



## BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

### **STERGOMENA TAX**

Stergomena Lawrence is the Executive Secretary of Southern African Development Community (SADC).

She started her career as a Government Officer, in the Ministry of Finance in 1990, and joined the Economic and Social Research Foundation as Consultant and Coordinator of commissioned Studies in May 2002 to October 2004. Thereafter, from October 2004 to May 2006, she joined the President's Office, planning and privatization as Chief Executive Officer, in the Better Regulation Unit, driving and overseeing the implementation of the Business Environment Strengthening Programme for Tanzania (BEST).

In January 2007 she became Deputy Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Planning, Economy and Empowerment until November 2007. In December 2007 she was promoted to the post of Permanent Secretary and posted to Ministry of Trade, Industry and Marketing until November 2008, and served as Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of East African Cooperation until August 2013.

In August 2013 Stergomena Tax was appointed Executive Secretary of SADC. She became the 6<sup>th</sup> Executive Secretary and 1<sup>st</sup> female Executive Secretary of SADC. As the Executive Secretary of SADC, she has successfully led the revision of SADC Regional Integration Strategic Development Plan, SADC Industrialization Strategy and Road Map 2015-2063; SADC conflict resolution and mediation processes; and democracy consolidation processes.

Stergomena Tax has a vast of competences, skills, and experience in areas of Regional integration. She has led and participated in numerous region integration processes, programmes and negotiations. She has also led and participated in a number of bilateral, regional, multilateral negotiations. Her area of expertise includes: Regional Integration; Trade; Finance; Private Sector Development; Management; Policy formulation, analysis and review; Planning and Budgeting.

A Tanzianian native, she graduated in Doctoral Phil. International Developments and M.Phil. Policy Management and Development Economics from University of Tsukuba in Japan. She also holds Bachelor of Commerce (Finance) and Diploma in Business Administration, attained at the University of Dar-es-Salaam.