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Meetings, Workshops and Conferences

Control Centre Survey of SNEL, DR Congo

From 13 to 17 April 2026, the SAPP Coordination Centre undertook surveys of SNEL's Control Centres in Likasi (Southern Network) and Kinshasa (Western Network) in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. The purpose of the surveys was to assess the extent of SNEL's compliance with the requirements of the SAPP Operating Guidelines.



Officials from SNEL and SAPP at the SNEL Control Centre in Likasi, DR Congo

Capacity Building Programme of African Experts on Distribution Grid Losses

The Ministry of Energy of the Republic of Zambia, in collaboration with the African Energy Commission (AFREC), conducted a capacity building session titled "Methodologies for Assessing Distribution Grid Losses and Developing Corresponding Action Plans in Africa." The session took place in Lusaka, Zambia, from 30 March 2026 to 3 April 2026.

The program was aimed at equipping participants with:

- knowledge on methodologies for assessing distribution grid losses,
- practical tools and approaches required to develop corresponding action plans, and
- hands-on exposure to identifying and addressing energy efficiency challenges within distribution networks.



The key outcome of the program was that participants exchanged experiences and shared knowledge on effective strategies for managing and reducing distribution losses, with a focus on improving the operational efficiency of distribution systems. Overall, the program strengthened participants' capacity to assess distribution losses systematically and to translate findings into actionable and implementable plans.



The SAPP Planning Engineer receiving a training certificate at the end of the training programme



Africa Energy Experts on Energy Efficiency during their training on Distribution Losses held in Lusaka, Zambia

Regional Non-Tariff Barriers Meeting

SAPP CC participated in the SADC Regional Non-Tariff Barriers (NTB) Meeting held in Johannesburg, South Africa, from 14 to 15 April 2026.

During the meeting, SAPP presented key concerns relating to:

- non-uniform tariffs applied to electricity traded on the SAPP competitive market; and
- certificates of origin.

The meeting agreed on action items to address the issues raised, with the SADC Secretariat coordinating the follow-up processes.

5th Ordinary Session of the Specialised Technical Committee on Transport and Energy

The 5th Ordinary Session of the African Union Specialised Technical Committee on Transport and Energy (STC-TE) was held in Johannesburg, South Africa, from 27 to 30 April 2026, covering the 2026–2027 implementation period. The 2026–2027 Action Plan for AfSEM implementation and regional power system integration was endorsed. The session confirmed the role of the power pools as key implementation partners for the AfSEM Digital Monitoring, Evaluation and Reporting Platform, responsible for submitting periodic market and performance data and supporting regulatory harmonisation and utility reform at regional level.

It also highlighted their responsibilities in advancing cross-border interconnector projects under the Africa Ten-Year Infrastructure Investment Plan (TYIIP) and the Continental Master Plan (CMP), including preparations for inter-power pool integration and large regional projects such as Grand Inga.



Participants at the Meeting

System Planning

SAPP Pool Plan Update

As part of the ongoing work to update the SAPP Master Plan 2025–2045—supported through consultancy services financed by GET.transform



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— a gap analysis was undertaken to compare the latest national master plans with the regional SAPP Master Plan 2025–2045. This exercise was informed by extensive stakeholder consultations conducted in each country. Based on the feedback received, the consultants will propose measures to ensure full alignment between national and regional planning.

In this context, online consultations were conducted with key stakeholders involved in power system planning, including SAPP Utility Members, SAPP Members, Ministries responsible for energy and electricity, Energy Regulatory Authorities, among others.

During the period under review, consultations were completed for the following countries:

- Angola — 2 April 2026
- Lesotho — 14 April 2026
- Tanzania — 28 April 2026

Consultations with South Africa, Zambia, and Zimbabwe have already been completed. The remaining consultations are planned for May 2026.

Transmission Pricing Methodology Development

During the period under review, the Southern African Power Pool (SAPP) continued with the development of the transmission pricing methodology in line with the directive issued by the Management Committee to the Planning Sub-Committee (PSC) to conclude consultations with the Copperbelt Energy Corporation (CEC) and Hidroeléctrica de Cahora Bassa (HCB) regarding the model.

Consultative engagements were successfully conducted at the SAPP Coordination Centre in Harare, Zimbabwe. The consultation with CEC was held from 5–6 April 2026. It should be noted that the CEC programme also included a model familiarization session for newly appointed technical staff.

The primary objective of the consultations was to re-present the model, facilitate detailed technical interrogation, and provide further clarification on

the integrity, accuracy, underlying assumptions, and datasets applied within the model framework. The consultations confirmed that the overall model framework itself has not been disputed by members. However, the model outputs highlighted specific challenges, particularly in cases where the resulting tariffs for certain generators and loads are significantly higher compared to those applicable to the majority of members.

In light of these concerns, the PSC directed the Task Team to incorporate appropriate mitigation measures within the implementation strategy to ensure that tariffs remain practical and not unduly prohibitive, while also minimizing disproportionate financial impacts across members.

Transfer Limits

During the period under review, transfer limit studies were undertaken to determine the maximum cross-border transfer capacities within the SAPP network.

The study team convened at the SAPP Coordination Centre in Harare, Zimbabwe, from 7 to 10 April 2026 to carry out transient stability analysis. The steady-state studies were performed using the PSS/E software platform, while the transient stability assessments are being undertaken using the DlgSILENT PowerFactory software.

The steady-state assessment has produced preliminary corridor transfer limits. However, the completion of the PowerFactory modelling activities, confirmation of dynamic data by members, and the outcomes of the April 2026 transient stability studies remain necessary to validate and finalize the transfer limits for operational application.

CEPA Inception Report

The Continental Energy Program for Africa (CEPA) team submitted the inception reports for the Angola–Zambia Interconnector. The report marks a key step in structuring the analytical work on technical design, power trade potential, and investment requirements for the transmission



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corridor. In addition, preparations are advanced for a CEPA technical workshop scheduled for 1–5 June 2026, in Addis Ababa, which will review progress on the interconnector studies and deepen collaboration with key stakeholders, including regional power pools, utilities, AUDA-NEPAD and development partners.



SAPP Transfer Limit Study Team

AAMFI – SAPP Collaboration

The Alliance of African Multilateral Financial Institutions (AAMFI) confirmed its interest in supporting the Luapula Hydropower Project and the ANNA interconnector as part of its mandate to enhance coordination and co-financing among African DFIs and multilateral banks for priority regional infrastructure. Through its emerging infrastructure financing facility, AAMFI's role is to help close project preparation and viability gaps by mobilising concessional and blended resources for activities such as feasibility studies, project structuring, and transaction advisory, thereby crowding in additional capital for full project implementation.

Update on SAPP Projects

Angola-Namibia Interconnector

In the month under review, progress on Transaction Advisory services has advanced significantly on the Angola side. Overall completion progress stands at 97%. Further, RNT and NamPower signed a Power Purchase (PPA) agreement, therefore strengthening their business and future power trading arrangements through the Project.

Progress Summary:

(a) Angola Section:

- Lubango and Cahama substation draft bidding documents have been updated to World Bank requirements.
- Preparation to float the EPC bids to the market are gaining ground.

(b) Namibia Section:

- Drafting of tender documents for the Kunene substation STATCOM/SVC compensation equipment have advanced.

Overall Progress Chart at 97% Completion

No.	Angola - Namibia Transmission Interconnector	% Completion
	Deliverables (Scope)	97%
D1	Part 1 - Prefeasibility Study	100%
D2	Part 2 - Feasibility Study	100%
D3	Part 3 - Transaction Advisory Services	92%
D3.1	Joint development Agreement (JDA)	100%
D3.2	ENV: Commitment Register	100%
D3.3	ENV: Term of Reference for RAP	100%
D3.4	Kunene Preliminary design Update	100%
D3.5	Updated Market Analysis	100%
D3.6	Updated Financial Model	100%
D3.7	Project Information Memorandum (PIM)	100%
D3.8	ENV: Environmental and Social specification	100%
D3.9	Procurement Strategy and Tender Docs	100%
D3.10	Early Market Engagement (EME) and Support to RNT	100%
D3.11	EPC Contract Preparation and Procurement Support to RNT	80%
D3.12	Procurement Support to NamPower - Tender Documents	25%

Next Steps:

- Call for EPC contractor through competitive tender process, for the Angola section, by end of June 2026.
- Advance tender documents preparation and support to financial close to NamPower, by end of June 2026.

Baynes HPP Transmission Lines Project

In the month under review, project preparation advanced significantly, with arrangements to hold a validation workshop on the draft final feasibility study report. Overall progress is at 64% completion.

Progress Summary:

- Network analysis assumptions have been updated with inputs from NamPower, in collaboration with consulting services.



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Overall Progress Chart at 64% Completion

No.	Baynes HPP 400kV Transmission Lines Project	% Completion
Overall Project Progress		64%
D1	Phase 1	100%
D1.1	Inception Report-Technical	100%
D1.2	Draft Preliminary study Report	100%
D1.3	Final Preliminary Study Report	100%
D2	Phase 2	91%
D2.1	Draft Technical Feasibility Study Report	92%
D2.2	Final Technical Feasibility Report	90%
D3	Phase 3	0%
D3.1	Final Conceptual Design, Tender Documents & PIM	0%

Next Steps:

- A draft Feasibility study report to stakeholders is expected to be submitted for review and comment by 15 May 2026.
- A validation workshop on the updated draft Feasibility study report is anticipated by 11 June 2026.
- Commissioning of Part 3, the commercial structuring phase of the transmission study is anticipated beyond 11 June 2026.

ESIA Study

The project is currently in the scoping report phase. Draft scoping reports for the Angola and Namibia portions have been completed. The scoping report for the Angola portion has also been translated to ensure that both reports are available for public review and comment.

In addition to the ongoing review of the scoping reports, disclosure meetings are planned at the project location. These meetings will provide interested and affected parties with an opportunity to review and discuss the initial potential risks associated with the proposed transmission line development.

Malawi – Zambia Interconnector Project

In the month under review, project preparation reached completion. All project deliverables have been successfully submitted and approved by project stakeholders and led by the two beneficiary power utilities, ESCOM of Malawi and ZESCO of Zambia. The Project closed on 29 April 2026 following submission of a Project closing report by the Consulting services.

Overall Progress Chart at 100% Completion

No.	Malawi-Zambia Transmission Interconnector Project	% Completion
Overall Project Progress		100%
D1	D1 - Phase 1	100%
D1.1	Draft Inception Report	100%
D1.2	Final Inception Report	100%
D1.3	Draft Preliminary Design Report	100%
D1.4	Final Preliminary Design Report	100%
D2	Phase 2	100%
D2.1	Draft Feasibility Report	100%
D2.2	Final Feasibility Report	100%
D2.3	Geotechnical Investigation Report	100%
D3	Phase 3	100%
D3.1	Draft Conceptual Design Report	100%
D3.2	Final Conceptual Design Report and Tender Documents	100%
D3.3	Final Tender Documents	100%
D3.4	Capacity Building - Training in Technical, ESIA and E/F Analysis	100%

Next Steps:

- Project bankability confirmation by ZESCO working with the World Bank, for a grant arrangement.
- Project bankability confirmation by ESCOM working with the EU, EIB, Swedfund, AfDB and others to reach financial close for a possible loan arrangement.

ESIA Study

The Final Draft ESIA report for Malawi portion of the transmission line has been completed and will be finalised following the conclusion of the Impact Assessment phase disclosure meetings.

The Final Draft ESIA report for the Zambia portion of the transmission line has been submitted to the Zambia Environmental Management Agency for initial review.

Resettlement Action Plan

The RAP study for the Malawi–Zambia transmission line is at an advanced stage of preparation. The first draft has been reviewed, and comments have been shared with the consultant for incorporation into the revised version.

Capacity building and training

A training workshop was held during the week of 20 April 2026 in Cape Town. Participants included representatives from ZESCO, ESCOM and



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SAPP, comprising technical, finance, environmental and social, and planning specialists.

SAPP Energy Projects at Procurement of Consulting Services Stage

1. Luapula River HPP Project:

- Expression of Interest for both technical Feasibility and ESIA studies are pending a no objection decision by the AfDB.
- The Project sponsor utilities are SNEL of DRC and ZESCO of Zambia.

2. Mozambique – Tanzania transmission Interconnector project:

- The Technical Feasibility study consulting services have reached contract signature stage, following selection of a suitable service provider.
- The ESIA studies consulting services have also reached contract signature stage, following selection of a suitable service provider.
- The sponsor utilities are EDM of Mozambique and TANESCO of Tanzania.

Regional Transmission Infrastructure Financing Facility (RTIFF)

Engagements with utilities on the RTIFF project pipeline will continue to be prioritized, using the pipeline submitted during the M300 Compact session as the baseline reference. In this regard, the SAPP CC, following input and alignment with the SAPP PAU, will proceed with the circulation of the proposed Memorandum of Understanding / Letter of Understanding to support structured engagements with member utilities under this workflow.

The utility engagement programme has now been aligned to commence in June 2026 in order to coincide with the rollout of the World Bank RETRADE Programme. This alignment is expected to enhance coordination between the RTIFF pipeline engagement activities and the broader regional transmission and trade

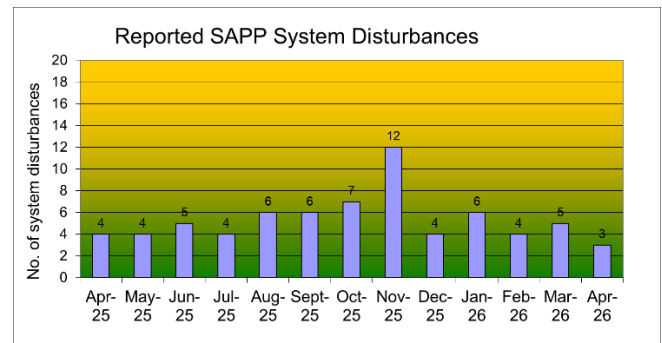
development initiatives being supported under the RETRADE framework.

Preparations are therefore underway to coordinate the next phase of utility engagements, including the scheduling of meetings, agreement on venues and development of engagement agendas aimed at firming up the regional project pipeline and strengthening utility participation under the RTIFF framework.

System Operations

SAPP System Disturbances

In the month of April 2026, three (3) SAPP system disturbances were reported. In the first one, the three 220 kV interconnectors between Zambia and DR Congo tripped due to conductor vandalism on the DR Congo side. The Zambia power system experienced voltage fluctuations. In the second one, the 220 kV bus coupler circuit breaker at Cahora Bassa in Mozambique tripped on over-current and subsequently one generator tripped, interrupting power supply to Mozambique-North loads. In the third one, a generator tripped in South Africa from 717 MW and power frequency temporarily dropped from 50.03 Hz to 49.47 Hz. Refer to figure below for an outlook of reported SAPP system disturbances in the last twelve months.



Power Supply – Demand Situation

The table below shows the power supply and demand situation. Also refer to the notes of the table.



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Table 1: SAPP power supply situation

Country, Utility	Available (MW), during time of peak	Firm Imports ^{2,4}	Potential Peak Demand (MW) ¹	Load Shed (MW) (Estimated)
South Africa, Eskom NTCSA	31146	-	28814	-
Botswana, BPC	892	50	645	-
Eswatini, EEC	60	20 3. 6	212	-
Mozambique, EDM and HCB ^{2,3}	2246	-	1140	-
Namibia, NamPower	543.5	35 0	638	-
Zambia, ZESCO, CEC	3491	17 5	2845	-
Zimbabwe, ZESA	1505	15 0	1667	-
Lesotho, LEC	78	13 0	158	-
DR Congo, SNEL ²	1650	50	2115	200

Notes: ¹Potential Peak Demand without load shedding.

²Estimated figures

³EDM load excludes MOZAL, which has been included in Eskom demand.

⁴Some members also utilise the competitive market to meet peak demand.

SAPP Outages

The table below presents key SAPP outages implemented in the month.

Table 2: Key SAPP outages in the month

DATE	DESCRIPTION
01-30 April 2026 08:00 – 16:00 Hrs	The 132 kV NTCSA Dwarsberg – BPC Segoditswane no1 132 kV interconnector for tower and disc insulator replacement, daily return.
08-13 April 2026 08:00 – 16:00 Hrs	The 132 kV NTCSA Normandie – EEC Mahamba interconnector for replacement of poles and cross-arms.
21-24 April 2026 08:00 – 16:00 Hrs	The 220 kV Aggeneis - Harib line for maintenance, daily return.
04-07 April 2026 07:30 – 15:30 Hrs	The 400 kV Aries - Aggeneis line for relocating bird nest and cleaning polluted disc insulators.

The table below presents key SAPP outages planned in the near future.

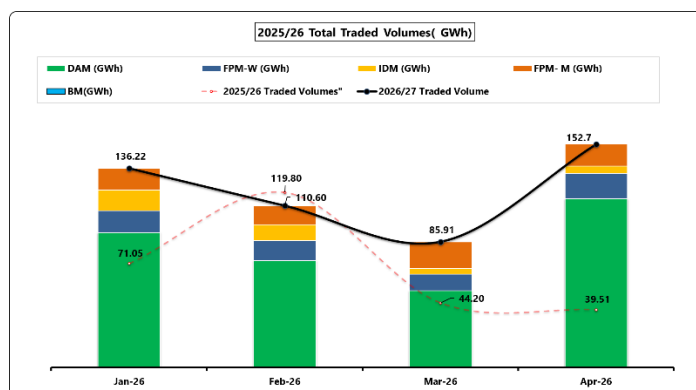
Table 3: Key SAPP outages in the near future

DATE	DESCRIPTION
01-03 May 2026 06:00-18:00 Hrs	The 400 kV Botswana – Zimbabwe tie line for protection system investigation and maintenance, daily return.
16-17 May 2026	The 330 kV Bindura – Dema transmission line in ZESA for protection system upgrade
31 May 2026	The 330 kV Bindura – Dema transmission line in ZESA for protection system upgrade
31 May 2026	The 330 kV Bindura - Songo interconnector at Bindura in ZESA for corrective works on the defective auto-synchronising scheme.

Electricity Trading

SAPP Traded Volumes

Total traded volumes across all markets increased by 78% to 152.7 GWh in April 2026, from 85.9 GWh in March 2026.



Monthly Traded Volumes (GWh) in FPM-M, FPM-W, DAM, IDM, and BM (January 2026 to April 2026).

Market Energy Prices

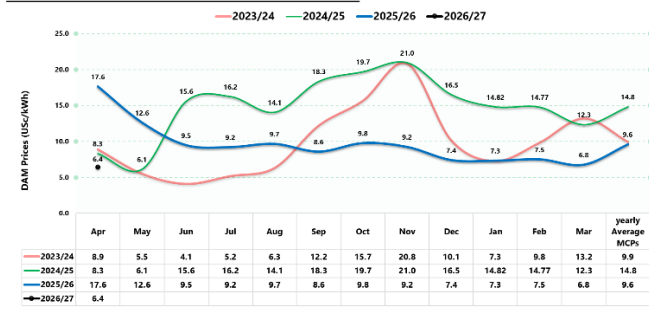
The monthly average DAM market-clearing price (MCP) for April 2026 was 6.4 US\$/kWh, representing a 6% decrease compared to the March 2026 market-clearing price of 6.8 US\$/kWh.



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DAM Prices (US\$/kWh)
2026/27 Financial year



Monthly Average Market Clearing Prices from January 2026 to April 2026.

Market Revenues

In April 2026, the total revenue exchanged on the competitive market was US\$10.2 million, as compared to March 2026, in which US\$7.6 million was recorded. In April 2025, US\$8.1 million was exchanged on the competitive market.

Market Surveillance

Market Monitoring and Surveillance

In April 2026, the Day-Ahead Market (DAM) recorded an average clearing price of 6.425 US\$/kWh, representing a 5% decrease from 6.756 US\$/kWh in March 2026. The average unconstrained DAM clearing prices ranged between 4.001 US\$/kWh and 19.008 US\$/kWh, with much reduced volatility occurring during evening peak hours.

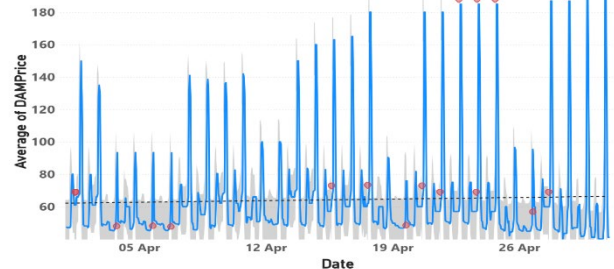
Average hourly DAM prices in April 2026 closely tracked March 2026 levels but remained significantly lower than those observed in April 2025. The Intraday Market (IDM) mirrored DAM trends but were generally higher. The Market Trading Platform (MTP) performed as anticipated during the month under review.

Market Surveillance Cases

Routine monitoring of bids and pricing behavior identified very few anomalies at both extremes of the price spectrum. Subsequent analysis determined that these irregularities were

predominantly attributable to supply-demand imbalances and transmission constraints, rather than any deliberate market manipulation. No cases were flagged for formal investigation during the month.

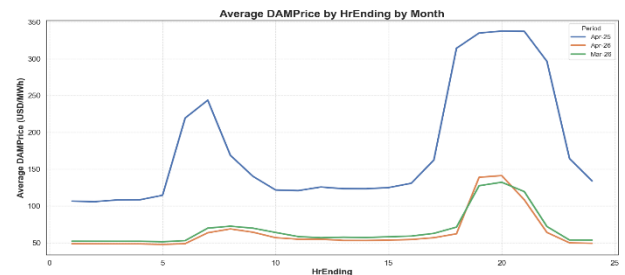
Anomaly Detection for DAM Prices April 2026



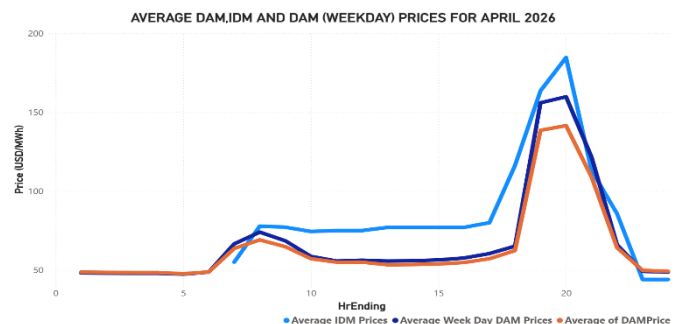
Market Price Monitoring

Average DAM Clearing Prices for April 2025, March 2026 and April 2026

Average hourly DAM clearing prices for April 2026 closely tracked those of March 2026 patterns but from the lower end, except during the evening peak period. April 2025 recorded the highest average hourly DAM clearing prices.



Average hourly IDM and DAM Prices for April 2026



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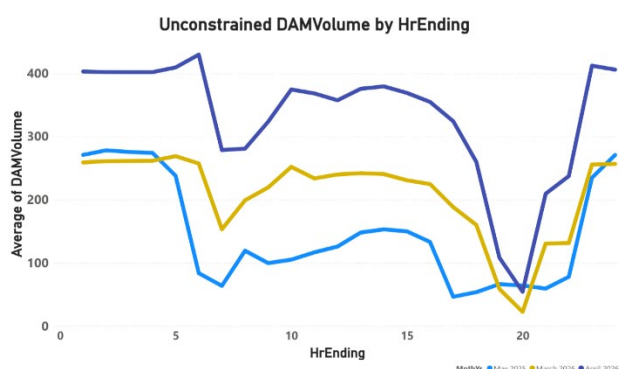
IDM prices generally tracked the DAM price movements in both direction and timing, but they consistently remained higher across all time-of-use periods—except during off-peak intervals, where there were no IDM trades. This pattern is consistent with the higher real-time system balancing requirements faced in IDM settlement. Overall, no irregularities were observed and there were no indicators of price manipulation. Additionally, the absence of off-peak IDM trades aligns with the lack of corresponding market activity in those periods.

Prices for the Balancing and Forward Physical Markets

There were trades during Off-peak on the FPM-Monthly, and Off-Peak and Standard Time on the FPM-Weekly. However, there were no trades on the Balancing Markets (BM).

Market Volume Monitoring

Average Unconstrained DAM Market Volumes for April 2025, March 2026 and April 2026



Unconstrained DAM volumes in April 2026 tracked those of March 2026 levels and were notably higher than those recorded in March 2025, except hour ending 2000Hrs.

Transmission Capacity and Outage Monitoring

During the month under review, significant transmission outages were recorded in the ZESA and ZESCO control areas; however, the respective transmission system operators (TSOs)

successfully restored service on the same day the contingencies occurred. These outages did not materially impair market outcomes, as reflected in the absence of extreme DAM price excursions.

MTP and Market Operator Monitoring

MTP performed according to expectations during the month under review. There were no delays in publishing market results during the month under review.

Insider Information and Cases

There was no evidence of market abuse based on use of insider information during the period under review. There were no cases reported for investigation during the Month under Review.

Environmental Corner

Carbon Accounting Training

A five-day carbon accounting training was hosted virtually starting 28 April 2026 and is expected to spill into the first week of May. Ernest and Young facilitated the training courtesy of NIR support. Participants were drawn from ESC and PSC, over 40 participants took part in this very important capacity building programme.

Several aspects of carbon accounting were covered during the training programme, key among them include the following:

- Background of carbon accounting and the value it brings to SAPP members
- Key reporting framework and their relationship with global climate change management scientific architecture
- Status of climate change policy in Southern Africa
- Carbon accounting principles, emission sources and conversion factors
- Practical guidance on carbon accounting as well as global warming potential
- Overview of carbon credits registration and climate financing.



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Carbon accounting capacity building will be followed by a 10-day post training clinic in the month of May where all members will get assistance on specific matters relating to this subject on an individual basis.

SAPP CC Environmental Management Programs

There have been adjustments on the Standards Association of Zimbabwe ISO 14001 and 9001 management system stage one audit which is now expected to take place during the 4th week of May subject to confirmation. Meanwhile respective management systems documentation is continuously refined.

ESIA and Climate Change Strategy Review by the ESC

SAPP Climate Change Strategy final draft is now ready for approval through SAPP governance structures. The current draft took into consideration the nationally determined contributions, energy compacts, policy and legislation, and climate risks of respective member states and the entire region.

Upcoming Events - 2026

DATE	EVENT
30 March-2 April 2026	EAPP - SAPP Coordination Meeting, Lusaka, Zambia
7 – 10 April 2026	Transient Stability Analysis – Power Transfer Limit Workshop, Harare, Zimbabwe
6-7 May 2026	12th Mozambique Mining and Energy Conference and Exhibition (MMEC), Maputo, Mozambique
09-21 May 2026	SAPP-JICA Japan Study Visit for OSC Members, Tokyo, Japan
14-21 May 2026	Consultative Meeting on Financing Nuclear Energy Development and Nuclear Industrial Localization and Nuclear Energy Innovative Summit for Africa, Kigali, Rwanda
19-21 May 2026	2026 ENLIT and Utility CEO Forum, Cape Town, South Africa
28-29 May 2026	The 2 nd International Energy and Water Conference, Luanda, Angola
2-5 June 2026	Energy Exemplar Xcelerate 2026, London, UK

3-5 June 2026	CEPA Consultation and Validation Meeting, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
11 June 2026	67 th SAPP CC Board meeting, Harare, Zimbabwe
16-19 June 2026	Africa Energy Forum (AEF), Cape Town, South Africa
20-30 June 2026	African Union technical study visits to Europe, Berlin, Germany and Brussels, Belgium
28-30 July 2026	10th AFSEC General Assembly, Nairobi, Kenya
23 – 28 August 2026	CIGRE Paris Session, Paris, France
Sep 2026	67 th SAPP Meetings, Tanzania
21-25 Sept 2026	IEEE/PES Power Africa Conference, Nairobi, Kenya
12–16 October 2026	Africa Energy Week (AEW), Cape Town, South Africa
October 2026	61 st SAPP Executive Committee Meeting, Eswatini
Oct / Nov 2026	EAPP – SAPP Coordination Committee Meeting, TBA



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