

Kelebeletse Mokobela – Appointed Chairperson of the SADCAS Medical Laboratories Accreditation Programme Advisory Committee



SADCAS is pleased to announce the appointment of Ms Kelebeletse Mokobela as the first Chairperson of the Medical Laboratories Accreditation Programme (MLAP) Advisory Committee (AC). She was elected Chairperson at the 1st meeting of the AC held on 5 December 2017 in Johannesburg, South Africa. SADCAS ACs provide appropriate technical guidance on matters within specific fields of expertise. The credibility of SADCAS services hinges on the technical knowledge and experience of the Advisory Committees which cover the main disciplines and sectors within which SADCAS operates. Advisory Committees are comprised of members appointed by respective organizations/Associations and technical assessors.

Ms Kelebeletse Mokobela is the Chief Medical Laboratory Scientist working for Botswana Ministry of Health and Wellness based in Nyangabgwe Hospital which is one of the two regional hospitals in the country. As a Laboratory Manager at Nyangabgwe from 2011 – 2015 she was able to guide and lead the Laboratory through the development and implementation of Quality Management Systems that led to the accreditation of the Laboratory to ISO 15189 in 2014. She worked as the Botswana National Quality Manager from 2009 – 2012. Under her service four public laboratories were accredited to ISO 15189. A holder of a Master of Science Degree in Clinical Microbiology from Griffith University, Brisbane, Australia in 2004, Ms Mokobela has authored a number of technical papers which have been published in various international journals. She is a certified SLMTA Master Trainer and has since conducted trainings in several countries including South Africa, Zimbabwe, Rwanda, Uganda and Botswana. She is a member of the SLMTA Governance Board. She is currently a trainee assessor for ISO 15189.

Due to her contribution in transforming service delivery Ms Mokobela has received several awards which include Best Change Agent in the Botswana Public Service Awards in 2016, August Performer in the corporate category at Ministry of Health and Wellness Awards in 2017 and the Superintendents awards at the Nyangabgwe Hospital Awards in 2015. Due to her extensive knowledge and experience in quality management systems Ms Mokobela was assigned the Nyangabgwe Hospital Quality Manager to guide and drive the hospital accreditation process.

The SADCAS MLAP was established in June 2010 and up to date SADCAS has accredited medical 21 laboratories both in the SADC region and outside the region; The programme is internationally recognised having recently been admitted to the International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation Mutual Recognition Arrangement for Medical testing (ISO 15189) on 28 October 2017, following an extraordinary peer evaluation from 14 to 19 May 2017.

