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To: Director Generals and Chief Executives  
CRASA Members

Dear Sir/ Madam,

**INVITATION TO THE SECOND ORDINARY MEETING OF THE CRASA UNIVERSAL ACCESS AND SERVICE COMMITTEE (UASC) AT TCRA HEADQUARTERS, DAR ES SALAAM, TANZANIA, 27–28 MARCH 2026, PRECEDED BY THE ITU SUBREGIONAL WORKSHOP ON UNIVERSAL AND MEANINGFUL CONNECTIVITY, 24–25 MARCH 2026**

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

I have the honour to invite your nominated representative(s) to attend the Second Ordinary Meeting of the Universal Access and Service Committee (UASC) for the 2025/26 Financial Year, to be held in Dar es Salaam, United Republic of Tanzania, from 27<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> March 2026, from 09:00 to 17:00 hours (Central Africa Time).

At the request of CRASA, the Tanzania Communications Regulatory Authority (TCRA) has kindly agreed to host the Meeting immediately following the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) Subregional Workshop on Promoting and Measuring Universal and Meaningful Connectivity (UMC), scheduled for 24<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> March 2026. This arrangement is intended to enable UASC experts to participate in both engagements and to support the Committee's ongoing work on the validation of the proposed SADC Broadband Connectivity Targets 2025–2030.

During their Meeting of 28<sup>th</sup> February 2025, the SADC Ministers responsible for ICT and Information directed CRASA to review and update the SADC Broadband Targets to align them with the aspirational targets of the United Nations Broadband Commission for Sustainable Development on universal and meaningful digital connectivity to be achieved by 2030. The Ministers further directed CRASA to review the definition of broadband within the SADC Region.

In this regard, the Second Meeting of the UASC will contribute directly to advancing these Ministerial directives, while also supporting the implementation of the Committee's approved 2025/26 Operational Plan and deliberations on priority universal and meaningful connectivity matters within the evolving digital environment in the SADC Region. Accordingly, the Meeting will consider the implementation and finalisation of the following projects:

- (i) Universal Broadband Connectivity Report in SADC for 2025;
- (ii) Guidelines for Community Networks in SADC;
- (iii) Guidelines for Enhancing Inclusion of People with Special Needs in SADC; and
- (iv) Annual UASC Operational Plan 2026/27

Given that this meeting will shape the strategic direction of digital connectivity in the SADC Region, particularly through the proposed SADC Universal Broadband Targets 2025–2030, CRASA strongly encourages Members to nominate senior experts responsible for the measurement of universal and meaningful digital connectivity and the development of national broadband targets to participate in both the ITU Workshop and the UASC Meeting.

For additional information or clarification, please contact the CRASA Secretariat at [crasa@crasa.org](mailto:crasa@crasa.org) or Mr Shukya Kiroga, CRASA Head of Electronic Communications, at [skiroga@crasa.org](mailto:skiroga@crasa.org).

CRASA looks forward to Members' active participation and valuable contributions to the Meeting.

Please accept the assurances of my highest consideration.



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**Acting Executive Secretary**

*Attachments:*

- i. Draft Agenda – Second Meeting of the Universal Access and Service Committee (UASC) 2025/26*
- ii. Country Information Note Tanzania*