

# SOUTHERN AFRICA:



## *Rich & Resilient*

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**T**he Southern African region comprises of several countries, among which are: Zambia, Botswana, Lesotho, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, Angola, South Africa, Zimbabwe and Swaziland. Facts available reveals that the interior of Southern Africa consists of a series of undulating plateaus that cover most of South Africa, Namibia, and Botswana and extend into central Angola. Contiguous with this, the Encyclopedia Britannica stated, are uplands in Zambia and Zimbabwe. Coastal mountains and escarpments flanking the high

ground, are found in northern Mozambique, South Africa, Namibia, Angola, and along the Mozambique-Zimbabwe border. Coastal plains border the Indian Ocean in Mozambique and the Atlantic in Angola and Namibia.

The region boasts of rich soil, mild climatic temperature and normal rainfall. The people of Southern Africa are diverse, based on their descent and the European country that colonized them. The dominant languages in the region, are Khoisan and Bantu.

From facts available to us, the

situation in pre-independent Southern Africa, like all other colonized country in the continent was precarious and the condition well known and documented. The region is distinct from the rest of Africa with some of its main exports including platinum, diamonds, gold, and uranium. It is however, similar in that it shares some of the problems of the rest of the continent.

Southern Africa is abundantly endowed with natural, mineral and human resources that makes the region one of the richest in the continent. Most of the countries in this

region are tourist destination points as people from across the globe flock there on a regular basis to enjoy the beauties on offer. Vast arable lands abound all over and this of course, helps provide food, employment and shelter for the people. Their bounteous mineral resources scattered all over the region are a source of envy to others.

The best and, most valuable diamonds in the world are found in Botswana and Namibia and all the countries in this part of the world are blessed with an amazing wildlife which consist of