

## NAFPS - DRC AND SEYCHELLES SCOOP 2020 CERTIFICATES OF RECOGNITION

The National Accreditation Focal Points (NAFPs) for the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) and Seychelles scooped the 2020 NAFP Awards with NAFP-DRC scooping the Most Effective NAFP Award whilst NAFP-Seychelles scooped the Most Improved NAFP Award. The decision to award the 2020 certificates of recognition to NAFPs DRC and Seychelles was made at the 63<sup>rd</sup> SADCAS Board of Directors meeting held on 18 February 2020.

National Accreditation Focal Points who are appointed by their respective governments are mainly responsible for the promotion of accreditation and marketing of SADCAS services within their respective countries. They are a channel of information from and to SADCAS. In executing SADCAS activities, NAFPs prepare annual national action plans in support of SADCAS annual implementation plans in order to achieve SADCAS objectives. The 2019/20 Marketing Plan whose framework was developed at the 2018 annual NAFP meeting directs NAFPs to focus their activities into the strategic area of increasing awareness on the benefits of accreditation especially to policy makers and regulators and to market SADCAS services. The NAFP handbook, which also contains frequently asked questions, guides NAFPs in their day to day work.



NAFP- DRC, Mrs Apauline Matata Feza  
2020 Most Effective NAFP



NAFP- Seychelles, Mrs Mariam Kante  
2020 Most Improved NAFP

The 2020 Awards are based on the reports for the period 1 January up to 31 December 2019 using five (5) criteria weighted. The criteria were weighted according to their importance. Based on all the reports for the year, an evaluation matrix and a summary of NAFPs quarterly reports submissions and estimate realization for the period were prepared which formed the basis of the nominations.

The average estimate realization for 2019 was 71%, the same as for the previous year 2018 but a slight improvement over 2017 which was 69%. NAFPs – Angola, Botswana, Lesotho, Madagascar, Malawi, Mozambique, Eswatini registered a decline whilst NAFPs DRC, Namibia, Seychelles, Zambia and Zimbabwe registered improvements. Average estimate realization for NAFP - Tanzania remained the same. Based on the evaluation matrix, NAFP – DRC was identified for the 2020 Most Effective NAFP Award with NAFP – DRC coming up with the highest score at 86 and an improvement of 13.75% in average estimate realization whilst NAFP-Seychelles had a total score of 81 and an improvement of +3.75% in average estimate realization. Thus NAFP- Seychelles was selected for the 2020 Most Improved NAFP Award.

The NAFP Award ceremony is an annual event held in conjunction with the SADCAS Annual General Meeting to recognize NAFPs efforts and contributions towards SADC goals on accreditation. Due to the COVID -19 pandemic the Award presentation ceremony will be held in conjunction with the 14<sup>th</sup> NAFP Annual Meeting scheduled to be held from 23 to 24 November 2020.