

The 11th Annual Gaming Regulators Africa Forum (GRAF) was held at Victoria Falls in Zimbabwe over the past week from the 21-24 June 2015. The Conference was attended by Provincial Gambling Boards of South Africa and member states such as Zimbabwe, Swaziland, Botswana, Malawi, Nigeria, Tanzania, Namibia, and Ghana.

The objective of the GRAF Forum is to develop common norms and standards in the control and regulation of all legalised gambling modes on the continent.

Over 170 delegates from across the globe attended the convention which was addressed by a variety of distinguished experts in the regulation of gambling. The Conference was also attended by international speakers such as the Current President of the International Association of Gaming Regulators, Ms. Birgitte Sand who is also the Chief Executive of the Danish Gaming Regulatory Authority, Ms. Jenny Williams, Chief Executive of the Gaming Commission of the United Kingdom and Mr. Atle Hamar, the Director General of the Norwegian Gaming Authority. Prof. Alfred Nevhutanda of S.A. Lotteries commission also delivered a paper.

As the Chief Executive of the Limpopo Gambling Board, Mr. Serobi Maja completed his term as the President of the Gaming Regulators of Africa Forum, Mr. Stephen Gwasira, the Chairman of the Zimbabwean Lotteries and Gaming Board took over as the new President and Mr. Emmanuel Quainoo of the Ghanaian Gaming Board was elected as the Deputy President. However, all delegates acknowledged the significant role played by the Chief Executive of the Limpopo Gambling Board in the pursuit of the objectives of GRAF and consequently took a unanimous decision to appoint Mr. Maja as the First Patron of the Association. Furthermore, the Conference elected the Limpopo Gambling Board's Personal Assistant to the Chief Executive, Ms. Adél Koekemoer as the Secretariat for GRAF together with Ms. Adelle Kotze as the Treasurer General.

The Conference further identified Ghana as the next host of the annual convention for 2016.