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**To: Director Generals and Chief Executives
CRASA Members**

Dear Sir/Madam,

INVITATION TO THE 1ST ORDINARY MEETING OF THE CRASA POSTAL COMMITTEE (PC) IN GABORONE, BOTSWANA, 22nd TO 24th JULY 2026

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

In accordance with the communicated schedule of the First Ordinary Meetings of CRASA Standing Committees for the 2026/27 financial year, as previously communicated in Circular Ref. CRASA/CIRCULAR/008/202627 dated 10th June 2026, I have the honour of inviting you or your representative(s) to participate in the First Meeting of the CRASA Postal Committee (PC) for the 2026/27 financial year. The meeting will be hosted by the CRASA Secretariat in Gaborone, Botswana, from 22nd to 24th July 2026.

The purpose of this first meeting of the Committee in the new financial year is to initiate and advance the implementation of the Postal Committee Operational Plan 2026/27, review emerging policy and regulatory developments in the Postal Sector, and agree on implementation modalities for the Committee's priority projects and activities.

The meeting will further consider the outcomes and directives arising from the SADC Meeting of Ministers responsible for ICT held from 22nd to 26th June 2026 in Bulawayo, Zimbabwe, with particular focus on the implementation of the SADC Postal Strategy (2026–2030). In this regard, the Committee will consider the implications of the approved Strategy for its 2026/27 Operational Plan and will review the Committee’s work programme with a view to aligning its activities, outputs and timelines to support implementation of the Strategy across the SADC Region.

Specifically, the Committee will discuss and formulate action plans for the implementation of the following priority initiatives:

- a) Review of the Postal Committee Operational Plan 2026/27 and development of an implementation roadmap to align Committee activities with the approved SADC Postal Strategy (2026–2030);
- b) Development of a Regional Postal Data Governance and Protection Framework;
- c) Preparation of a Regional Monitoring and Evaluation Report on the Implementation of CRASA Postal Regulatory Recommendations on Cross-Border Collaboration, Access and Inclusion, and Environmental Sustainability;
- d) Development of Guidelines for Cross-Border Enforcement of Postal Security and Integrity; and
- e) Planning and implementation of the Train-the-Trainer Capacity Building Programme on Prohibited and Restricted Items for CRASA Members.

The meeting will also provide an opportunity for Members to exchange experiences, emerging trends and regulatory best practices relating to Postal Sector Transformation, Digitalisation, Security, Sustainability and Regional Integration.

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

All participants are strongly encouraged to register in advance through the CRASA Events Management Platform. The registration link will be shared in due course together with the Country Information Note containing venue details and a list of recommended accommodation facilities.

All requests for further information should be addressed to the undersigned at crasa@crasa.org.

We look forward to your active participation and valuable contribution to the continued implementation of the CRASA Strategic Plan 2023–2028, the SADC Digital Transformation Agenda 2030, and the successful implementation of the SADC Postal Strategy (2026–2030).

Kindly accept the assurances of our highest consideration.



Brian Kasonka Mwansa
Acting Executive Secretary

Attachments:

Annex I: Draft Agenda for the 1st Meeting of the CRASA Postal Committee (PC)