OFFICIAL OPENING PROGRAMME

SADC PARLIAMENTARY FORUM
49TH 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

25TH TO 27TH JUNE 202I

TIME ZONE: GMT +2 (JOHANNESBURG TIME)

DATE	MEETING	TIME
25 June	**OFFICIAL OPENING CEREMONY**	09:30 – 12:20
	• Logging-in of Delegates - *All delegates to be logged in by 09:45*	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 *Ms Benetia T. Chingapane, Director of Multilateral Affairs, Ministry of international Affairs and Cooperation, Botswana.*	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 50th 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