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AASA's 2026-27 Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson elected

10 October 2026. Mauritius – The incoming Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson of the Airlines Association of Southern Africa (AASA) were elected at the body's 56th Annual General Meeting (AGM) and will serve for the next 12 months.

Mr. Miguel Caneiro, CEO of TAAG Angola Airlines, has been elected to serve as AASA's Chairperson.

Dr. Bao Mosinyi, General Manager of Air Botswana, has been elected to serve as AASA's Deputy Chairperson.

"Miguel and Bao will provide guidance and support to AASA in our ongoing engagements with governments, aviation regulators, airport operators, air navigation service providers and other relevant role players in our advocacy work. Our goal is that policy, regulations, services and aviation infrastructure support and promote competitive, financially viable and environmentally sustainable, secure and safe air transport with comprehensive intra-African connectivity," said AASA CEO, Aaron Munetsi.

AASA's 2026 AGM was held in Mauritius and sponsored by Airlink and South African Airways. It was attended by over 200 delegates representing airlines, airports, air navigation services, civil aviation regulatory authorities, 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 15 Airline Members and 42 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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