

AASA's CHAIRPERSON AND DEPUTY CHAIRPERSON RE-ELECTED for 2021-22

28 October 2021, JOHANNESBURG – Members of the Airlines Association of Southern Africa (AASA) voted to extend the terms of the current Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson for the next 12 months.

FlySafair CEO, Elmar Conradie, will continue to serve as AASA's Chairperson, while Air Botswana CEO, Agnes Khunwana will remain as AASA's Deputy Chairperson.

Both were unanimously re-appointed during AASA's 51st Annual General Assembly, which was held online today. They have been serving in those positions since March 2021

“Elmar and Agnes are both highly-respected industry executives committed to the long-term sustainability of the region's air transport sector. Their appreciation of the commercial and operational realities of the airline industry in the region is invaluable in guiding the ongoing advocacy engagements between AASA and government policy-makers and regulators throughout the Southern Africa Development Community,” said AASA CEO, Aaron Munetsi.

AASA's 2021 virtual annual assembly was attended by over 175 delegates representing airlines, airports, air navigation and weather services as well as manufacturers, suppliers and other industry stakeholders.

Plans are being made to return to staging an in-person event for AASA's 52nd annual general assembly in 2022, which will be sponsored by Airlink.

About AASA

The Airlines Association of Southern Africa (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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