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THE SOUTHERN AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT AIR FORCE/ARMS/WINGS CHIEFS DISCUSS MATTERS OF MUTUAL INTERESTS IN NAMIBIA

The Southern African Development Community (SADC) air force chiefs/arms/wings met in Ondangwa Northern Namibia following an event-free and successful execution of Exercise Blue Kunene. The exercise was aimed at preparing the airborne elements of member states' air forces and/or air wings for rapid deployments in catastrophic situations and the subsequent humanitarian air operations and assistance.

This, according to the chairperson, Vice Air-Marshal of the Namibian Air Force, Major General Martin Pinehas was a consultative forum that seeks to reflect on the progress made by SADC air forces/arms/wings since the inception of the first instalment of the exercise in Zambia in 2005.

The meeting brought about positive deliberations, proposals and way forward on how such exercises should shape up in the near future. The chiefs also touched on particular matters that require their particular attention in order to provide positive and constant guidance to forces tasked to execute exercises.

The meeting also invigorated the manner in which the objectives of the current exercise were realised, including producing recommendations to be tabled in the SADC's Standing Aviation Committee in Gaborone, Botswana. (Date still to be determined)

The forum included chiefs of Angola, Namibia, Botswana, RSA, Tanzania and Zimbabwe while other member states only sent representatives.

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