated that the training was useful for their future work. Almost every participants expressed their intention to use the results of training in their work. The participants are expected to share the skills and knowledge with their colleagues after they return to each Member State.

The training was attended by participants from 14 Member States including Angola, Botswana, DRC, Eswatini, Lesotho, Madagascar, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, Seychelles, South Africa, Tanzania, Zambia, and Zimbabwe. Training module included trial MOU training aimed at continental States, first aid training aimed at islands States and awareness training aimed at all Member States.

The project is being implemented for the purpose of enhancing capacity development of SADC Secretariat and the Member States for the sustainable forest management to implement the SADC Forestry Strategy 2010-2020. Main areas of activities are 1) Forest Information System, 2) Forest Fire Management, and 3) Participatory Forest Management.

The next training on Forest Fire Management will be held in November 2019 in Lesotho as the final training of Forest Fire Management of the project.



Trial MOU training



First aid training



Awareness training



Participants of training