

Gaming Regulators Africa

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African Responses and solutions for African challenges Forum

Academic/ Policy Role player because
of commitment of UWC towards
transformation

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Africa- My Africa!

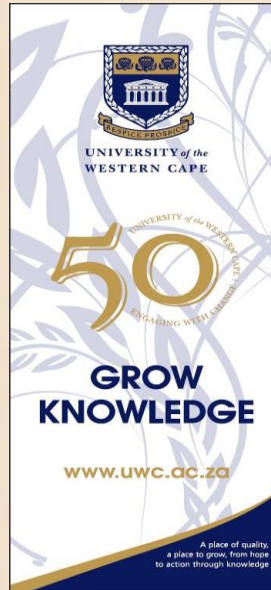
- Why our future should be made in Africa?(Ozward Boateng, 2013)
- Accelerated growth-
- 2012-IMF estimated GDP growth of 35%
- Sierra Leone- 2012- 35 % economic growth
- Until 2010- Past 10 years fastest growing economies- 6 came from Sub-Saharan Africa.
- Next 5 years-IMF forecasts -7 out 10 top places – Africa (Ethiopia, Tanzania, Mozambique, Congo, Ghana, Zambia and Nigeria)

OAU and successor - AU-

- 2013 Celebration 50 year of OAU
- Nkosazana Dlamini Zuma- AU Chairperson (First Female)
- 50th year celebration of African Development Bank – \$22bn to boost Infrastructure in for Africa with Africa's reserves!!
- Need \$69bn for roads, wireless connectivity, clean water, electricity, railways, ports, etc.
- Guarantee of Africa for own development

The United Nations and its member states adopted the Millennium Development Goals for 2015 with key outputs.

- Goal 1: Eradicate Extreme Poverty
- Goal 2: Achieve universal primary school education
- Goal 3: Promote gender equity and empower women
- Goal 4: Reduce child mortality
- Goal 5: Stimulate entrepreneurship (SMME; development)



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Secretariat GRAF - NGB Strategic Activities.....

■ *Organisational Excellence*

- **Organisational reengineering** – for economic, efficient and effective utilization of people, process and systems. E.g.. **leading research and thought leadership for country and continent,**
- **Capacity building on a continental level** - the NGB facilitated a symposium on the regulatory processes and processes of world class regulation for the casino and gaming industries of Southern Africa, offered by the Institute for the Study of Gambling and Commercial Gaming, University of Nevada, Reno.
- 2011- Bill Eadington – skyped 41 scholars on gambling policy, and regulation for effective leadership
- 2002- Bill Eadington – seminar in Cape Town- Policy makers



NGB Strategic Activities cont...

- *Leadership of the debate concerning new forms of gambling*
- The NGB is **building our knowledge & capacity in order to effectively regulate our gambling industry** – we continue to learn and grow as we face the challenges of rapid technological developments which affect gambling regulators and the protection of the public.
- **Build institutional capacity** in the gaming industry; **strengthen collaboration with African states** to fight corruption and money laundering in the region (Bi Annual, GRAF; ESAAMLG and IAGRA etc)

GRAF



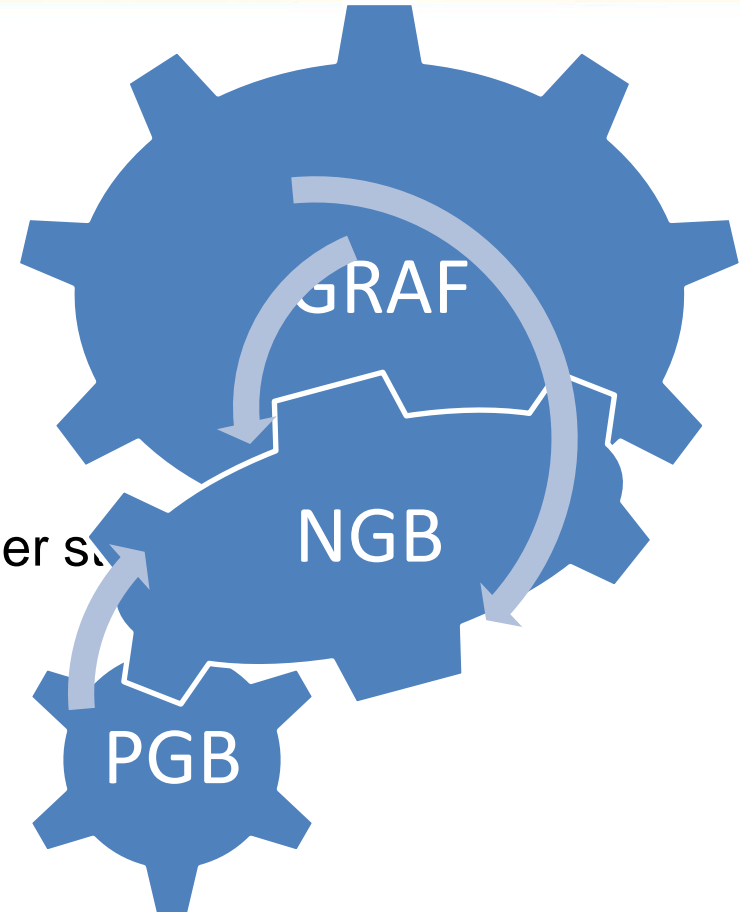
Various Forums of leadership

GRAF

Bi Annual- Industry, Regulators and other stakeholders

Stakeholder meetings

Sharing our research



. Regulation, policymaking and legislation within the member states of the GRAF

- Kenya and Botswana reported on their new policy preparations that were taking
- Draft legislations in place with the hope of approving a new legislative framework in 2012.
- 2012 Malawi reported that it was re-looking at the role and relationship between gambling
- and lotteries.
- **2. Reflection on the asset that Africa has the**

Financial Task Force -

- Policies and standards focusing on money laundering. It consists of nine regional bodies, and has since provided 40 recommendations on money laundering. In 2001, the FATF was tasked with giving special recommendations on terrorist financing.

Financial Task force-Fraud

- The critical areas to focus on for GRAF members were:
- Online banking versus online gambling
- Understanding standards
- Having minimum standards
- Regulators: knowledgeable about international law
- Knowledge of continental and regional state law

GRAF Situational

- • Zimbabwe, although having a very tight gambling regulation, has challenges with online gambling
- Tanzania will introduce online linked to land based licence participants
- Mozambique- 2013 –Elections but invited new entrants into their market.
- Angola fastest

MOU- Member States

- 11 member countries with associate members
- Hosted 9th Annual Graf Forum-Tanzania
- 2011-2012- Immediate Past Chairperson - Prof Linda de Vries, Chairperson, National Gambling Board
- 2013-Chairperson Tanzania
- Mozambique host country- GRAF conference 2013

GRAF MEMBER STATES LEGISLATION

- Malawi –ACT reported that it was re-looking at the role and relationship between gambling and lotteries.
- Zimbabwe –ACT , although having a very tight gambling regulation, has challenges with
 - O online gambling.
- overhaul of the current gambling legislative framework. It was noted that this GRAF
 - should allow member states to shape some of the regulatory frameworks to

MEMBER STATES -LEGAL POSITION

- South Africa =NGB Act 2004 – to be amended awaiting parliamentary outcomes pertaining to the Gaming Review Commission recommendations. These outcomes are expected to lead to the
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- overhaul of the current gambling legislative framework.
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SA Gambling Regulatory Review process

- Gaming Review Commission- Report –served with recommendations at NCOP in April 2013
- After wide consultations with industry, public, stakeholders and various provinces constituencies.
- Extensive process with a wide range of recommendations to address harmonisation of legislation and uniform norms and standards

MOU with various jurisdictions

- Malawi with Eastern Cape
- Botswana= supported by NGB
- Mpumalanga – supported Tanzania
- Training and capacity building (UNLV - EDT)
- Address cross border movement of machines
- Tanzania- NGB data base of machines-legal, licensed , registered and tested.

Sharing the Gambling rights and privilege

- Clear outcomes
- Impact on society
- Benefits required
- Built into licensing conditions
- Contractual obligations
- Investment in local economy
- Local skills used/trained

Lessons

- Collectively strengthen member states
- Each one teach one- works
- Cost per trainee cheaper on continent for continent
- More impact on quality regulation
- Sharing of expertise benefit all
- Distance, proximity and context makes it sensible
- Seen harmonisation and support in areas

Successes and continental growth

- Responsible gambling programme and its implementation
- Training
- Audits and compliance
- Probity of applicants and sharing of information
- Elimination of bad elements who does border hopping
- Protection of vulnerable

Challenges

- Many are observers- report to political principles
- Continuity of governance partners
- Sovereign state of members
- Money laundering
- Interactive gambling (Case of Swaziland vs. Gauteng (SA)
- Language/ French, Portuguese, Spanish speaking
- Costs – carried by Secretariat, NCP

Africa Unite for Growth and Development

- I'm an African, not because I was born an African but because Africa was born in me.
Kwame Nkrumah –
- World economic Forum –Africa- in Cape town 2013(May) had more world leaders present than before.
- Growth is assured, development is inevitable
- African resources will no longer enslave but unlock a growing economy
- Service and entertainment sector will add



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