



## **DRAFT PROGRAMME**

### **SADC PARLIAMENTARY FORUM 49<sup>TH</sup> PLENARY ASSEMBLY SESSION**

**THEME: *LEVERAGING THE AfCFTA FOR POST-COVID ECONOMIC RECOVERY IN SOUTHERN AFRICA: THE ROLE OF SADC PARLIAMENTARY FORUM AND NATIONAL PARLIAMENTS***

**HOSTED VIRTUALLY BY THE PARLIAMENT OF  
BOTSWANA**

**25<sup>TH</sup> TO 27<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2021**

**TIME ZONE: GMT +2 (JOHANNESBURG TIME)**

DATE	MEETING	TIME
25 June	<b>OFFICIAL OPENING CEREMONY</b>	09:30 – 12:20
	• Logging-in of Delegates - <i>All delegates to be logged in by 09:45</i>	09:30 – 10:00
	• Singing of Anthems of the Botswana, AU and SADC	10:00 – 10:05
	• Introduction of the Programme by the Director of Ceremonies <i>Ms Benetia T. Chingapane, Director of Multilateral Affairs, Ministry of international Affairs and Cooperation, Botswana.</i>	10:05 – 10:10
	• Credentials of Delegates by the SADC PF Secretary General, Ms Boemo Sekgoma	10:10 – 10:30
	• Interlude	10:30 – 10:35
	• Statement of Solidarity by the Speaker of the East Africa Legislative Assembly (EALA), Rt. Hon. Martin Ngoga	10:35 – 10:45
	• Statement by the Regional Women's Parliamentary Caucus, Hon. Ann-Marie Mbilambangu	10:45 – 10:55
	• Address by the SADC PF President & Speaker of the National Assembly of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Hon. Christophe MBOSO N'KODIA PWANGA	10:55 – 11:10
	• Interlude	11:10 – 11:15
	• Welcome Remarks & Introduction of the Guest of Honour by the Host Speaker, Hon. Phandu Tombola Chaha Skelemani, Speaker of the National Assembly of Botswana	11:15 – 11:30
	• Official Opening Address by the Guest of Honour, H.E. Dr. Mokgweetsi Eric Keabetswe Masisi, President of the Republic of Botswana	11:30 – 11:45
	• Vote of thanks by Hon. Sephiri Motanyane, Speaker of the National Assembly of Lesotho and Host for the 50 <sup>th</sup> Plenary Assembly	11:45 – 12:00
	• Singing of Anthems of SADC, AU and Botswana	12:00 – 12:15
	• Announcements	12:15 – 12:20
	LUNCH BREAK	12:20 – 14:00
25 June	<b>PLENARY ASSEMBLY SYMPOSIUM</b>	14:00 – 16:30
	Theme: <i>Leveraging the AfCFTA for Post-Covid Economic Recovery in Southern Africa: The Role of SADC Parliamentary Forum and National Parliaments</i>	
	Session Chair: Minister of Investment, Trade and Industry, Government of Botswana, <i>Hon. Mmusi Kgafela</i>	
	Address by the SADC PF President & Speaker of the National Assembly of the Democratic Republic of Congo, Hon. Christophe MBOSO N'KODIA PWANGA	14:00 – 14:05
	Presentations by Resource Persons:	14:00 – 1530
	a) AfCFTA Secretariat, <i>H.E. Wamkele Mene, Secretary General</i>	
	b) Dr. Khutula Sibanda, Director: Directorate of Industrial Development and Trade, representing the SADC Executive Secretary, <i>Dr Stergomena Lawrence Tax</i>	

	<p>c) <i>Mr Phazha Butale, Chief Negotiator, Ministry of Investment, Trade and Industry, Government of Botswana</i></p> <p>d) <i>Southern Africa Customs Union (SACU), Ms Paulina Mbala Elago, Executive Secretary</i></p> <p>Deliberations &amp; Recommendations</p> <p>End of Symposium/Plenary adjourns</p>	<p>15:30 – 16:30</p> <p>16:30</p>
26 June	<p><b>PLENARY ASSEMBLY SESSION</b></p> <p>Administration of Oath or Affirmation of Adherence for new Members</p> <p>Consideration of the Executive Committee Report on General SADC PF Policy and Administrative Matters</p> <p>HEALTH BREAK</p> <p>Consideration of the Executive Committee Report on Financial Matters (Treasurer's Report).</p> <p>LUNCH BREAK</p> <p>Statement by Hon. Advocate Jacob Francis Nzwidamilimo MUDENDA, Speaker of the National Assembly of Zimbabwe on decisions by the 142<sup>nd</sup> Assembly of the IPU and Related Meetings held virtually from 24<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> May 2021 in terms of Rule 45 of the Rules of Procedure</p> <p>Consideration of the Report of the Standing Committee on Trade, Industry, Finance and Investment on <i>Enhancing Regional Economic Integration Through Infrastructure Development: A Case of One-Stop Border Post</i></p> <p>Consideration of the Report of the Standing Committee on Food, Agriculture and Natural Resources on <i>Harnessing Domestic Tourism in Times of Pandemics: A Case of the COVID 19 Pandemic: The Role of Parliaments</i></p> <p>Consideration of the Report of the Joint Session of the Standing Committees on Food, Agriculture and Natural Resources; Human and Social Development and Special Programmes; and Gender Equality, Women Advancement and Youth Development on <i>Social Accountability and Oversight in the Implementation of SADC Regional Commitments in Health and Agriculture</i></p>	<p>09:00 – 09:30</p> <p>09:30 – 11:00</p> <p>11:00 – 11:30</p> <p>11:30 – 13:00</p> <p>13:00 – 14:00</p> <p>14:00 – 15:00</p> <p>15:00 – 16:00</p> <p>16:00 – 17:00</p>
27 June	<p>Consideration of the Report of the Standing Committee on Democratisation, Governance and Human Rights on <i>The role of Parliament in protecting Constitutionalism and the Rule of Law in Southern Africa: Prospects and Challenges.</i></p>	<p>09:00 – 10:00</p>

Standing Committee on Gender Equality, Women Advancement and Youth Development on <i>Unpaid Care and Domestic Work: Why should Parliament Care?</i>	10:00 – 11:00
HEALTH BREAK	11:00 – 11:30
Standing Committee on Human and Social Development and Special Programmes on <i>Enhancing the role of the HSDSP Committee in the Fight Against SRHR Infringements and HIV/AIDS from a Parliamentary Perspective</i>	11:30 – 12:30
LUNCH BREAK	12:30 – 13:30
Joint Session for all SADC PF Standing Committees and the RWPC on <i>The Urgency of Continued Investments in Child Marriage in the Covid-19 Context and the Role of the SADC Model Law on Child Marriage &amp; The Role of Parliamentarians in Advancing Access to Advance Access to Covid Vaccines, Medicines and Diagnostics</i>	13:30 – 14:30
Consideration of the Report of the Regional Women's Parliamentary Caucus (RWPC) on <i>Post Covid in the SADC Region: Meeting Women's Needs In A Context Of Multiplied Challenges</i>	14:30 – 15:30
	15:30 – 16:00
Consideration of the Report of the Regional Parliamentary Model Laws Oversight Committee (RPMLOC)	16:00
Consideration of Members' Motions	
Closing Statement by the SADC PF President	
END OF 49 <sup>TH</sup> PLENARY ASSEMBLY SESSION	

