Measuring Broadband in SADC Workshop | 24th November 2016

GICC, Gaborone, Botswana

Universal and Affordable Broadband Access
Broadband for Inclusive Social and Economic Development

Welcome

In June 2015, the Southern Africa Development Community (SADC) had noted that the Community required universal broadband in order to attain an inclusive and sustainable development. SADC had agreed to the key baseline conditions especially the development of the National Broadband Plans and related policies. SADC also agreed to a definition and targets for broadband for sustainable socio-economic development. The definition was set to allow for access to fast speed internet that would improve the Community's welfare as well as achieve development outcomes in health, mobility, energy, agriculture, education and governance. The broadband targets are aspirational and can only be realised if the Community exerts effort and leadership to attain greater progress in broadband roll out and utilisation.

There is need for the Community to develop the evaluation, monitoring and reporting tools for broadband roll out and usage. Indicators are to be derived for each and every target as agreed as well as principles on harmonised collection and sharing of data needs to be agreed. It is imperative that the Measuring Broadband in SADC Workshop allows greater awareness of the SADC's Broadband targets as well as identifies the indicators to be used for the monitoring and reporting. The Workshop should also impart knowledge and experience on how to collect data that would be used in monitoring and reporting as well as shared amongst the Community.

I wish to thank the International Telecommunications Union (ITU) for the great partnership to bring the SADC together and to debate on the Region can benchmark and monitor broadband development.

I welcome you to the Measuring Broadband in SADC Workshop.

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SESSION 1: OPENING CEREMONY

09:00-09:05	Welcome Remarks	Host
09:05-09:10	Remarks	CRASA
09:10-09:15	Remarks	ITU
09:15-09:20	Opening Remarks	SADC

SESSION 2: SETTING THE SCENE

09:20-09:35	• Creating the enabling environment for universal Broadband: SADC National Broadband Plan Model and Related Regional Policies (Universal Service, Infrastructure Sharing and Open Access) • SADC Definition of Broadband • SADC Broadband Targets • Benchmarking and monitoring of the Broadband developments	CRASA

SESSION 3: BROADBAND MOBILE TRENDS AND MEASUREMENTS

09:35-10:15	• Broadband Mobile technology trends • Measuring Broadband Implementation in 15 Countries	Ericsson
10:15-10:45	*Break*	

SESSION 3: BENCHMARKING AND MONITORING OF THE BROADBAND

10:45-13:00	• ITU ICT data collection - overview • 2030 Agenda For Sustainable Development • ITU Broadband Indicators and definition • Recommendations towards development of SADC Broadband Indicators	ITU
13:00-14:00	*Lunch*	

SESSION 6: DEVELOPMENT OF SADC INDICATORS AND PRINCIPLES FOR MEASURING BROADBAND IN SADC

14:00-15:30	• Group activities to discuss the SADC Broadband Indicators and Principles for Measuring Broadband in	ALL

SADC

SESSION 7: CLOSING CEREMONY

15:30-15:35	Vote of Thanks	TBA
15:35-15:45	Closing Remarks	SADC
15:45-15:55	Farewell Remarks	HOST
15:55	**END OF WORKSHOP**	