



NATIONAL ASSEMBLY, 7TH PARLIAMENT

SOUTHERN AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY (SADC PF)

56TH PLENARY SESSION

**COUNTRY REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS OF
THE 55TH SADC PF PLENARY ASSEMBLY AS WAS HELD IN LUANDA, ANGOLA**

REPORT NO. 2 OF 2024

ANNEX

	TOPIC	REQUIRED ACTION
1.	Transformation of the Forum to a SADC Regional Parliament.	(1) On the 21st May 2024, His Excellency, Dr. Nangolo Mbumba, delegated Hon. Peya Mushelanga, Minister of International Relations and Cooperation to sign the Agreement on behalf of the Government of the Republic of Namibia. The Agreement for the transformation of the SADC Parliamentary Forum into the SADC Parliament was signed on the 26th June 2024.
2.	Addressing the Impact of Inflation on the Budget of the Forum: Increase in Mandatory Member Contributions	(1) Due to budgetary constraints the Namibian Parliament is unfortunately not agreeable to a (twenty) 20% increase in Mandatory Member Contributions. However, the Namibian Parliament could consider a 10% increase.
3.	Secondment of senior parliamentary staff to the Programmes and Parliamentary Business and Languages department	(1) The Namibian Parliament is part of the Public Service and has to do with minimal posts on its organogram, as a result will not be able to second senior staff to the SADC PF at full cost at the moment.
4.	Election observation	(1) Four (4) Officials partake in the election observation missions (EOMs), two (2) in Botswana while in Mauritius respectively. The Member Parliament considered a contribution of ZAR108 427.00 towards the election observation mission. It was approved by the Secretary of the National Assembly and will be paid through a combined invoice that include the Membership fees for 2025/2026. The contribution totalled an amount of ZAR1 609 927.00

5.	Designation of focal person to monitor the domestication of Model Laws	In fulfilment with regard to the identification of a focal person, National Assembly of Namibia is currently pulling all legal and mandatory processes. SADC PF will be duly informed after all procedural aspects are finalised.
6	Implementation of the 2023-2026 SRHR and Governance Project	<p>1.) Namibia signed the Agreement on the 18th January 2024.</p> <p>2.) Four staff members in the office of the Speaker are appointed and have assumed duty as SRHR Researchers on the 03 September 2024</p> <p>3.) The implementation of activities only started in Year two of the Project. An amount of N\$24 000.00 has been spent thus far</p> <p>4.) The following activities already implemented</p> <p>1. Orientation of newly appointed Researchers – End of September 2024</p> <p>2. 1st National Working Group meeting – 8th October 2024</p> <p>3. Three-day planning workshop for members of National Working Group 6-8 November 2024</p> <p>4. Virtual working session took place 21 November 2024</p> <p>5. Poster developed on SRHR Project</p> <p>- number of staff trained - 5</p> <p>- number of MPs Trained – 1 Chairperson of NWG</p> <p>number of CSO’s trained under the Project – 8 Civil Society Organizations</p> <p>5.) Any Recommendations in line with the Project Agreement that must be considered by the 56TH Plenary Assembly.</p> <p>None</p>

<p>Domestication of SADC PF Model Laws and related Policies/Instruments</p>	<p>Pursuant to previous Resolutions made by Plenary Assembly, domestication efforts that our parliament has implemented to sensitise and share knowledge on the SADC PF are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. # of Legislative efforts inspired by the SADC Model Law and related Policies and Instruments; Public Finance and Management Bill 2. # of Public hearings - Public hearings on petitions on the legalisation and non-legalisation of abortion by the parliamentary standing committee on gender equality, social development and family affairs (GESDFA) were conducted in all 14 regions with financial assistance of SADC PF on the SRHR HIV and AIDS Governance Project, CSOs and UN partners from the NWG and the National Assembly. - Public hearings on petition on sexual gender-based violence and femicide were also held by the GESDFA committee, inspired by the Model Law on GBV 3. # of Budget related outcomes if any? The National Assembly approved the establishment of the Standing Committee on Budget and Finance, that will in general be responsible for monitoring the budgets of Offices/Ministries/Agencies and specifically the SRHR HIV and AIDS Governance Project outcomes
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