



Gaming Regulators Africa Forum



15th ANNUAL CONFERENCE



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Towards a coordinated Gaming Regulatory Framework for Africa



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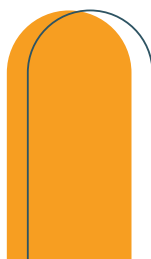
Experience the vibrancy and knowledge exchange at the 15th Annual GRAF Conference, proudly hosted by the KwaZulu-Natal Gaming & Betting Board in the picturesque city of Durban, South Africa. As the continent's premier gathering for regulatory authorities and industry stakeholders, this landmark event promises a dynamic platform for fostering unity and advancing a coordinated regulatory framework for the African gambling landscape.

GRAF CONFERENCE 2024 offers a unique opportunity for regulators to exchange knowledge, collaborate on regulatory challenges, and shape the future of the African gambling industry. Join us in Durban to be part of this transformative event.

Why should you attend?

Regulators from across Africa stand to benefit immensely from their participation in GRAF Conference 2024. Here are compelling reasons why attendance is essential:

- **Insightful Discussions on Africa's Sports Betting Boom:** Explore the regulatory challenges and social impacts of the burgeoning sports betting industry in Africa. Learn from the experiences of other member states and gain valuable strategies for effective regulation.
- **Addressing Anti-Money Laundering Failings:** Delve into the specific challenges of combating money laundering in Sub-Saharan Africa, gaining crucial insights and strategies for bolstering regulatory efforts in this critical area.
- **Harnessing Technological Advancements:** Stay abreast of technological advancements reshaping the gambling sector, including mobile apps, blockchain platforms, and virtual reality casinos. Understand their regulatory implications and the importance of adapting swiftly to ensure integrity and fairness.
- **Combatting Illegal Gambling Operations:** Learn best practices for minimising illegal gambling activities, including unlicensed online platforms and underground betting shops. Discover effective strategies for enforcement and collaboration to safeguard industry integrity and government revenue.
- **Understanding Punter Behaviour:** Gain valuable insights into punter behaviour and psychological observations, informing regulatory approaches and responsible gambling initiatives.



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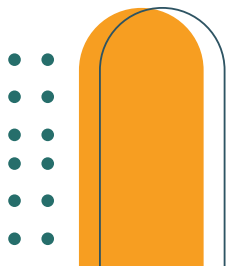
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- **Promoting Responsible Gambling:** Hear from operators about corporate programs for responsible gambling and engage in discussions on best practices for protecting the public and punters against the social impacts of gambling.
- **Utilising Big Data for Regulation:** Explore the potential of big data in predicting punter behaviour and curbing gambling-related social issues. Consider the implications of privacy laws and regulatory frameworks for leveraging data effectively.
- **Regulation of Lotteries and Interactive Gambling:** Participate in panel discussions on the regulation of lotteries, online gambling, and other interactive modes, gaining insights into evolving regulatory approaches and industry trends.
- **Examining the Economic Impact of Horse-racing:** Understand the economic significance of thoroughbred and traditional horse-racing in Africa, informing regulatory decisions and industry support initiatives.

Conference Highlights:

- Welcoming Event for Delegates
- GRAF Technical Committee Meeting
- Thought-Provoking Topics
- Impactful Speaker Lineup
- Networking and Collaboration Opportunities
- GRAF Annual General Meeting (AGM)
- Gala Dinner
- Post-Conference Excursions (Nelson Mandela Capture Site & Tala Game Reserve)





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GRAF CONFERENCE PROGRAMME
DATE: 02 - 05 April 2024

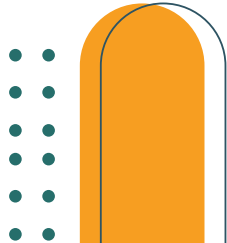
THEME: "FOSTERING UNITY TOWARDS A COORDINATED GAMING REGULATORY FRAMEWORK FOR AFRICA"

DAY 01 : 02 April 2024

- 10h00 - 12h00:** Registration
- 10h30 - 13h00:** GRAF Technical Committee meeting chaired by **MR MABUTHO ZWANE**
- 18H00 - 22h00:** Welcome Reception for GRAF Delegates

DAY 02 : 03 April 2024

- 08h00 - 08h45** Registration - All Delegates
- 08h45 - 09h00** Welcome Address by the Host: Chairperson KwaZulu Natal Gaming and Betting Board - **MS. MBALI MYENI**
- 09H00 - 09h30** Opening Address by the Chairperson of GRAF - **MR MABUTHO ZWANE** (CEO Eastern Cape Gambling Board)
- 09h30 - 09h40** Introduction of the MEC of the Department of Economic Development KZN Province by the HOD of the Department of Economic Development, Tourism and Environmental Affairs - **DR THANDEKA ELLENSON**
- 09h40 - 10h10** MEC for Economic Development, Tourism & Environmental Affairs Kwazulu-Natal Province - **HON. SIBONISO DUMA**
- 10h10 - 10h30** **TEA BREAK**
- 10h30 - 11h00** A snapshot of the gambling landscape in Africa presented by **KPMG**
- 11h00 - 11h30** Africa's sports betting boom: This presentation will explore the opportunities and regulatory challenges of regulating sports betting in Africa. What is the social impact



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DAY 02 Continued

of Africa's sports betting boom? What lessons can we learn from other member states? presented by the Industry.

11h30 - 12h00

Anti-money laundering failings: focus on Sub-Saharan Africa presented by representative of the **FINANCIAL INTELLIGENCE CENTRE.**

12h00 - 13h00

LUNCH

13h00 - 14h00

Panel discussion: Cross Border Issues
Members of the panel to include member states of GRAF

14h00 - 15h00

Panel discussion: Technological advancement for regulators: To align to the already evolving gambling sector. Regulators must keep pace with technological advancements, such as mobile gambling apps, blockchainbased gambling platforms, and virtual reality casinos. Understanding these technologies and their implications or regulation, including ensuring fairness and integrity, can be a challenge if not coordinated.
PANELLISTS: MEMBER STATES OF GRAF, TESTING LABORATORIES, MANUFACTURERS (SAGMA) & ROUTE MONITORING

15h00 - 15h30

AFTERNOON TEA

15h30 - 16h30

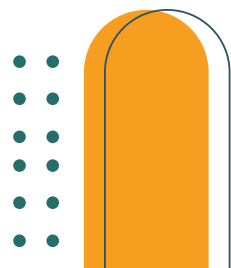
Sharing of best practices with regard to minimising the mushrooming/increase of illegal gambling. Combatting illegal gambling operations, including unlicensed online platforms and underground betting shops, poses a significant challenge. These operations often evade regulation, tax, and consumer protection measures, undermining the integrity of the industry and depriving governments of revenue.
PANELLISTS: LIMPOPO GAMBLING BOARD, GAUTENG GAMBLING BOARD, CASINO ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH AFRICA, GRAF MEMBER STATES, NATIONAL HORSE-RACING AUTHORITY

16h30 - 16h45

WRAP UP: DAY 2 **CHAIRPERSON OF GRAF - MR. MABUTHO ZWANE**

16h45 - 18h00

GRAF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM) - MEMBER STATES OF GRAF





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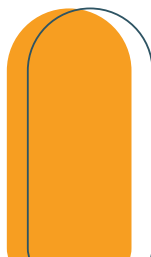
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DAY 03 : 04 April 2024

08h30 - 08h45	Opening and Welcome: GRAF Secretariat - MS. KARABO MBELE (CEO Gauteng Gambling Board)
08h45 - 09h15	Punter behaviour and psychological observations by a Clinical Psychiatrist
09H15 - 09h45	Presentation on corporate programme on responsible/safer gambling from the operator's view. Two Operators to present on their corporate programmes on responsible/safer gambling
09h45 - 10h45	<p>Panel discussion: What is best practice when it comes to responsible safer gambling measures in the African context? Are African regulators and operators doing enough to protect the public and punters against the social ills of gambling? Are African regulators able to use "big data" to predict punter behaviour and identify and curb the social ills of gambling? What are the implications of privacy laws?</p> <p>Panellists: Clinical Psychiatrist, Two (2) Operators who will present their corporate programmes on responsible / safer gambling, South African Responsible Gambling Foundation, Botswana Gambling Authority and two member states of GRAF</p>
10h45 - 11h10	TEA BREAK
11h10 - 12h10	<p>Panel discussion: Regulation of Lotteries: This panel discussion will explore topics such as: Regulating the National Lottery: opportunities and challenges; Lotteries for sustainability: assisting NPOs in becoming self-sufficient and Participants Protection: protecting the interest of lottery participants, educating the public and prohibiting illegal lotteries</p> <p>PANELLISTS TO INCLUDE COUNTRIES WHICH REGULATE LOTTERIES, INCLUDING THE NATIONAL LOTTERIES COMMISSION OF SOUTH AFRICA.</p> <p>African Countries Regulating Lotteries: Ghana; Ethiopia; Kenya; Mauritius; Mozambique; Nigeria; South Africa; Uganda</p>
12h10 - 12h25	Economic Impact of Thoroughbred and Traditional Horseracing in South Africa and the regulation thereof. - MOSES KOTANE INSTITUTE
12h25 - 13h15	LUNCH
13h15 - 14h00	<p>Panel discussion: Interactive gambling – the regulation of online gambling and other interactives modes.</p> <p>PANELLIST: GRAF MEMBER STATES WHICH HAVE INTRODUCED INTERACTIVE GAMBLING -TANZANIA, KENYA, ETC.</p>
14h00 - 14h30	GRAF RESOLUTIONS AND WRAP-UP: CHAIRPERSON OF GRAF
18H00	GALA DINNER 2024





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DAY 04 : 05 April 2024

"A KZN EXPERIENCE"

EXCURSION 1 - Mandela Capture Site & Tala game reserve

- Depart for Mandela Capture Site
- Transfer to Tala Game Reserve
- Lunch at Tala Game Reserve
- Transfer back to Sibaya Casino

EXCURSION 2 - uShaka Marine World Experience

- Depart for uShaka Marine
- Take in the uShaka Marine World experience
- Lunch at uShaka Marine World
- Transfer back to Sibaya Casino

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CONFERENCE LINKS

CONFERENCE ONLINE REGISTRATION LINK:

<https://forms.office.com/r/njQPXBG6Lv>

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM:

https://www.gamingregulatorsafricaforum.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/03/Graf_Registration_Document_final.pdf

SIBAYA ACCOMODATION LINK:

https://www.gamingregulatorsafricaforum.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/03/GRAF_2024_Booking_Details.pdf

SUNCOAST HOTEL & TOWERS:

BOOKING CODE: 36702

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