

## **CRNSA and SANCRC**

- 1. WAYS OF WORKING**
- 2. THE SADC CHILD PROTOCOL**

# **CRNSA IN BRIEF.....**

# ABOUT US .....



A regional network of child service organisations in Southern Africa

## **CRNSA Vision**

- A Southern Africa where children's rights are respected, protected and fulfilled

## **CRNSA's Purpose**

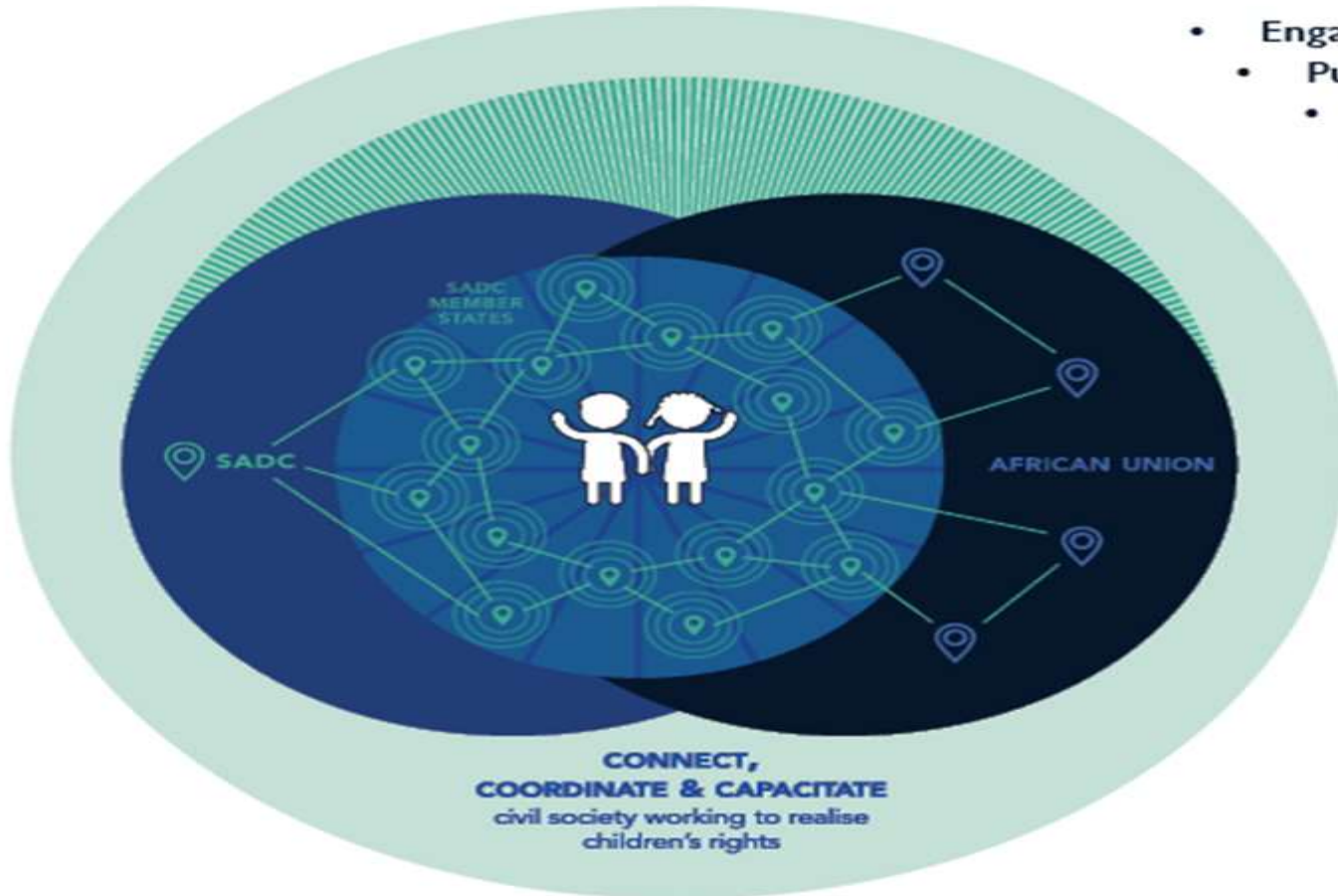
We exist to facilitate effective national and sub-regional movements for child rights in Southern Africa and to contribute to a stronger African movement for child rights.

## **Values**

- Children's rights, needs and interests are at the heart of our work.
- Our work together as network partners is founded on values of fairness, equity, mutual respect, non-discrimination, interdependence and mutual accountability.
- Learning, knowledge creation and communication are core practices for sustainability, for remaining relevant, for effective influencing and for civil society strengthening.
- We aim for excellence, effectiveness and impact in all we do
- Unity and diversity are both strengths.



## CRNSA & OUR STRATEGY AT A GLANCE: STRONGER TOGETHER FOR CHILDREN



- Engaging the whole system at many levels
- Putting learning at the heart of the work
  - Embodying our strategy and approach
    - Enhancing **VISIBILITY, RELEVANCE, EFFECTIVENESS** and **IMPACT**

### KEY



CRNSA member networks



African Union



Learn, monitor & influence  
at national, sub-regional and  
regional levels



Flows of information,  
intelligence & influence

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## THREE STRATEGIC PRIORITIES



1. INTELLIGENCE, EVIDENCE AND  
KNOWLEDGE FOR INFLUENCING

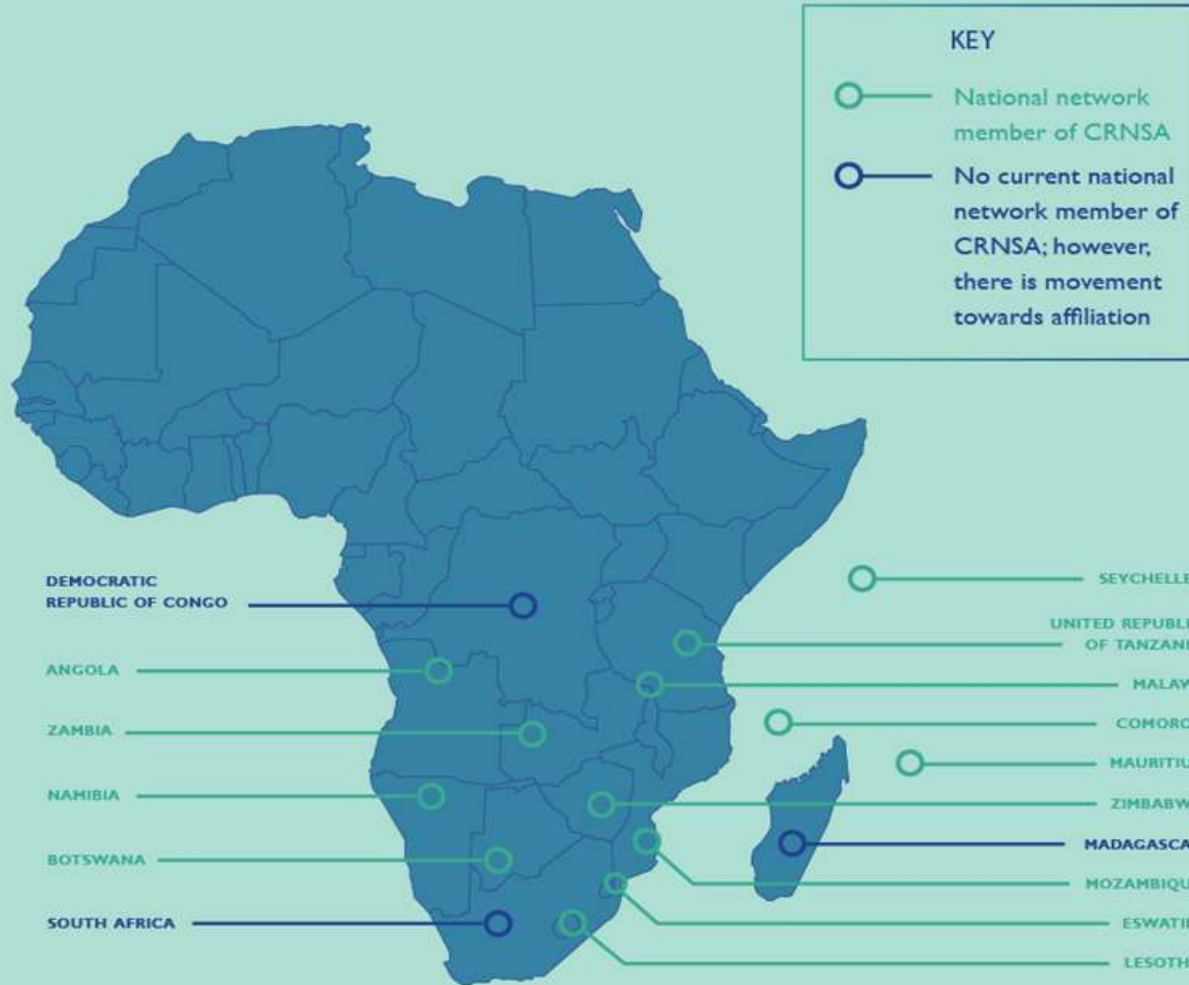


2. STRONG CIVIL SOCIETY VOICE, ACTION  
AND MOVEMENT FOR CHILD RIGHTS



3. INSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOR  
EFFECTIVENESS AND SUSTAINABILITY

# CRNSA MEMBERSHIP

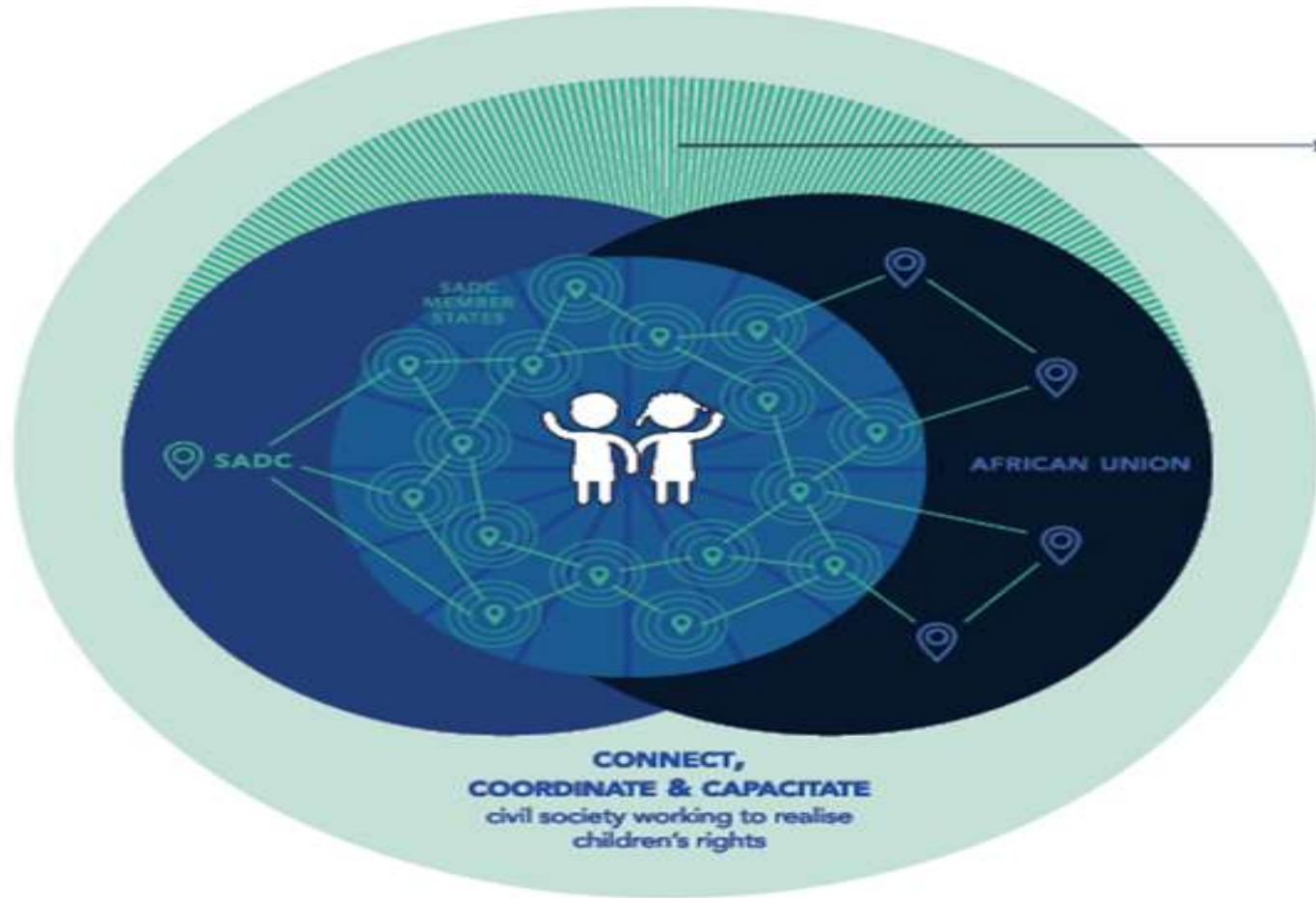


## CRNSA Members

Country	Name of Network	Status of Network
Angola	Angola Child Rights Coalition	The coalition is not registered
Botswana	Botswana Child Rights Coalition	Botswana Child Rights Network (ongoing registration proc)
Lesotho	Letsema Child Rights Network	The network is registered
Malawi	NGO Coalition on Child Rights	The network is registered
Mozambique	Rede da Crianca	The network is registered.
Namibia	Namibia National Child Rights Network	The National Child Rights Network is establishing itself
eSwatini	Children's Consortium	The Consortium is under the ambit of Coordinating Assembly of NGOs (CANGO).
South Africa	South African Child Rights Coalition	The Coalition is not registered
Tanzania	Tanzania Child Rights Forum	The Network is registered.
Zambia	National Child Rights Forum	The National Child Rights Forum is not registered
Zimbabwe	Zimbabwe National Council for the Welfare of	The network is registered



# META – THEORY OF CHANGE



## Positive change

- in policy and law
- in investment in children
- in practice (implementation, culture, etc.)
- in children's lives & life chances

## Towards achieving our shared goals and aspirations:

- SADC RISDP & SIPO
- Agenda 2040
- Agenda 2063
- SDGs

## KEY

-  CRNSA member networks
-  African Union
-  Learn, monitor & influence at national, sub-regional and regional levels
-  Flow of information, intelligence & influence



# MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

- 1 voice in SADC for children issues; working together and using their joint voice for influencing at SADC and AU level – which should, in turn, reinforce change efforts at country level
- Facilitation of organisational systems for national networks
- Facilitation of Reporting to Human rights mechanisms
- Participation in advocacy platforms and partnership endeavours to influence policy and practice
- Evidence generation (research)
- National networks are connected into a sub-regional network (i.e. CRNSA) which enables them to support each other's work by:
  - a. sharing promising practices and insights leveraging successes in one country by creating opportunities for interstate learning and sharing with others (involving government officials and other stakeholders whenever this is strategic), Cross pollination (documentation of best practices/utilisation of strengths of national networks)
  - b. build consortia to finance and facilitate joint work

\* Technical and financial support





# CRNSA COVERAGE, OPERATIONS n GOVERNANCE

- ❖ CRNSA has a 5 member Board – the Executive Committee (Mozambique – Chair, Lesotho – VC, Eswatini- Treasurer, Botswana and Zimbabwe as additional members)
- ❖ Has a Secretariat of 6 people (4 based at the HQ offices in Pretoria, SA. 1 in Eswatini and 1 in Zimbabwe)
- ❖ Has National members in 11 countries of the 16 SADC countries
- ❖ CRNSA is the Secretariat/Convenor of the ACRWC CSO Forum (5 African regions)



# SYNERGIES WITH SANCRC

- ❖ Organisational effectiveness (Strategic Plan)
- ❖ Inclusivity (recognition of all diversities) and child participation
- ❖ Monitoring of child rights (access to all basic rights for children: National laws' implementation – policy and practice, State party reports to UNCRC, ACRWC and the Concluding Observations therefrom – implementation)
- ❖ Thematic areas: Child governance – laws and policies; Education, Protection, Development, Public Investment in children
- ❖ **SADC Child Protocol advocacy agenda**



# CONCLUSION

## Reflections for CSOs – formal structures

- Measurement of impact and attribution
- Utilisation of information, skills
- Use of documentation (ICT etc)
- Responsiveness of stakeholders on various children's issues (access to services/affordability, reported cases - safeguarding/protection of children)
- Checking on each other/support
- Reviewing of our approaches in implementation of our services and flexibility with our donors to adapting these
- Ability to influence Government (policy and practice – reporting to human rights mechanisms and national budgets that provides for children)



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Q & A.....

