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To: Director Generals and Chief Executives
CRASA Members

Dear Sir/Madam,

INVITATION TO THE 1ST MEETING OF THE CRASA ECONOMIC REGULATION COMMITTEE IN KINSHASA, DRC FROM 30TH JULY TO 1ST AUGUST 2025

The Communications Regulators' Association of Southern Africa (CRASA) renews its compliments to you.

I have the honour of inviting you or your representative(s) to the first meeting of the Economic Regulation Committee (ERC) for 2025/26. The meeting will be hosted by Autorité de Régulation de Poste et de Télécommunication du Congo (ARPTC) in Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) from 30th July to 1st August 2025 from 09h00 to 17h00 Central African Time (CAT).

The purpose of the Committee's first meeting of the new financial year is to commence the implementation of the ERC Operational Plan for 2025/26 and to discuss emerging issues related to economic regulation and competition in the electronic communications market in the Southern Africa Region. Furthermore, the meeting will develop a plan for the implementation of the several regional assignments which CRASA was directed to undertake by the SADC Ministers responsible for Information and Communications Technologies at their Meeting held in Harare, Zimbabwe on 28th February 2025.

The meeting will, accordingly, discuss and formulate action plans for the accomplishment of the following specific projects:

- a) SADC Roaming Project 2025 and Development of Terms of Reference for the SADC Roaming Steering Committee;
- b) White Paper on Satellite Communications and Competition in Broadband Markets in SADC; and
- c) Study on the Impact of Spectrum Allocation Approaches and Impact on Affordability.

It is therefore recommended that nominated participants be well-versed with multilateral roaming agreements and the SADC Roaming Project as well as competition assessment of satellite communications.

The draft agenda of meeting is hereby attached as **Annex I** for your reference.

All participants are strongly encouraged to register in advance for the meeting on the CRASA Events Management Platform: <https://events.crasa.org/>, and to address any requests for further information to crasa@crasa.org and copy Mr Shukya Kiroga, CRASA Head of Electronic Communications at: skiroga@crasa.org.

We look forward to your active participation and contribution to these events and thank you for your continued support in the implementation of the CRASA Strategic Plan 2023/28.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'B. Kasonka Mwansa', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Brian Kasonka Mwansa

Acting Executive Secretary

Attachments:

Annex I: Draft Agenda for the 1st Meeting of the ERC