



## Global Regulatory Symposium

### Regional Regulatory Associations

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## Introduction

- A forum of Telecommunication regulators
- Pursues SADC objectives
  - Regional harmonization, Integration & Economic Growth
  - Established in December 1997 to develop a harmonised ICT regulation regime for the region
  - Membership – Only autonomous telecomms regulators
  - 6 founder members in 1997
  - Presently 11 full and active members + 3 associate members (DRC, Swaziland & Seychelles)



## Objectives & Structure

- To co-ordinate, exchange ideas, views and experiences on all aspects of telecom regulation
- To promote efficient, adequate and cost effective telecom networks
- Facilitation of uniform level of understanding of regulatory matters
- Maximise utilization of scarce resources – Electromagnetic spectrum
- Structure – AGM – Execo – Specialised committees  
- Secretariat



## Harmonisation Procedure

- TRASA works in collaboration with Southern Africa Transport and Communications Commission (SATCC) Technical Unit
  - TRASA is a consultative member of SATCC Telecommunications Committee
  - Regulatory policies, guidelines, models proposed by TRASA are discussed by the Telecomms Committee.
  - The SATCC Telecomms Committee makes recommendations to SADC Ministers Committee for endorsement



## Harmonisation Programme & New

- Completed Programmes
  - Interconnection guidelines, Tariffs Guidelines, Wholesale Pricing, Universal Access/Service, Licensing, Regional Frequency Band Plan 20MHz – 3.1G
- All the above have been endorsed by SADC Ministers
- [NetTel@Africa](#) - HRD & knowledge exchange
- Consumer issues, good governance, Stds & numbering, key performance indicators

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