

## MEDIA STATEMENT

### AASA's 2024-25 Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson Elected

19 October 2024, Paarl, Cape Town – The incoming Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson of the Airlines Association of Southern Africa's (AASA) were elected at the body's 54<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting and will serve for the next 12 months.

Ms. Lulu Rasebotsa has been elected as AASA's Chairperson. She is the General Manager of Air Botswana, with Interim CEO of South African Airways, Prof. John Lamola, re-elected as the Deputy Chair.

"Lulu and John will provide guidance and support to AASA in our ongoing engagements with governments, tariff, licensing and safety regulators, airport operators, air navigation service providers and other role players in our advocacy work. Our goal is that policy, regulations and standards promote competitive, affordable, economically and environmentally sustainable, secure and safe air transport with comprehensive intra-African connectivity," said AASA CEO, Aaron Munetsi.

AASA's annual general assembly was hosted by FlySafair and held in Paarl near Cape Town, South Africa. It was attended by over 200 delegates representing airlines, airports, air navigation and weather services, aircraft and engine manufacturers, industry suppliers and other stakeholders.

#### About AASA

AASA represents most of the airlines in the Southern African Development Community (SADC) 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 participant and contributor to the [International Civil Aviation Organization \(ICAO\)](#) and the [International Air Transport Association \(IATA\)](#) forums and supports their initiatives in the region.

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