

Dr Thomas heads for the African Development Bank

The SADC-DFRC Board of Trustees hosted a farewell cocktail in honour of Dr Rosalind H Thomas, CEO for SADC-DFRC on the 30th March 2007 at the Gaborone International Convention Centre. The Vice Chair of the Board, Mr Oaitse Ramasedi and the Chair of the DFI Subcommittee, Mr David Nuyoma in their speeches at the occasion highlighted Dr Thomas' unwavering commitment to the DFI Network and her excellent work and achievements at the DFRC as its founding CEO including: development of its first five-year Strategic Business Plan (2004-9), two-year Work Programmes and Financial Sustainability Strategy.



From l-r : Mr Oaitse M Ramasedi (Deputy Chair of the SADC-DFRC Board of Trustees and CEO for National Development Bank, Botswana), Dr Rosalind H Thomas (Outgoing CEO for SADC-DFRC), and Mr David Nuyoma (Chairman of the DFI Subcommittee and CEO for the Development Bank of Namibia) handing over the gift to Dr Thomas at the farewell cocktail

Her tenure saw the DFRC embark on implementation of initiatives on institutional strengthening, financial sector strengthening and reform, SME development and Infrastructure/PPP delivery. Institutional strengthening activities encompassed various training programmes on Corporate Governance, Project Management and Investment Appraisal and Risk Analysis for DFIs staff.

Dr Thomas has been appointed Director of NEPAD, Regional Integration and Trade Department at the African Development Bank. She takes up her appointment at the bank on 1st June 2007.

Vision

"To be the centre of excellence, aimed at catalyzing the SADC-DFI members collective efforts to be at the cutting edge of financial services delivery in the priority areas set by the RISDP".

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Mandate

"Through technical and capacity building support, as well as policy research and advisory services, the DFRC's mandate is to promote the effective mobilisation of resources by the DFI's for investment in key areas with the potential to stimulate growth, generate employment and alleviate poverty in the SADC region".

GAPI joins the Network

As part of the DFRC's efforts to widen the DFI Network membership to other DFIS in the region, the Small Industries Promotion Agency (GAPI) of Mozambique joined the Network on the 30th March 2007 in Gaborone at the Network meeting. GAPI/SARL was represented at the Network meetings by its Board Member, Mr Adolfo Moholove who signed the Network MoU on behalf of GAPI. The DFRC and the DFI Network welcomes GAPI to the network and look forward to their valuable support and contribution to the development of the region. GAPI has also volunteered to host the next DFI Subcommittee Meeting in November.



Mr David Nuyoma, Chairman of the DFI Subcommittee, (Left) and Mr Adolfo Moholove, GAPI Board member (right) at the signing of the Network MoU. Mr Moholove assured members of GAPI's commitment to the Network.



The SADC-DFRC is an autonomous SADC institution, established under the SADC Principle of Subsidiarity

Human Resource Development Forum

The SADC-DFRC, in collaboration with National Development Bank (NDB), Botswana Development Corporation (BDC) and Citizen Entrepreneurial Development Agency (CEDA), held the Second Human Resource Development Forum at the Gaborone International Convention Centre on the 26th and 27th April, 2007. The workshop is a follow up of the HR forum held in August 2006 at IDC in Sandton, South Africa. This workshop brought together Human Resource Specialists from the DFI Network and the Forum as well as to share technical experiences. The Forum elected Mr Simon Meti, Human Resources Manager at BDC as Chairman, together with Nomhle Makabane (DBSA), Francesca Zinyemba (IDBZ), Gabriel Mbapaha (DBN) and Kennedy Njamba (DBZ) as Forum Steering Committee members. The Forum also agreed on the outline of a programme of Training Needs Analysis for the SADC DFIs. A technical discussion was also held on Performance Management Systems in DFIs.



Delegates attending the HR Forum at GICC, Botswana

Up-coming events

• Global Corporate Governance Forum (GCGF) Corporate Governance Development Programme

Following further discussions and consultations, a programme for the delivery of a new Corporate Governance training programme for DFI directors has been agreed between the DFRC and the GCGF. A stakeholders meeting was held on 25th May at the Vulindlela Academy at DBSA, SA, to discuss the draft curriculum and teaching materials and programme of activities on the Corporate Governance programme to be presented by the consultants. A pilot training programme on DFI directors will take place in September 2007 and will be followed immediately by a training of trainers programme. Participants from the Boards and senior management of DFIs as well as selected consultants have been invited to attend.

Condolences

Dr Piet Viljoen of the Development Bank of Southern Africa passed away on 31st January 2007. The Board and Management of the SADC-DFRC would like to recognize and express their appreciation of his immense contribution to the DFI Network and the DFRC as well as other development initiatives in the region.

May his soul rest in peace.



Mission

To be a lean virtual organization providing capacity building and policy research, and advise to the DFI Network and SADC Governments in support of financial and operational effectiveness and efficiency, so as to enhance their contribution to economic growth and development in the SADC region.

Key Focal Areas:

- Financial sector reforms and strengthening, and capital markets development.
- Institutional support, encompassing capacity building.
- SME Development and support.
- Infrastructure / PPP

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