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## APPOINTMENT OF BOARD MEMBERS & EXTERNAL AUDITORS

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For the Third CCARDESA General Assembly

## 1. APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS OF THE CCARDESA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Article 13(5) of the Charter establishing CCARDESA outlines one of the functions of the General Assembly as recommending to States Parties Ministers, new members on CCARDESA Board identified by the sitting Board (self-generating Board).

This paper therefore provides an update on the appointments and retirements of members of the Board of CCARDESA Board of Directors and covers the period from the last General Assembly to 30 April 2023.

### 1.1 Termination of Members of the Board of CCARDESA board of directors

#### 1.1.1 Termination of Members of the Board by expiry of term of office

During the Joint meeting of the SADC Ministers responsible for Agriculture and Food Security and Fisheries and Aquaculture, held on 7th June 2019, in Windhoek, Republic of Namibia, ten members of the CCARDESA Board were appointed with effect from 1 July 2019. The Members of the Board were appointed to serve on the Board for a term of three years. The term for these members is expired on 30 June 2022. Table 1 below details the members whose term is expired after serving the required term of three years.

Table 1: Details of Members of the Board whose term is expired on 30 June 2022

No.	Name	Position	Nationality
1	Prof. C. Camarada	Chairperson	Republic of Angola
2	Mr. I. Chiundira	Legal Expert	Republic of Malawi
3	Dr. S. M. Chite	Farmers Representative	Republic of Botswana
4	Prof. V. B. Rahetlah	Higher Education	Republic of Madagascar
5	Mr. I. M. Mwilima	Public Sector	Republic of Namibia
6	Dr. K. V. Lehloenyanya	Public Sector	Kingdom of Lesotho
7	Mr. M. V. Naiken	Public Sector	Republic of Seychelles

No.	Name	Position	Nationality
8	Prof. A. Kalonji-Mbuyi	Higher Education Expert	Democratic Republic of Congo
9	Dr. M. N. Gobindram	Agricultural Research Expert	Republic of Mauritius
10	Dr. C. J. Senkoro	Agribusiness Expert	United Republic of Tanzania

### 1.1.2 Termination of Members of the Board by recall by a State Party

During the joint meeting of SADC Ministers responsible for Agriculture and Food Security, and Fisheries and Aquaculture on 22nd May 2020 Dar es Salaam, United Republic of Tanzania, the Ministers appointed Mr Jacob Basil Hlatshwayo from the Republic of South Africa as Finance Expert to the CCARDESA Board of Directors, with effect from 1st of June 2020 for a period of three years.

The Republic of South Africa revoked the appointment of Mr Jacob Basil Hlatshwayo in early 2021 thereby creating a vacancy for the Finance Expert in the CCARDESA Board. Table 2 below details the members whose term was terminated due to recall by the nominating State Party.

Table 2: Members of the Board whose term terminated by recall by a State Party

No.	Name	Position	Nationality
1	Mr Jacob Basil Hlatshwayo	Finance Expert	Republic of South Africa

## 1.2 Appointment of Members of the Board of CCARDESA board of directors

The Joint Meeting of SADC Ministers Responsible for Agriculture and Food Security, and Fisheries and Aquaculture on 13 May 2022, Lilongwe, Malawi approved the appointment of six members of the Board as detailed in Table 3 below. The Board Members were appointed for a term of three years, except for Ms Rendani Sadiki Appointed until the expiry of tenure for South Africa on the Board on 31 May 2023.

Table 3: Details of Members of the Board appointed on 13 May 2022

No.	Name	Position	Nationality
1	Prof Razafinjara Aimé Lara	Chairperson	Republic of Madagascar
2	Mr. Clemence T. Bwenje	Public Sector	Republic of Zimbabwe
3	Dr Frank M. Kayula	Farmers Representative	Republic of Zambia
4	Ms. Amanda N. Chembezi	Civic Society	Republic of Botswana
5	Dr Relebohile Lepheana	Agricultural Research Expert	Kingdom of Lesotho
6	Ms Rendani Sadiki <sup>1</sup>	Finance Expert	Republic South Africa

The above-board members have since taken their positions on the Board

### **1.3 Vacancies on CCARDESA Board of Directors**

The positions on the CCARDESA Board of Directors are outlined in Article 15(1) of the Charter establishing CCARDESA. Membership to the Board of Directors is on a rotational basis among States Parties. The following positions are vacant on the CCARDESA Board of Directors:

- (i) Vice Chairperson of the Board
- (ii) Legal Expert
- (iii) Finance Expert (will be vacant effective 1<sup>st</sup> June 2023)
- (iv) Agribusiness Expert, and or Higher Education Expert.

During the Ministers' meeting in May 2022, the SADC ministers responsible for Agriculture and Food Security, and Fisheries and Aquaculture urged the eligible State Parties, being the Republic of Angola, Republic of Malawi, Republic of Seychelles, and the Democratic Republic of Congo to submit three nominees to CCARDESA Secretariat to be considered for appointment as Members of the CCARDESA Board

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<sup>1</sup> Appointed until the expiry of tenure for South Africa on the Board on 31 May 2023.

of Directors. The nominations were to be received by 30 June 2022 and the three nominees were to be gender sensitive.

CCARDESA Secretariat still awaits nominations for new Board Members from these eligible State Parties.

## 2. APPOINTMENT OF EXTERNAL AUDITORS

Article 13(5) of the Charter establishing CCARDESA outlines one of the functions of the General Assembly as appointing, renewing, or terminating the services of External Auditors for CCARDESA.

The current external auditors, Deloitte, were appointed in the year 2021 for a term of three years. Their remuneration for the period as agreed as follows:

Table 4: External auditors' remuneration

Phase	Financial year end	Amount (BWP)
Phase 1: 2021	31 December 2020	195 952
Phase 2: 2022	31 December 2021	180 100
Phase 3: 2023	31 December 2022	189 105
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>565 157</b>

Phase 3: 2023 external audit for the financial year ended 31 December 2022 will be completed in the first half of the year 2023 and will mark the completion of the term of the current external auditors. The search for the new external auditors will commence thereafter.

## 3. Decision

The General Assembly is requested to:

1. Endorse the appointment of the current members of the CCARDESA Board of Directors;
2. Note that the term for the current external auditors (Deloitte) will expire this year. Therefore, the recruitment of new external auditors will be done this year.