PROGRAMME

SADC PARLIAMENTARY FORUM

59TH PLENARY ASSEMBLY SESSION

HOSTED BY

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE KINGDOM OF ESWATINI

20 TO 27 NOVEMBER 2026

THEME: *"HARNESSING POLITICAL LEADERSHIP, PROGRESSIVE CULTURE AND DATA TO ACCELERATE THE ERADICATION OF CHILD MARRIAGE IN THE SADC REGION."*

DATE	ACTIVITY	TIME
Wednesday, 18 November	• Arrival of the SADC PF Secretary General and SADC PF Secretariat	All Day
Thursday, 19 November	• Joint Planning Meeting of the SADC PF Secretariat and the Host Parliament Staff	10:00 - 13:00
Friday, 20 November	• Arrival of all Delegates	All Day
Saturday, 21 November	**OFFICIAL OPENING CEREMONY (Programme will be shared separately).**	**08:00 - 12:30**
	LUNCH BREAK	**12:30 - 14:00**
	DISSEMINATION AND VALIDATION OF THE SADC PF REGIONAL ANTI-SEXUAL HARASSMENT POLICY (RASHP)	**14:00 – 17:00**
	• Overview and Objectives of the Session by the SADC PF Secretary General, Boemo Sekgoma	14:00–14:05
	• Welcome Address by the SADC PF Vice President, Hon. Sylvia Elizabeth Lucas Izaks	14:05–14:10
	• Keynote Address: Imperatives and Good Practices for Ending Sexual Harassment in Parliamentary Spaces by the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) Representative	14:10–14:30
	• Presentation of the RASHP - Context, Process, Key Provisions, and Implementation Roadmap by the Consultant, Eva Jhala	14:30–15:30
	Health Break	**15:30–15:50**
	• Plenary Discussion and Validation of the RASHP presided over by the SADC PF President, Hon. RANDRIANASOLONIAIKO Siteny Thierry	15:50–16:30
	• Remarks on the Investment Case for Supporting Gender Equality and Institutional Transformation by Sweden	16:30–16:40
	• Closing Remarks by SADC PF President, Hon. RANDRIANASOLONIAIKO Siteny Thierry	16:40–17:00
	Meeting of the Executive Committee **Venue: TBC**	18:00–17:30
Sunday, 22 November	**SYMPOSIUM ON THE THEME FOR THE 59TH PLENARY ASSEMBLY SESSION**	
	Theme: ***"HARNESSING POLITICAL LEADERSHIP, PROGRESSIVE CULTURE AND DATA TO ACCELERATE THE ERADICATION OF CHILD MARRIAGE IN THE SADC REGION."*** ***Session Chairperson:*** *Sen. Thulisile Dladla – The Honourable Deputy Prime Minister.*	

	Welcome Remarks by the Speaker of the Plenary Host Parliament, Rt. Hon. Jabulani Mabuza, Speaker of the House of Assembly of the Kingdom of Eswatini	09:00 -09:05
	• Opening Address by the SADC PF President Hon. RANDRIANASOLONIAIKO Siteny Thierry	09:05 – 09:10
	Presentations on the Theme: • Presentation by the relevant Minister • Presentations by National Resource Persons: (i) Representative of the Ministry or Government Agency relevant to the theme (ii) Representative of the Youth (iii) Representative of Civil Society (iv) Representative of the Private Sector (v) Representative of Women	09:10 – 09:30 09:30 – 11:00
	HEALTH BREAK	**11:00 – 11:30**
	Presentations by National Resource Persons (continued)	11:30 – 12:00
	Deliberations & Recommendations	12:00 – 12:55
	Closing Remarks by the SADC PF President	12:55 – 13:00
	LUNCH BREAK	**13:00 – 14:00**
	Launch of the SADC Dashboard for Monitoring the Model Law on Ending Child Marriage and Protecting Girls Already in Marriage (see the separate programme for the Dashboard launch)	14:00 – 17:00
Monday, 23 November	**PLENARY ASSEMBLY SESSION**	
	(i) Administration of Oath or Affirmation of Adherence for New Members	09:00 - 09:30
	(ii) Election of the SADC PF President and Vice President for 2026 to 2028 and Handover–Takeover between the Outgoing and Incoming SADC PF Presidents: (a) Valedictory remarks by the SADC PF President & Speaker of the National Assembly of Madagascar, Hon. RANDRIANASOLONIAIKO Siteny Thierry (b) Election of the President and Vice President pursuant to Article 11(2) of the Constitution and Rule 10 of the Rules of Procedure (c) Handover–Takeover between the Outgoing and Incoming SADC PF Presidents. (d) Assumption of the President's Seat by the Incoming President, delivery of the Inaugural Address, and resumption of the remaining business under the presidency of the Incoming President.	09:30 - 11:00
	(iii) Consideration of the Executive Committee Report on the General SADC PF Policy and Administrative Matters	11:00 – 13:00

	LUNCH BREAK	**13:00 - 14:00**
	(iv) Consideration of the Executive Committee Report on Financial Matters (Treasurer's Report).	14:00 – 15:30
	HEALTH BREAK	**15:30 – 16:00**
	(v) Presentation of Country Reports on Progress on the Signing, Ratification, Domestication and Implementation of Selected SADC Protocols in line with the Resolutions of the 58th Plenary Assembly *(Each Parliament to be accorded 10 minutes to present the Country Report)*: a. Angola b. Botswana c. DRC d. Eswatini e. Lesotho f. Madagascar g. Malawi h. Mauritius i. Mozambique j. Namibia k. Seychelles l. South Africa m. Tanzania n. Zambia o. Zimbabwe	16:00 - 18:00
	Welcoming Dinner hosted by the Host Parliament. **Venue: TBC**	18:00–21:00 **TBC**
Tuesday, 24 November	(i) Consideration of the SADC Model Law on Correctional Centre Oversight	09:00 - 10:30
	HEALTH BREAK	**10:30 - 11:00**
	(ii) Consideration of the SADC PF Regional Anti-Sexual Harassment Policy (RASHP)	11:00 - 11:30
	(iii) Consideration of the Report of the Standing Committee on Human and Social Development and Special Programmes (HSDSP).	11:30 - 12:30
	(iv) Consideration of the Report of the Standing Committee on Democratisation, Governance and Human Rights (DGHR).	12:30 - 13:30
	LUNCH BREAK	**13:30 - 14:30**
	(v) Consideration of the Report of the Standing Committee on Trade, Industry, Finance and Investment (TIFI).	14:30 - 15:30
	(vi) Consideration of the Report of the Standing Committee on Food, Agriculture, Natural Resources and Climate Action (FANRCA).	15:30 - 16:30

	HEALTH BREAK	16:30 – 17:00
	(vii) Consideration of the Report of the Regional Women Parliamentary Caucus (RWPC).	17:00 – 18:00
Wednesday, 25 November	(i) Consideration of the Report on the 153rd IPU Assembly and other related meetings held from 05 to 09 October 2026 in Arusha, Tanzania.	09:00 - 09:40
	(ii) Presentation of the Report on the 2026 Annual Conference of Speakers of National and Regional Parliaments of the Pan-African Parliament (PAP), held from 31 July to 1 August 2026 in Midrand, South Africa, by Hon. Advocate Jacob Francis Nzwidamilimo Mudenda, Speaker of the National Assembly of Zimbabwe and President of the PAP Bureau of the Conference of Speakers pursuant to Rule 45 of the Rules of Procedure.	09:30 – 10:00
	(iii) Consideration of the Report of the Regional Parliamentary Model Laws Oversight Committee (RPMLOC).	10:00 -11:00
	HEALTH BREAK	**11:00 - 11:30**
	(iv) Consideration of the Report of the Standing Committee on Gender Equality, Women Advancement and Youth Development (GEWAYD).	11:30 - 12:30
	(v) Consideration of the Report of the Joint Sitting of Standing Committees	12:30 - 13:30
	LUNCH BREAK	**13:30 - 14:30**
	(vi) Awards Ceremony for Outgoing EXCO Members: *(a) Valiant Defender of Democracy (President, Vice President, Treasurer);* *(b) Grand Defender of Democracy (Hon. Speakers);* *(c) Defender of Democracy (Members of Parliament)*	14:30 - 15:00
	TEA BREAK	**15:00 - 15:30**
	(vii) Reading of the Communiqué by the Plenary Host Speaker, Hon. Jabulani Mabuza	15:30 - 16:00
	(viii) Closing Remarks by the SADC PF President.	16:00 - 16:15
	(ix) **Adjournment of the 59th Plenary Assembly**	16:15 - 16:20
	HEALTH BREAK	16:20 - 16:30
	(x) Meeting of the newly constituted EXCO to elect the Treasurer pursuant to Article 12(5) of the Constitution.	16:30 – 17:30
Thursday, 26 November	**Excursions**	All Day
Friday, 27 November	Departure of Delegates	All Day

