

The SADC Ministerial Task Force on Regional Economic Integration is calling on private sector companies and businesses that have project ideas to submit applications to the Ministry of Industry, Trade and Tourism for funding before the 10th of September 2018.

In a letter signed by Secretary for Industry, Trade and Tourism, Ken Ndala, the call follows an approval of the Industrialisation Strategy and Roadmap 2015-2063 by SADC Heads of States and Government in 2015 in Zimbabwe to develop regional value chains.

“In pursuant to develop regional value chains, the Ministerial Task Force on Regional Economic Integration at its meeting held in July 2018 in Pretoria, South Africa, urged member states to submit project ideas and recommendations on value chains for the SADC Secretariat to consolidate a portfolio of these value chains,” Reads the letter in part.

The letter further said that, the strategy document, emphasized participation in national, regional and global value chains due to its critical role in expanding production possibilities and enhancing cross border utilization of both natural and human resources.

The strategy prioritises agro processing, mineral beneficiation, pharmaceutical, capital goods, consumer goods and services.

The submissions will help the SADC Secretariat to among other things source potential donors for the projects.

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