



AFRAC ELECTS A NEW CHAIR



On 28 September 2018, Mr Ron Josias was unanimously elected as AFRAC Chair for a term of 2 years in accordance with the AFRAC Bylaws. He took over the onerous task of leadership from Engr. Araya Fesseha, CEO of ENAO, who held the mantle of leadership of AFRAC from September 2016 to September 2018. Mr Josias previously served as Chair of AFRAC from October 2012 to September 2016.

As a founding member of AFRAC, Mr Ron Josias, the current CEO of SANAS, together with other key role players realised the need for a strong African voice within the international Accreditation fora, and ever since, has been instrumental in the establishment of strong and purpose driven leadership for AFRAC, culminating in the international recognition of AFRAC MRA.

Mr Josias is a Senior Executive with more than 25 years of experience working at national, regional and international level with a diverse range of internal and external stakeholders across private and public sectors as well as diverse cultures. Adept at strategic planning and project management, he has a solid track record of using advanced research, analysis, strategic planning and negotiation skills to successfully develop accreditation infrastructure initiatives whilst maximising acceptance and driving continuous change. He has distinguished himself within and outside South Africa, Africa and beyond with outstanding achievements including:

- **Establishing the accreditation of Inspection Bodies in South Africa:** Negotiating the transfer of the accreditation of Inspection Bodies from another government institution to SANAS, and overseeing the integration and international recognition of the accredited Inspection Bodies;
- **Leading the South African Accreditation Body (SANAS) as a public entity:** Driving the SANAS to a finalist in the best run state entity recognition;
- **Establishing the South African Accreditation ICT Infrastructure;**

- **Recipient of the SADC certificate of recognition:** This is for his contribution to the development and advancement of quality infrastructure in the SADC Region;
- **The founding leader and member of AFRAC**

Mr Josias holds MPhil in International Management (University of Pretoria), MBA (Masters in Business Administration -University of Wales), National Higher Diploma in Mechanical Engineering (T4 - Peninsula Technikon), Certificate in Foundation of Corporate Coaching (University of Cape Town). Mr Josias currently also acts as the Regional Coordinator and manages the AFRAC Secretariat. He is an ILAC Executive Committee Member, ILAC Arrangement Council Member, the Chair of the SADCA MRA Committee, SADCA Executive Committee Member and AFRAC Executive Committee Member.

Yolanda Vinnicombe
AFRAC Secretariat