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## **2018 PEOPLE'S SUMMIT ANNOUNCEMENT WINDHOEK NAMIBIA**

### **PRESS RELEASE**

As heads of states will be meeting in Windhoek, Namibia in August 2018, the ordinary people of southern Africa will also converge at the Windhoek Show Ground, Jan Jonker Rd, Windhoek Namibia on the 16<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> of August 2018 in their annual platform called People Summit under the auspices of Southern Africa People's Solidarity Network (SAPSN).

The 2018 people summit occurs under the theme: **Reclaiming SADC for social, economic and political justice, free movement and use of natural resources for youth employment, affordable land and housing for all.** This theme is derived from the struggles of ordinary citizens through their formations in southern Africa for; access to land, equitable distribution of wealth derived from natural resources, tax justice, corruption free governance, human rights, free press, good governance, worker rights, youth employment, transparency on debt, peace, civic and political participation, health and access to treatment, affordability of quality education, the plight of children, women, people with disabilities and other minority groups, cross border trade and movement and others. The people summit runs along SADC Summit because ordinary citizens want remind leaders that a shift from SADCC with two "Cs" to SADC with one "C" from "Coordinating Conference" to "Community" was for the people of the region not only their leaders as it now appears. Through this initiative people reclaim SADC from being a club of leaders to be a real liberation platform for the people of the region.

Social movements, communities, students and civil society groups in Angola, Botswana, Comoros, DRC, eSwatini, Lesotho, Malawi, Madagascar, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, Seychelles, South Africa, Tanzania, Zambia and Zimbabwe, are called upon to participate in numbers and keep communication channel with local media so that they update people on what is happening at the People Summit. Deliberations in the different sessions and thematic groups shall be converged into a communiqué that shall be taken through a huge march and handed over to the SADC Summit of Heads. The same demands in the communiqué shall be pursued at the national level post Windhoek encounter. For participation, registration of activity or support contact secretariat or national focal point.

Big applause to our partners OSISA, SAT and Others.

**Another SADC is in the Making! Another SADC is Possible!**