



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

SADC Executive Secretary H.E. Dr. Stergomena Lawrence Tax has congratulated H.E Laurent Roger Kolo Christophe, the new Prime Minister of the Republic of Madagascar following his appointment by H.E Hery Rajaonarimampianina, President of the Republic of Madagascar.

The Executive Secretary said the appointment opens a new chapter of hope and political stability in Madagascar. Dr Tax assured the new Malagasy Prime Minister, the Government and people of Madagascar of SADC's steadfast and unwavering support for the wishes and aspirations of the people of Madagascar who yearn for political stability and socio-economic reconstruction and development.

While looking forward to working closely with the new Prime minister in strengthening cooperation within the SADC institutional framework and regional integration, Dr. Tax underscored the importance of national reconciliation, nation-building and socio-economic development of Madagascar. Dr. Tax furthermore urged the Prime Minister to exhibit a spirit of tolerance as the country embarks on a political and socio-economic recovery phase.

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