## **SADCAS Bids Farewell to Ms Boitumelo Gofhamodimo**

SADCAS bid farewell to Ms Boitumelo Gofhamodimo who had served on the SADCAS Board of Directors since 2012. Ms Gofhamodimo was the Director Trade, Industry, Finance and Investment (TIFI) at the SADC Secretariat and was appointed to the Board in August 2012 to represent the SADC Secretariat. In March 2013, she was then elected to serve her first term of 3 years and subsequently re-elected to serve her 2<sup>nd</sup> term of 3 years on the SADCAS Board of Directors. Following her retirement from the SADC Secretariat in October 2016, Ms Gofhamodimo consequently retired from the SADCAS Board.

In a farewell speech during a brief ceremony held at the SADCAS Offices in Gaborone, Mrs Maureen Mutasa, the SADCAS Chief Executive Officer thanked Ms Gofhamodimo for her for her valuable contribution as a member of the SADCAS Board of Directors from August 2012 to October 2016. In particular she thanked Boitumelo for her facilitation of the approval by Governments to fund the operational budget deficit of US\$ 1.171 million for the strategic period 2012 to 2017. She then wished her all the best in her future endeavours. A resolution thanking Ms Gofhamodimo was passed at the 12<sup>th</sup> SADCAS Annual general Meeting held on 15 March 2017 in Manzini, Swaziland.



Ms Gofhamodimo receiving a token of appreciation from SADCAS CEO Mrs Maureen P Mutasa



From Left to Right; Mrs Pinkie Malebe, Mrs Laureen Gudo, Ms Gofhamodimo, Mrs Mutasa and Ms Jeanne Ranorovelo

In her response Ms Gofhamodimo thanked SADCAS for the generous gift and wished SADCAS continued success. She also reminisced on her time at the SADC Secretariat and shared with SADCAS her new pastime since retirement, farming. Ms Gofhamodimo was then taken on a tour of the SADCAS offices and met with all staff.