African Union Commission (AUC) through the Africa Internet Exchange System Project organized a workshop in collaboration with Southern Africa Development Community (SADC) and Postal & Telecommunications Regulatory Authority of Zimbabwe (POTRAZ) to validate the SADC Regional cross-border Interconnection policy framework. The workshop was facilitated by Nathan Associates who contracted from AUC to develop SADC Regional Interconnection policy framework. Representatives from Member States of SADC were participated in the workshop.

The African Internet Exchange System (AXIS) project aims to keep Africa's internet traffic local to the continent by providing capacity building & technical assistance to facilitate the establishment of National Internet Exchange Points and Regional Internet Exchange Points in Africa.

As part of enhancing the regions' cross-border interconnections, the project has been supporting Southern Africa Development Community (SADC) to develop SADC Regional Interconnection Policy Framework.

Following the validation of the draft Baseline Report on SADC Regional Interconnection Policy framework from 23-24 March 2017 in South Africa, the draft SADC Regional cross-border Interconnection policy framework has been developed. This final validation workshop hence aimed to validate the draft SADC Regional cross-border Interconnection policy framework by SADC Member States.

Through the three days' workshop, participants have reviewed and validated the draft policy framework.

Workshop Informations

Venue: **Rainbow Towers Hotel & Conference Centre, Harare, Zimbabwe**

Date: 26-28 July 2017

Host: Postal & Telecommunications Regulatory Authority of Zimbabwe (POTRAZ)

Participants: Representatives of SADC Member States (Angola, Botswana, Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), Lesotho, Madagascar, Malawi, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, Seychelles, South Africa, Swaziland, United Republic of Tanzania, Zambia and Zimbabwe), SADC, CRASA, SATA, Nathan Associates (Consultant) and African Union Commission (AUC)