

Dr Mike Peet Visits SADCAS

The SADCAS CEO Mrs Maureen Mutasa met with Dr Michael Peet and Dr Ignatius Ndzinge at SADCAS New Offices on Friday, 7 October 2016. The two are short term experts engaged to undertake a study to analyse Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT) and the sanitary phyto-sanitary aspects of the Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA) which was signed on 10 June 2016. The experts commenced their work on 3 October 2016 in Botswana and as part of the study interviewed Mrs Mutasa who in her own right is a food scientist who worked in the agricultural research, academic as a lecturer in food and animal microbiology and the food processing sectors for a number of years.

SADCAS was very delighted to welcome the experts in particular Dr Mike Peet who together with the late Beatrice Mutabazi, Mrs Masego Marobela, Othy Riunja Kaakunga, Dr Elsabe Steyn, Ron Josias and Mrs Mutasa were the group of the experts that over a good 10 years conceptualized and developed the SADCAS model. The Group of Experts further advocated for the acceptance of the model in the region and internationally at which time Dr Peet was the CEO of SANAS and also at some point during this period was the Chairman of the International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation. In particular Mike's leadership, with the unwavering support of the other experts from the region in pushing for the acceptance of the multi-economy accreditation body model internationally and sourcing funds for the set up and operationalization of SADCAS from the Norwegian Government is always appreciated.



Dr Peet and Dr Ndzinge pose for a photo in the SADCAS Boardroom in Gaborone, Botswana

Mrs Mutasa took the opportunity during the interview to brief the experts on the developments in SADCAS in particular the achievement of signatory status and shared with the experts SADCAS future plans.

