



PROGRAMME

SADC PARLIAMENTARY FORUM 50TH PLENARY ASSEMBLY SESSION

**THEME: *“CELEBRATING A NEW ERA OF
DEMOCRACY TOWARDS CONSOLIDATING THE
VIBRANT VOICES OF SADC PARLIAMENTARIANS”***

**HOSTED VIRTUALLY BY THE PARLIAMENT
OF THE KINGDOM OF LESOTHO**

10TH TO 12TH DECEMBER 2021

TIME ZONE: GMT +2 (JOHANNESBURG TIME)

DAY AND DATE	ACTIVITY	TIME
Friday 10 December	OFFICIAL OPENING CEREMONY	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Logging-in of Delegates - <i>All delegates to be logged in by 09:45</i> 	09:30 – 10:00
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Singing of Anthems of the Lesotho, AU and SADC 	10:00 – 10:10
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction of the Programme by the Director of Ceremonies, <i>Advocate Lebohang Fine Maema</i>, Clerk of the National Assembly of Lesotho 	10:10 – 10:20
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Credentials of Delegates by the SADC PF Acting Secretary General, Mrs Yapoka N. Mungandi 	10:20 – 10:30
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interlude 	10:30 – 10:35
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Statement of Solidarity by Hon. Ambassador Fatuma Nyirakobwa Ndangiza, East African Legislative Assembly Representative 	10:35 – 10:40
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Statement by the Regional Women's Parliamentary Caucus Chairperson, Hon. Ann-Marie Mbilambangu 	10:40 – 10:45
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Address by the SADC PF President & Speaker of the National Assembly of the Democratic Republic of Congo, <i>Hon. Christophe MBOSO N'KODIA PWANGA</i> 	10:45 – 10:50
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interlude 	10:50 – 10:55
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome Remarks & Introduction of the Guest of Honour by the Host Speaker, <i>Rt. Hon. Sephiri Motanyane</i>, Speaker of the National Assembly of the Kingdom of Lesotho 	10:55 – 11:05
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Official Opening Address by the Guest of Honour, <i>Rt Hon. Dr Moeketsi Majoro</i>, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Lesotho 	11:05 – 11:15
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vote of thanks by the <i>Rt. Hon. Catherine Gotani Hara, MP</i>, Speaker of the Parliament of Malawi and Host for the 51st Plenary Assembly Session 	11:15 – 11:20
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Singing of Anthems of SADC, AU and Lesotho 	11:20 – 11:25
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Announcements 	11:25 – 11:45

	SYMPOSIUM PROGRAMME	
	OPENING SESSION	
	<p>Opening Address by the SADC PF President and Speaker of the National Assembly of the Democratic Republic of Congo, <i>Hon. Christophe MBOSO N'KODIA PWANGA</i></p> <p>Director Ceremonies: <i>Advocate Fine Maema</i>- Clerk of the National Assembly of Lesotho</p>	14:00 – 14:10
	PANEL DISCUSSION	14:10 – 16:20
	<p><i>Moderator: Hon Tsoinyane Samuel Rapapa, MP and Minister of Communications, Science and Technology, Kingdom of Lesotho</i></p> <p><i>Under the moderation of the Chairperson of the Session, panelists who are former Members and Office Bearers of the Forum who</i></p>	

served through the various epochs in the history of SADC PF, will lead the discussions on the theme: **“CELEBRATING A NEW ERA OF DEMOCRACY TOWARDS CONSOLIDATING THE VIBRANT VOICES OF SADC PARLIAMENTARIANS,”** by sharing their perspectives based on their enriching experiences while serving as regional legislators. Each Panelist will be given 7 to 9 minutes to make their interventions. This will be a very participatory process as Members of the Plenary Assembly will have the opportunity to ask panelists questions through the raise-hand function or the Zoom chat box.

Topic 1: The Windhoek Initiative and the Birth of the SADC Parliamentary Forum: Celebrating the Emergence of the Voice of Parliaments in SADC Regional Integration

Panellists:

- *Hon. Amusaa Katunda Mwanamwambwa, former SADC PF Chairperson (2004 – 2006) and former Speaker of the National Assembly of Zambia*
- *Hon. Ntlhoi Motsamai, former SADC PF Chairperson (2002 – 2004) and former Speaker of the National Assembly of the Lesotho and Minister of Tourism, Environment and Culture.*
- *Dr Kasuka Mutukwa, former SADC PF Secretary General (1999 to 2009).*
- *Hon. Advocate Jacob Francis Nzwidamilimo Mudenda, Speaker of the National Assembly of Zimbabwe and Member of the SADC PF Executive Committee.*

Topic 2: Taking Stock of SADC PF Key Milestones

Sub-topics & Panellists

- Amplifying women Parliamentarians’ voices towards gender equality in SADC: the birth and milestones by the RWPC and National Women’s Caucuses – *Hon. Maria de Lourdes Veiga, former Vice Chairperson of the RWPC (2004-2006) and former Member of Parliament from Angola and Ms Rumbidzai Kandawasvika-Nhundu- former staff on Gender and Development (2000-2008)*
- From the Norms and Standards for Elections in the SADC Region (2001) to the SADC Model Law on Elections (2018): Over Two Decades of Promoting Democratic Elections in the SADC Region – *His Excellency Gobopang Duke Lefhoko, former SADC PF Vice Chairperson and Treasurer (2004 – 2006) and Botswana’s High Commissioner to the Republic of Kenya and Mr Takawira Musavengana - former Staff of Democracy and Governance (2000 to 2008).*
- Lessons from the Parliamentary Leadership Centre which was aimed at improving the Professional Development Capacity for

	<p>Parliaments, Members and Parliamentary Staff and was the engine for provision of technical expertise in areas related to development, policy formulation, as well as research for the Institution of parliament- <i>Ms Bookie Kethusegile, former Assistant Secretary General and the Director of the PLC (2008 - 2009)</i> and <i>Mr Barney Karuuombe- former Acting Director PLC (2009 - 2012).</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> From Conference Styled Meetings to “Operating like a Parliament”: Embracing a Rich History of Parliamentary Traditions in SADC for Regional Integration – <i>Mr Sheuneni Kurasha, Programme Manager: Democracy & Governance / Parliamentary Business Focal Person.</i> 	
	<p>CLOSING SESSION</p> <p>Closing Remarks by SADC PF Vice President and Member of Parliament from Madagascar, <i>Hon. Dr Fiarovana Lovanirina Celestin</i></p> <p>End of Symposium</p>	16:20 – 16:30
Saturday, 11 December 2021	PLENARY ASSEMBLY SESSION	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Logging-in of Delegates - <i>All delegates to be logged in by 09:45</i> 	09:30 –10:00
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Administration of Oath or Affirmation of Adherence for new Members 	10:00 – 10:30
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consideration and Adoption of the Draft SADC Model Law on Gender Based Violence 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Solidarity Statements by Stakeholders on the Adoption of the Draft SADC Model Law on Gender Based Violence <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hon. Ambassador <i>Fatuma Nyirakobwa Ndingiza</i>, East African Legislative Assembly Representative <i>Dr. Bannet Ndyanabangi</i>, Regional Director, UNFPA East and Southern Africa Regional Office on behalf of UN Agencies <i>Prof. Ezra Chitando</i>, World Council of Churches Southern Africa, representing Religious Leaders Her Royal Highness <i>Princess Mihanta Ramanantsoa</i>, Madagascar representing Traditional Leaders <i>Mr. Stanley Nyamanhindi</i>, Chief Executive Officer SADC Lawyers Association <p style="text-align: center;"><i>HEALTH BREAK</i></p>	11:30 -12:00
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consideration of the Report of the Standing Committee on Trade, Industry, Finance and Investment. <p style="text-align: center;"><i>LUNCH BREAK</i></p>	12:00 –12:30
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consideration of the Report of the Standing Committee on the Food, Agriculture and Natural Resources. 	13:00 –14:00 14:00 –14:30

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consideration of the Executive Committee Report on General SADC PF Policy and Administrative Matters. • Consideration of the Executive Committee Report on Financial Matters (Treasurer's Report). 	14:30 –15:30 15:30 –16:30
Sunday 12 December 2021	PLENARY ASSEMBLY SESSION Continues	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Logging-in of Delegates - <i>All delegates to be logged in by 09:45</i> 	09:30 – 10:00
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consideration of the Report of the Standing Committee on Democratisation, Governance and Human Rights. 	10:00 – 10:30
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consideration of the Report of the Standing Committee on Gender Equality, Women Advancement and Youth Development. 	10:30 –11:00
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consideration of the Report of the Standing Committee on Human and Social Development and Special Programmes. 	11:00 –11:30
	<i>HEALTH BREAK</i>	11:30 – 12:00
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consideration of the Report of the Regional Women's Parliamentary Caucus (RWPC). 	12:00 – 12:30
	<i>LUNCH BREAK</i>	13:00 –14:00
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consideration of the Report of the Regional Parliamentary Model Laws Oversight Committee (RPMLOC) • Closing Statement by the SADC PF President 	14:00 –14:30 14:30 –16:00
	END OF THE 50 TH PLENARY ASSEMBLY SESSION	16:00 –16:30

