



ANNOTATED AGENDA

MEETING OF THE SADC PF STANDING COMMITTEE ON GENDER EQUALITY, WOMEN ADVANCEMENT AND YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

THEME: UNPAID CARE AND DOMESTIC WORK: WHY SHOULD PARLIAMENT CARE?

DATE: WEDNESDAY, 14TH APRIL, 2021

TIME: 09:30 – 12:30 AND 14:30 – 16:00

VENUE: VIRTUAL

AGENDA

1. Credentials of Delegates and Apologies.
2. Adoption of the Agenda.
3. Welcome Remarks by the Chairperson.
4. Minutes of the SADC-PF Standing Committee on Gender Equality, Women Advancement and Youth Development Meeting held virtually on Wednesday, 28th October, 2020, ahead of the 48th Plenary Assembly Session.
5. Matters Arising from the Minutes of the SADC-PF Standing Committee on Gender Equality, Women Advancement and Youth Development Meeting held virtually on Wednesday, 28th October, 2020, ahead of the 48th Plenary Assembly Session.
6. Consideration of the Concept Note for the Proposed Theme for the 48th Plenary Assembly Session.

7. Any Other Business.

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ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION**

1.0 Adoption of the Agenda

1.1 Members are invited to consider and adopt the draft Agenda presented by the Secretariat.

2.0 Matters Arising from the Minutes of the SADC-PF Standing Committee on Gender Equality, Women Advancement and Youth Development Meeting held virtually on Wednesday, 28th October, 2020, ahead of the 48th Plenary Assembly Session.

2.1 The Committee is invited to recall that at its meeting on 28th October, 2020, ahead of the 48th Plenary Assembly Session, the Committee proposed to recommend a strong collaboration with traditional institutions because when laws to do with child marriage or monitoring the age of consent, education or realignment or sentencing are being passed, the main issue was usually tradition.

2.2 The Committee also recommended that public awareness on child marriage prevalence, drivers and consequences should be enhanced, and called for greater government leadership and investment in its prevention and mitigation.

2.3 Further, the Committee proposed to recommend that a comprehensive post COVID 19 plan for re-opening schools should be put in place. There was need for a multi-sectoral approach, particularly in health and education to develop and communicate well-defined timelines to re-open schools with clear benchmarks and standard.

3.0 Consideration of the Concept Note for the Proposed Theme

3.1 The Committee is invited to consider and approve the proposed theme namely: ***Unpaid Care and Domestic Work: Why Should Parliament Care?***

For UN Women and Oxfam International to be invited to give expert presentations on the theme under consideration.