



SADC PARLIAMENTARY FORUM 53RD PLENARY ASSEMBLY SESSION

THEME - "MODERNIZING AGRICULTURE TO ADDRESS FOOD INSECURITY AND YOUTH UNEMPLOYMENT IN THE SADC REGION: ROLE OF THE PARLIAMENTS"

HOSTED BY THE PARLIAMENT OF THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA

PROGRAMME



2nd TO 8th JULY 2023



Arusha, Tanzania



09:00 - 17:00

DATE	MEETING	TIME
Thursday 29 June	· Arrival of the SADC PF Secretariat	
Friday 30 June	· Meeting of the Joint Planning Committee	
Saturday 01 July	Arrival of the SADC PF President & Speaker of the National Assembly of the National Assembly of Seychelles, Hon. Roger Mancienne	
Sunday 02 July	· Arrival of all Delegates · Briefing of the SADC PF President by the Secretary General	
Monday 03 July	SYMPOSIUM ON THE THEME FOR THE 53rd PLENARY ASSEMBLY SESSION	
	Theme: "Modernizing Agriculture to Address Food Insecurity and Youth Unemployment in the SADC Region: Role of the Parliaments"	
	Arrival of all Delegates.	07:00 – 07.30
	Opening Address by the SADC PF President & Speaker of the National Assembly of Seychelles, Hon. Roger Mancienne	08:00 – 11:30
	Session Chair: Minister of Energy, Government of Tanzania	
	Presentations by Resource Persons	
	· Deliberations & Recommendations · Closing Remarks by Dr Tulia Ackson, MP – Speaker of National Assembly of Tanzania	
	End of Symposium	

Monday, 03 July	OFFICIAL OPENING CEREMONY	
	· Arrival of all Delegates.	11h45
	· The Master of Ceremonies announces the entrance of the Guest of Honour, Her Excellency Dr. Samia Suluhu Hassan, President of the United Republic of Tanzania into the Plenary Hall.	12h00
	· Singing of Anthems of the Republic of Tanzania, AU and SADC	12:00 – 12:10
	· Introduction of the Programme by the Director of Ceremonies, Clerk of Parliament of Tanzania	12:10 – 12:20
	· Credentials of Delegates by the SADC PF Secretary General, Ms Boemo Sekgoma	12:20 – 12:40
	•Interlude	12:40 – 13:00
	· Statement by the Regional Women's Parliamentary Caucus Chairperson, Hon. Regina Esparon	13:00 – 13:10
	· Address by the SADC PF President & Speaker of the National Assembly of Seychelles, Hon. Roger Mancienne	13:10 – 13:20
	• Interlude	13:20 – 13:40
	· Welcome Remarks & Introduction of the Guest of Honour by the Host Speaker, Hon Dr Tulia Ackson.	13:40 – 13:50
	· Official Opening Address by the Guest of Honour Her Excellency Dr. Samia Suluhu Hassan, President of the United Republic of Tanzania.	13:50 – 14:20
	· Singing of Anthems of SADC, AU and the United Republic of Tanzania.	14:20 – 14:30
	· Announcements	14:30 – 14:40
	LUNCH BREAK	14:40 – 16:00

Tuesday, 04 July		
PLENARY ASSEMBLY SESSION DAY 1		
i. Administration of Oath or Affirmation of Adherence for New Members		09:00 – 09:30
ii. Presentation of Country Reports on Progress on the Implementation of the Decisions by the 53rd Plenary Assembly (Each Parliament to be accorded 15 minutes to present their Country Report: 1. Angola 2. Botswana 3. DRC 4. Eswatini 5. Malawi 6. Namibia 7. Seychelles 8. South Africa 9. Tanzania 10. Zambia 11. Zimbabwe		09:30 – 11:30
	HEALTH BREAK	11:30 – 12:00
iii. Consideration of the Executive Committee Report on General SADC PF Policy and Administrative Matters		12:00 – 13:00
	LUNCH BREAK	13:00 – 14:00
iv. Consideration of the Executive Committee Report on Financial Matters (Treasurer's Report)		14:00 – 15:00
	HEALTH BREAK	15:00 – 15:30
v. Consideration of the Report of the Standing Committee on Trade, Industry, Finance and Investment on "Debt Ceiling in SADC Member States"		15:30 – 16:30
Wednesday, 05 July		
PLENARY ASSEMBLY SESSION DAY 2		
i. Statement by Hon. Advocate Jacob Francis Nzwidamilimo MUDENDA, Speaker of the National Assembly of Zimbabwe, on decisions by the 290th Session of the Executive Committee of the IPU held in Lisbon, Portugal on 28 and 29 June 2023, pursuant to Rule 45 of the Rules of Procedure		09:00 – 09:30
ii. Consideration of the Report of the Standing Committee on Food, Agriculture and Natural Resources on "The situation of hunger and food insecurity in the SADC region, Challenges fuelling food insecurity, Major international goals and African Agenda, investments and performance of Malabo commitments, Environment that can attract the Youths to invest in agriculture "		09:30 – 10:30

Wednesday, 05 July	HEALTH BREAK	10:30 – 11:00	
	iii. Consideration of the Report of the Standing Committee on Democratisation, Governance and Human Rights on "Towards a Rights-Based Approach to the Conduct of Business within the Natural Resources Sector in the SADC Region: What Parliamentarians can do?"	11:00 – 12:00	
	iv. Consideration of the Report of the Standing Committee on Gender Equality, Women Advancement and Youth Development on "The Role of Parliamentarians in Promoting the Gender and Climate Justice Agenda in the SADC Region"	12:00 – 13:00	
	LUNCH BREAK	13:00 – 14:00	
	v. Consideration of the Report of the Standing Committee on Human and Social Development and Special Programmes on "Strengthening Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR) in the Context of Climate Change and Emergency Situations"	14:00 – 15:00	
	vi. Consideration of the Report of the Regional Women's Parliamentary Caucus (RWPC) on "Leveraging the Social Media to advance Women Political Participation in the SADC region."	15:00 – 16:00	
Thursday, 06 July			
PLENARY ASSEMBLY SESSION DAY 3			
	i. Consideration of the Report of the Joint meeting of the Standing Committee on Food, Agriculture and Natural Resources, Standing Committee on Trade, Industry, Finance and Investment, Standing Committee on Human and Social Development and Special Programs and Standing Committee on Democratisation, Governance and Human Rights on "Parliaments Role in Legislating for Strategic and Sensitive Assets taking into account the Security of the Nation, Whilst Encouraging Direct Investments"	09:00 – 10:00	
	ii. Consideration of the Report of the Regional Parliamentary Model Laws Oversight Committee (RPMLOC) on "Progress on the domestication of the SADC Model Law on Elections: Using electoral system designing to achieve inclusive governance, specifically women, youth and minority groups participation and representation as well as Political Financing Regulation".	10:00 – 11:00	
		HEALTH BREAK	11:00 – 11:30
	iii. Report of the Joint Session of Standing Committees and RWPC on "Progress on the Domestication of the SADC Model Law on Elections: Using Electoral System Designing to Achieve Inclusive Governance, specifically Women, Youth and Minority Groups Participation and Representation as well as Political Financing Regulation"	11:30 – 12:30	
		LUNCH BREAK	12:30 – 13:30
	iv. Consideration of Members' Motions	15:00 – 16:00	
Friday, 07 July			
PLENARY ASSEMBLY SESSION DAY 4			
	Closing Statement by the SADC PF President & Speaker of the National Assembly of the Seychelles, Hon. End of 53rd Plenary Assembly and Plenary Adjourns	09:00	
Saturday, 08 July	Excursions		
Sunday, 09 July	Departures of all Delegates		

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