

CHANGE OF THE SACU CHAIRMANSHIP

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1. As part of the Southern African Customs Union's (SACU) leadership framework, the Chairmanship rotates amongst the Member States for a period of twelve (12) months, in alphabetical order. In this regard, the Republic of Botswana will assume the Chairmanship of the SACU Summit, Council of Ministers and Commission, effective from the 15th July 2026 to the 14th July 2027. Botswana takes over from the Republic of South Africa, who held the SACU Chairmanship from the 15th July 2025 to 14th July 2026.
2. His Excellency Advocate Duma Gideon Boko, President of the Republic of Botswana, will assume the role of the Chairperson of the SACU Summit, taking over from His Excellency Cyril Matamela Ramaphosa, President of the Republic of South Africa.
3. The Vice-President and Minister of Finance of the Republic of Botswana, His Excellency Ndaba Nkosinathi Gaolathe, will assume the role of Chairperson of the SACU Council of Ministers, taking over from South Africa's Finance Minister, Honourable Enoch Godongwana.
4. The Secretary for Macroeconomic and Financial Policy in the Ministry of Finance of the Republic of Botswana, Dr. Sayed O. Timuno, takes over as the Chairperson of the SACU Commission, from the Deputy Director-General of Trade in the Department of Trade, Industry and Competition of South Africa, Ambassador Xolelwa Mlumbi-Peter.
5. In relation to the Finance, Risk and Audit Committee (FRAC), the Chairmanship of the FRAC is held by the Member State that will assume the Chairmanship of SACU in the ensuing year. Therefore, the Principal Secretary in the Ministry of Finance of the Kingdom of Eswatini, Mr. Vusi Dlamini, will be the Chairperson of the FRAC, taking over from the Secretary for Macroeconomic and Financial Policy in the Ministry of Finance of the Republic of Botswana, Dr. Sayed O. Timuno.

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