

Malawi: Former Vodacom chief takes up TNM

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Former chief officer: international business of the Vodacom Group, Willem Hendrik Swart has taken over the mantle as CEO of Telekom Networks Malawi (TNM). Swart has been given a three-year contract succeeding Werner Schrijver who has been at the helm since 2008.



TNM board chairperson Prof. Mathews Chikaonda disclosed that Swart was picked from 29 local and 17 international applicants.

Chikaonda said the appointment of Swart will help spur the company as it gears up to expand and improve its services.

Hailing from South Africa

"The leadership and experience that Swart brings will be an invaluable asset to Malawi's mobile phone network operator's growing business," said Chikaonda.

Swart, a qualified chartered accountant from South Africa, joined Telkom in April 1993 as a member of the team which established Vodacom as a company. In November 1993 he joined Vodacom as a financial manager before taking up the position of finance director of Vodacom SA which he held for four years until July 2000.

Swart also worked with the Vodacom Group in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) and also worked as V-Mobile Nigeria CEO.

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