

ACTING APPOINTMENT OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY



Ms. Alma Andrade
Acting Executive Secretary of SACU

The SACU Council of Ministers has appointed Ms. Alma Andrade, as the Acting Executive Secretary of SACU effective from the 18th October 2022.

Ms. Alma Andrade is the Director of Corporate Services at SACU Secretariat based in Windhoek, Namibia, a position she has held since 2014. She is responsible for overseeing the administrative part of the Secretariat by providing management and strategic leadership to five sub-directorates within Corporate Services being: Human Resources; Finance and Procurement; Information and Communications Technology; Facilities and Administration; and Records and Information.

Ms. Andrade is responsible for promoting and ensuring operational excellence and efficiency as well as overall institutional effectiveness of the Secretariat through timely and effective delivery of Corporate Services in a manner that is efficient, client-oriented and people-centered.

Ms. Andrade also ensures compliance to the Secretariat's policies and guidelines within the mandate of Corporate Services. She also serves on the Executive Committee of the Secretariat. As Member of the Executive Committee, she contributes to the overall strategic direction of the

Organization and ensure the implementation of the SACU Work Programme as endorsed by Heads of State or Government and monitored by the SACU Council of Ministers. Prior to that, Ms. Andrade was for fourteen years, involved in Institutional promotion and private sector project development work in various countries with special emphasis on private sector/ economic development orientated work within multi-national and multi-cultural business environments. Institutional promotional work was carried in various countries including but not limited to: Eswatini, Zimbabwe, Malawi, Mozambique, Lesotho, South Africa, Qatar, Kuwait, Malaysia, India, Republic of China on Taiwan and Denmark.

Ms. Andrade has further experience in working in multi-cultural teams having worked in various diverse teams based in Zimbabwe, Denmark, Eswatini and now, Namibia and drawing expertise from various sources where necessary whilst enjoying effective working relations. In most of these, Ms. Andrade served as a team leader.

Ms. Andrade holds an Executive Master's in Business Administration from the then Scandinavian International Management Institute, based in Copenhagen, Denmark; a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration from the University of Eswatini; a Programme on Investment Appraisal and Management from Harvard University's Institute for International Development and a Certificate in Finance for Non-Finance Managers from the University of Cape Town Business School.



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