

SADC Photo Competition Poster

The SADC Secretariat is proud to announce the launch of the SADC Photo Competition 2011 entitled "Crossing Borders – Diversity of nature and wildlife in the SADC region".

The SADC Photo Competition 2011 "Crossing Borders – Diversity of nature and wildlife in the SADC region" is in line with the International Year of Forests 2011. Forests are home to 80% of our land animals and plants. They are essential to people, providing resources, homes and clean air and water but also act as sinks for carbon dioxide, a green house gas, which is responsible for climate change and global warming.

The SADC Photo Competition 2011 is also in line with the Biodiversity Decade. Over the next ten years, from 2011 - 2020, countries all over the world are taking action to help save the variety of life on Earth so that we can live more in harmony with nature. Our wellbeing is dependent on the health of our ecosystems. This decade is critical as it's the timeframe for implementing the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity agreed in Nagoya Japan in October 2010.

The SADC Region therefore joins the international community in commemorating these two events. The aim of the SADC Photo Competition 2011 is to showcase the diversity of nature and ecosystems in the in the SADC region.

The competition is open to all SADC nationals and residents and will run until 15, October 2011. The top three winning photos will be presented at SADC's exhibition during the UNFCCC cop17 IN Durban (South Africa) at the end of this year, and winners will each receive a digital camera.

Please send your entry by email to sadcredd@ymail.com.

For more details and updates, please check the following website: <http://www.sadc.int/REDD/index.php/news/sadc-photo-competition-2011/>.