

## SADCA PUBLISHES 2022 TO 2026 STRATEGIC PLAN

The Southern African Development Community Cooperation in Accreditation (SADCA) has published its 4<sup>th</sup> strategic plan. The strategic plan covers the period 2022 to 2026. The process started off with the development of the Strategic Plan survey questionnaire which was subsequently circulated to stakeholders for completion. Inputs from stakeholders were then collated and analysed following which strategic planning workshops were successfully held on 25 March 2021 with all stakeholders and then on 26 March 2021 with the SADCA Executive Committee. All the inputs were then consolidated into a draft strategic plan which was then circulated to all members for comment. The comments received were then considered by the Executive Committee following which the final draft strategic plan was circulated to all members and subsequently approved through Resolution 14 of the 25<sup>th</sup> SADCA General assembly held on 6 May 2021.

With a fresh design and colourful outlook, the 2022 to 2026 Strategic Plan covers the Chairperson's Statement, SADCA mandate and aims, vision, mission and values, situation analysis, performance environment, organisational environment, performance information, links to the long-term infrastructure and other capital plans, private partnerships, financial plan, budget and indicator description.

Speaking during the SADCA General Assembly, Mrs Maureen Mutasa the SADCA Chair thanked members for their input into the strategic plan, Dr Josias the facilitator of the strategic planning process and SADCA Executive Committee for their hard work which has resulted in a well thought out strategy for the 2022 to 2026 period during which the SADCA Mutual Recognition will be internationally recognized. A plan that supports the SADC industrialization thrust and sustainable development in the region, facilitates trade and regional integration and enhances human capital development and competence. A plan where SADCA will work towards self-sustenance of its operational activities and a plan where SADCA's thrust will also focus on awareness creation on its MRA and designed to also increase membership in SADCA especially private sector involvement in its activities. A plan that avoids unnecessary duplication with the African Accreditation Cooperation (AFRAC). The 2022 to 2026 Strategic Plan was uploaded on the SADCA website and the link circulated to stakeholders for notification of its upload

The Southern African Development Community Cooperation in Accreditation (SADCA) is a Cooperation of accreditation bodies in the Southern African Development Community (SADC) region. SADCA is a Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT) Cooperation Structure established under the TBT Annex to the SADC Protocol on Trade. SADCA currently has a total of 20 Members:

- 3 Arrangement Members (MRA Signatories);
- 12 Ordinary Members;
- 0 Associate Members; and
- 5 Stakeholder Members.

