

The new Head of Delegation, Ambassador Alexander Baum, presented his credentials to SADC Executive Secretary, Dr Stergomena Tax, on 07 October at SADC Secretariat Headquarters in Gaborone. The European Union and the Southern African Development Community (SADC) have enjoyed 30 years of partnership, which is manifested through three main dimensions: (i) Developmental (SADC benefits from regional funding via the European Development Fund, EDF); (ii) Trade: the EU-SADC Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA) to facilitate trade between the two blocs was initialled in August 2014; (iii) Political: SADC and the European Union meet yearly at the level of Senior Officials and at Ministerial level every two years to address matters of common interest in a Political Dialogue forum.