

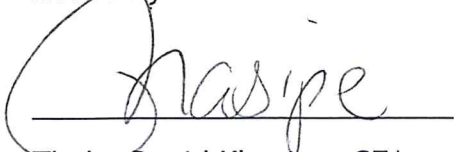
**CHANGE OF THE SACU CHAIRMANSHIP**  
**15 JULY 2025**  
**WINDHOEK, NAMIBIA**

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**PRESS RELEASE**

1. As part of the Southern African Customs Union's (SACU) rotational leadership framework, the Republic of South Africa will assume the Chairmanship on the 15<sup>th</sup> July 2025. The SACU Chairmanship rotates amongst the Member States for a period of twelve (12) months, in alphabetical order. The following outlines the key leadership changes that will take place across SACU's main decision-making and oversight structures.
2. The Republic of South Africa will assume the Chairmanship of the SACU Summit, Council of Ministers and Commission, effective from the 15<sup>th</sup> July 2025 to the 14<sup>th</sup> July 2026. South Africa takes over from the Republic of Namibia, who held the SACU Chair from the 15<sup>th</sup> July 2024 to 14<sup>th</sup> July 2025.
3. Therefore, His Excellency Mr. Cyril Ramaphosa, President of the Republic of South Africa, will assume the role of the Chairperson of the SACU Summit, taking over from Her Excellency Dr. Netumbo Nandi-Ndaitwah, President of the Republic of Namibia.
4. The Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition of South Africa, Honourable Parks Tau, will assume the role of Chairperson of the SACU Council of Ministers, taking over from the Minister of Finance in Namibia, Honourable Ericah Shafudah.
5. The Deputy Director-General of Trade in the Department of Trade, Industry and Competition of South Africa, Ambassador Xolelwa Mlumbi-Peter, takes over as the Chairperson of the SACU Commission, from the Executive Director in the Ministry of Finance of Namibia, Dr. Michael Humavindu.
6. The Deputy Secretary for Financial Policy in the Ministry of Finance of Botswana, Ms. Boikanyo Mathipa, will be the Chairperson of the Finance, Risk and Audit Committee, taking over from the Deputy Director-General of International and Regional Economic Policy in the Department of National Treasury of South Africa, Ms. Boipuso Modise.

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