



PRESS RELEASE: APPOINTMENT OF SADCAS CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

The Board of Directors of the Southern African Development Community Accreditation Services (SADCAS) is pleased to announce the appointment of Ms Eve Christine Gadzikwa as the Chief Executive Officer with effect from 1 August 2022. This appointment followed an extensive selection process that considered both internal and external candidates.

Gadzikwa's career spans over 28 years in the public and private sector. Gadzikwa is 13th Past President of African Union standards body, the African Organisation for Standardisation (ARSO). She is the Past Board Chairperson of the Zimbabwe Stock Exchange and Past Chairperson of The Institute of Directors (IoD) Zimbabwe.

Prior to joining SADCAS, Gadzikwa spent a 13-year tenure at the helm of Standards Association of Zimbabwe (SAZ) as Director General, where she led a diverse team of experienced professionals and provided strategic leadership and direction in all the key areas of the business, including Standards Development, Information and Training, Technical Services, Certification Services, Finance & Administration, Marketing, Business Development, Human Resources and Procurement Divisions.

During her tenure at SAZ, Gadzikwa represented the organization with distinction on national, regional and international platforms and has established broad contacts with government, private sector and civil society. Her clear vision was to promote Standardization with the aim to promote trade, support industries, improve the quality of exported and imported goods, enhance consumer and environmental protection by promoting awareness and use of standards, quality, and health and safety issues.

Gadzikwa's qualifications include a Masters of Business Administration from Nottingham Trent University (UK), a Specialist Post Graduate Diploma in Medical Laboratory Technology- Microbiology from the University of Zimbabwe (UZ) and a Graduate Diploma in Marketing Management from Institute of Marketing Management –IMM (SA).

Gadzikwa has notable hands-on experience in various Management Systems including Quality Management Systems ISO 9001, Environmental Management System ISO 14001, Occupational Health & Safety ISO 45001, Food Safety ISO 22000, Risk Management ISO 31000, HACCP, and Proficiency Testing & Inter-Laboratory Comparison Requirements ISO/IEC 17025 and Guide 43-1 1997 (Revised 17043:2010). Gadzikwa's employment history has endowed her with considerable knowledge of and experience with Proficiency Testing and Accreditation processes for Testing Laboratories, Calibration Laboratories, Inspection Bodies and Certification Bodies.

Equipped with expertise and wealth of experience in corporate governance, quality systems and business systems, Gadzikwa will provide visionary leadership and drive SADCAS to achieve its strategic objectives as outlined in SADCAS 2022-2027 Strategic Plan.

For and on behalf of SADCAS Board of Directors

Steve Sidney (Mr)

SADCAS Board of Directors Chairman

