



THE KINGDOM OF ESWATINI TO HOST THE 8TH SUMMIT OF SACU HEADS OF STATE OR GOVERNMENT

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1. His Majesty King Mswati III of the Kingdom of Eswatini and Chairperson of the SACU Summit will be hosting the 8th SACU Summit of Heads of State or Government on the 29th June 2023, in Ezulwini, Eswatini.
2. The SACU Summit will be held at the Madvulo Convention Centre and will be attended by the Heads of State or Government and representatives of SACU Member States being the Kingdom of Eswatini, the host; the Republic of Botswana; the Kingdom of Lesotho; the Republic of Namibia; and the Republic of South Africa.
3. The 8th Summit will consider progress being made on the implementation of the SACU Strategic Plan whose pillars include:
4. (i) Industrialisation through the development of regional value chains, investment attraction and export promotion;
(ii) Trade Facilitation and Logistics;
(iii) Implementation and Leveraging of the African Continental Free Trade Area;
(iv) Unified Engagement with Third Parties; and
(v) Finance and Resource Mobilisation.

Professor Ricard Hauman **Professor Ricardo Hausmann**, Founder and Director of Harvard's University Growth Lab will present to the Summit on the theme ***"SACU Industrialisation Opportunities through Improving Economic Complexity."***

5. The Meetings of the SACU Institutions will precede the Summit as follows:
 - (a) 70th Meeting of the Finance and Audit Committee: 23 June 2023;
 - (b) 72nd Meeting of the SACU Commission: 24-25 June 2023; and
 - (c) 49th Meeting of the SACU Council of Ministers: 27-28 June 2023.
6. A communiqué will be issued at the end of the Summit.

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