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AASA ELECTS 2022-23 CHAIRPERSON AND DEPUTY CHAIRPERSON

15 October 2022, Kleinmond – Mr. João Carlos Pó Jorge has been elected the new Chairperson and Mr. Elmar Conradie as Deputy Chairperson of the Airlines Association of Southern Africa (AASA). They were elected at the 52nd Annual General Meeting and will serve for the next 12 months.

Mr. Jorge is the Director-General of Linhas Aéreas de Moçambique (LAM). Mr. Conradie is the CEO of Safair.

“Our industry emerges from the COVID-19 pandemic in a very different shape to what it was. It is leaner, fitter, and stronger, but faces considerable economic and regulatory headwinds and external threats, including the reliable supply of fuel, which is the most immediate pressing issue. Both João and Elmar are highly respected and knowledgeable leaders in the Southern African air transport industry and well-placed to provide guidance and support as we continue to lead and speak for the airline industry and engage on their behalf with governments and regulators throughout the SADC region,” explained AASA CEO, Aaron Munetsi.

AASA’s 2022 Annual General Assembly was attended by over 260 delegates representing airlines, airports, air navigation and weather services as well as manufacturers, suppliers, and other industry stakeholders. Issues addressed included the need for urgent action by governments in the region to review policies and regulations to enable a more efficient, comprehensive, and competitive air transport industry to serve and support all the economies of the SADC region.

About AASA

AASA represents most of the airlines in the SA Development Community bloc on matters of common interest relating to government policies, legislation, regulations, planning, operational efficiency, safety, security, taxes, charges, and other matters affecting its members’ sustainability and the provision of affordable and accessible air transport throughout the region.

AASA was established in 1970 and currently has 17 airline members and 35 associate members, including infrastructure service providers, aircraft and engine manufacturers and other industry suppliers, ground handling companies and allied industry bodies.

AASA is a regular participant and contributor to the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) and International Air Transport Association (IATA) and supports their initiatives in the region.

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