

## **ECSAFA**

Eastern Central and Southern African Federation of Accountants

Many accountants across the country often wonder what exactly ECSAFA is and what exactly does it represents and stands for? The following paragraphs will attempt to clear all these questions.

### **ECSAFA Mission Statement**

To build and promote the accountancy profession in the Eastern, Central and Southern regions of Africa in order that it is perceived by accountants, business, financiers and governments to be an important factor in the economic development of the region.

The main objective of ECSAFA is to co-ordinate development of the accountancy profession and to promote internationally recognised standards of professional competence and conduct within the region.

ECSAFA meets on a regular basis to discuss and consider issues pertaining to the above, and reports its activities to IFAC.

### **Background and Membership**

The Eastern Central and Southern African Federation of Accountants (ECSAFA) is one of the regional organisations which are recognised by the International Federation of Accountants (IFAC).

Members of ECSAFA are:

- **Full**

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| * Botswana     | * DR Congo |
| * Ethiopia     | * Kenya    |
| * Lesotho      | * Malawi   |
| * Mauritius    | * Namibia  |
| * South Africa | * Sudan    |
| * Swaziland    | * Tanzania |
| * Uganda       | * Zambia   |
| * Zimbabwe     |            |

- **Temporary**

Angola, Eritrea and Mozambique

- **Observers**

The Association of Accounting Technicians (UK),  
The Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (UK),  
The Institutes of Chartered Accountants in England, Wales, Scotland, and Ireland (UK) and  
The World Bank.

- **Affiliates**

Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA) and East and Southern African Association of Accountants General (ESAAG).

### **Activities in the Region**

*Communication* – ECSAFA provides a channel through which information is communicated and disseminated to member countries and relevant international bodies.

*Professional Standards* – the promotion and adoption of professional standards, issued by IFAC, IASC and other relevant bodies.

*Legal and economic framework* – promoting the adoption of appropriate, common economic and legal systems.

*Education and training* – supporting the establishment of appropriate education and training facilities.

*Capital markets* – Liaising with international and regional organisations to influence the development of efficient capital markets and promote trade and services in the region.

*Reciprocity* – supporting the establishment of reciprocity agreements between member bodies.

*Public relations* – improvement of the image of the profession in the region, and the role of the accountant in promoting accountability and

*Development* – assistance in the establishment of accountancy bodies in the countries where none exist.

*Corporate Governance* – Promoting corporate governance in association with relevant local and international bodies.

### **Past Presidents**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>COUNTRY</b>	<b>PERIOD</b>
Ndung'u Gathinji	Kenya	1989 – 1992
E S Mangoma	Zimbabwe	1993 – 1994
Ernest Massawe	Tanzania	1995 – 1994
D C Arnold	South Africa	1997 – 1998
Sammy Onyango	Kenya	1999 – 2000
Darly Benecke	Zimbabwe	2001 – 2002
George Egaddu	Uganda	2003 – 2005
Butler Phirie	Botswana	2006 – 2007

### **Executive Committee 2005/7**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>INSTITUTE</b>	<b>POSITION</b>
Morgan Tembo	Society of Accountants of Malawi (SOCAM)	President
Jacobus De La Rey Du Toit	Institute of Chartered Accountant of Namibia (ICAN)	Deputy President
Joseph W Wangai	Institute of Certified Public Accountants of Kenya (ICPAK)	EXCOM member
Mohamed Saleem Kharwa	South African Institute of Professional Accountants (SAIPA)	EXCOM member
Jaucoline (Jackie) Dorinda Tong	The South African Institute of Chartered Accountants (SAICA)	EXCOM member

***The EXCOM will serve for a period for one year.***

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