

A proposal for: Research for a regional southern African development strategy

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RESEARCH FOR A REGIONAL SOUTHERN AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY
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University of Botswana

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The proposed two-and-a-half year research schedule follows:

YEAR I:

1st month: Relevant researchers and policy makers in the five participating countries <Tanzania, Mozambique, Zambia, Zimbabwe and Botswana> will be asked to assist in: a> gathering relevant current literature; b> identifying individuals to write position papers on the problem areas for the first workshop; c> identifying research assistants who will gather information for in-depth case studies in the three problem areas. To facilitate this work, Dr. Seidman will visit each country to meet and discuss the project and work out the details with them.

3rd month: The National Institute for Research will host a week-long workshop of the proposed researchers and authors of position papers to discuss the position papers and plan the in-depth case studies and work to be carried out by research assistants in subsequent eight month period.

4th-12th months: Researcher assistants will undertake research in their respective countries under supervision of local supervisors working at research institutions in each country. In the eighth month, Dr. Seidman will visit each of the countries as a resource person to discuss their work with them and their supervisors. By the 12th month, they will complete reports on their work.

YEAR II:

1st-4th month: Research reports will be edited to provide a combined draft presenting the explanatory hypotheses revised in light of the evidence gathered. The National Research Institute will circulate the draft among the researchers, authors of position papers, SADCC personnel, and relevant research institutions.

5th month: The NIR will host a second workshop, bringing together research assistants, relevant researchers and practitioners, to discuss the evidence

relating to the explanations hypothesized as to the difficulties in achieving regional integration; the implications for proposals for solution; and the recommendations for implementation of the proposals.

6th-12th months: Additional research will be undertaken as necessary, and, together with the workshop proposals and recommendations for implementation, will be edited into draft which NIR will circulate to the relevant research institutions and policy makers.

YEAR III:

1st month: NIR will host a final workshop with research assistants, researchers and policy makers to discuss the feasibility of implementing the recommendations for new institutions to operationalize southern African regional integration.

2nd-6th month: Reports will be rewritten for final publication in light of final workshop discussions.

6th month: Final meeting of researchers to agree on the manuscript for publication.

QUALIFICATIONS OF DR. ANN SEIDMAN AS PROPOSED NIR RESEARCH
ASSOCIATE FOR IMPLEMENTING PROPOSED RESEARCH:

Dr. Seidman has worked for seven years in southern African universities 1 where she served as Professor and Chair of the Economics Departments of the University of Zambia for two years, and of the University of Zimbabwe for three years, as well

1. She worked an additional four years in West Africa, and has studied and conducted research concerning Africa for about 25 years.

as external examiner for the Universities of Swaziland and Botswana. In addition to her own writing and research on the topic, she has helped to arrange and participated in innumerable southern African regional conferences and research projects. As a result, she will easily be able to make the necessary contacts with researchers and practitioners concerned with regional integration issues in southern Africa (see attached curriculum vitae).
