



PROGRAMME

SADC PARLIAMENTARY FORUM 54TH PLENARY ASSEMBLY SESSION

**HOSTED BY
THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE REPUBLIC OF MAURITIUS**

at the

**SIR HARILAL VAGHJEE MEMORIAL HALL
GOVERNMENT HOUSE
PORT LOUIS**

22 to 26 NOVEMBER 2023

**THEME: *“THE ROLE OF PARLIAMENTS IN PROMOTING
COORDINATION FOR ENHANCED DISASTER RISK
REDUCTION AND RECOVERY PLANNING
IN THE SADC REGION”***

DATE	ACTIVITY	TIME
Saturday 18 November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Arrival of the SADC PF President & Speaker of the National Assembly of Seychelles, Hon Roger Mancienne 	
Monday 20 November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Arrival of the SADC PF Secretariat 	19:35
Tuesday 21 November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Arrival of all Delegates Meeting between the SADC PF Secretariat and the Host Planning Committee to discuss the state of Preparedness for the 54th Plenary Assembly Session Briefing of the SADC PF President by the Secretary General 	All Day 10:00 – 12:00 15:00 – 16:00
Wednesday 22 November	OFFICIAL OPENING CEREMONY <i>(Guests to be seated by 1015 hrs)</i>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Arrival of the Guest of Honour Hon Pravind Kumar Jugnauth Prime Minister of the Republic of Mauritius <i>(Welcome by Hon Soorojdev Phokeer, G.C.S.K., G.O.S.K., Speaker of the Mauritius National Assembly and Hon Roger Mancienne President of the SADC PF & Speaker of the National Assembly of Seychelles)</i> 	10:30 – 10:35
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Singing of Anthems of the Republic of Mauritius, AU and SADC 	10:35 – 10:40
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introductory Remarks by the Acting Clerk of the National Assembly of Mauritius 	10:40 – 10:45
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Address by <i>Ms Boemo Sekgoma</i>, Secretary General of the SADC PF 	10:45 – 10:50
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Address by <i>Hon Regina Esparon</i>, Regional Women’s Parliamentary Caucus Chairperson 	10:50 – 10:55
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Address by <i>Hon Roger Mancienne</i>, President of the SADC PF & Speaker of the National Assembly of Seychelles 	10:55 – 11:05
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Address by <i>Hon Soorojdev Phokeer, G.C.S.K., G.O.S.K.</i> Speaker of the Mauritius National Assembly 	11:05 – 11:15
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Official Opening Address Hon Pravind Kumar JUGNAUTH, Prime Minister of the Republic of Mauritius 	11:15 – 11:30
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vote of thanks by <i>Hon Carolina Cerqueira</i> Speaker of the National Assembly of Angola and the Host for the 55th Plenary Assembly Session 	11:30 – 11:35
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> END OF OFFICIAL OPENING CEREMONY 	11:35
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Group Photo <i>(Hon Prime Minister with Speakers/Heads of Delegation)</i> 	
	REFRESHMENTS IN THE RECEPTORIUM OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY	
	Lunch for the Delegates in the Lunch Room of the National Assembly	12:30 -13:45

	<p>1. SYMPOSIUM ON THE THEME FOR THE 54TH PLENARY ASSEMBLY SESSION</p> <p>Theme: <i>“The Role of Parliaments in Promoting Coordination for Enhanced Disaster Risk Reduction and Recovery Planning in the SADC Region”</i></p> <p>i. Keynote Address by Hon Roger Mancienne President of the SADC PF & Speaker of the National Assembly of Seychelles</p> <p>Session Chair: Dr the Hon Mohammad Anwar Husnoo, Vice-Prime Minister, Minister of Local Government and Disaster Risk Management of the Republic of Mauritius</p> <p>ii. Presentations by Resource Persons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Prithviraj Booneedy, Acting Director Mauritius Meteorological Services • Mr Jacques Rudy Oh-Seng, Environment Officer/ Senior Environment Officer, Ministry of Environment, Solid Waste Management and Climate Change, Department of Climate Change • Mr Aneerood Sookhareea, Officer of the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Centre (NDRRMC) <p>iii. Country Presentations (<i>5 minutes per Delegation</i>)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">HEALTH BREAK</p> <p>iv. General Deliberations & Recommendations</p> <p>2. CONSULTATIONS ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE 2024-2028 STRATEGIC PLAN OF THE SADC PARLIAMENTARY FORUM</p> <p style="text-align: center;">END OF DAY ONE</p>	<p>14:00 – 16:45</p> <p>14:00 – 14:05</p> <p>14:05 – 16:45</p> <p>16:45-17:00</p> <p>17:00 – 18:00</p>
<p>Thursday 23 November</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">PLENARY ASSEMBLY SESSION <i>(Delegates to be seated by 0845 hrs)</i></p> <p>i. Administration of Oath or Affirmation of Adherence for New Members</p> <p>ii. Presentation of Country Reports on Progress on Implementation of the Resolutions of the 53rd Plenary Assembly: <i>(Each Parliament to be accorded 15 minutes to present the Country Report)</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Angola 2. Botswana 3. Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) 4. Lesotho 5. Malawi 6. Mauritius 7. Mozambique 8. Namibia 9. Seychelles 10. South Africa 11. Tanzania 12. Zambia 13. Zimbabwe <p style="text-align: center;">HEALTH BREAK</p>	<p>09:00 – 09:30</p> <p>09:30 – 11:00</p> <p>11:00 – 11:30</p>

	<p>Continuation of Presentation of Country Reports on Progress on Implementation of the Resolutions of the 53rd Plenary Assembly</p> <p style="text-align: center;">LUNCH BREAK</p> <p>i. Consideration of the Report of the Regional Women Parliamentary Caucus (RWPC) following the Public Hearing Session virtually conducted by the Caucus on 11th October 2023 under the theme: <i>“Amplifying Citizens’ Voices in Regional Integration in Southern Africa: Bridging the Engagement Gap by bringing Parliament to the People”</i>.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">HEALTH BREAK</p> <p>ii. Consideration of the Report of the Standing Committee on Gender Equality, Women Advancement and Youth Development following the Public Hearing Session virtually conducted by the Committee on 12th October 2023 under the theme: <i>“Amplifying Citizens’ Voices in Regional Integration in Southern Africa: Bridging the Engagement Gap by bringing Parliament to the People”</i>.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">END OF DAY TWO</p>	<p>11:30 – 13:00</p> <p>13:00 – 14:00</p> <p>14:00 – 15:00</p> <p>15:00 – 15:30</p> <p>15:30 – 16:30</p>
<p>Friday 24 November</p>	<p>i. Consideration of the Report of the Standing Committee on Human and Social Development and Special Programmes following the Public Hearing Session virtually conducted by the Committee on 13th October 2023 under the theme: <i>“Amplifying Citizens’ Voices in Regional Integration in Southern Africa: Bridging the Engagement Gap by bringing Parliament to the People”</i>.</p> <p>ii. Consideration of the Report of the Standing Committee on Democratisation, Governance and Human Rights following the Public Hearing Session virtually conducted by the Committee on 16th October 2023 under the theme: <i>“Amplifying Citizens’ Voices in Regional Integration in Southern Africa: Bridging the Engagement Gap by bringing Parliament to the People”</i>.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">HEALTH BREAK</p> <p>iii. Consideration of the Report of the Standing Committee on Trade, Industry, Finance and Investment following the Public Hearing Session virtually conducted by the Committee on 17th October 2023 under the theme: <i>“Amplifying Citizens’ Voices in Regional Integration in Southern Africa: Bridging the Engagement Gap by bringing Parliament to the People”</i>.</p>	<p>09:00 – 10:00</p> <p>10:00 – 11:00</p> <p>11:00 – 11:30</p> <p>11:30 – 12:30</p>

	<p>iv. Consideration of the Report of the Standing Committee on the Food, Agriculture and Natural Resources following the Public Hearing Session virtually conducted by the Committee on 18th October 2023 under the theme: <i>“Amplifying Citizens’ Voices in Regional Integration in Southern Africa: Bridging the Engagement Gap by bringing Parliament to the People”</i>.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">LUNCH BREAK</p> <p>v. Consideration of the Report of the Regional Parliamentary Model Laws Oversight Committee (RPMLOC) on <i>“Garnering Insight into the Pace of Signature and Ratification of SADC Protocols”</i>.</p> <p>vi. Statement by the Speaker of the Parliament of Zambia on the launch of a book titled: <i>“The Birth, Rise and Role of the SADC Parliamentary Forum in addressing regional issues”</i> written by Dr Kasuka Mutukwa, Former Secretary General of the SADC-PF, pursuant to Rule 45 of the SADC-PF Rules of Procedure.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">END OF DAY THREE</p>	<p>12:30 – 13:30</p> <p>13:30 – 14:30</p> <p>14:30 – 15:30</p> <p>16:00 – 16:30</p>
Saturday 25 November	<p>i. Consideration of the Executive Committee Report on the General SADC PF Policy and Administrative Matters.</p> <p>ii. Consideration of the Executive Committee Report on Financial Matters (Treasurer’s Report).</p> <p style="text-align: center;">HEALTH BREAK</p> <p>iii. Consideration of Member’s Motions (<i>If any</i>)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">LUNCH BREAK</p> <p>iv. Closing Statement by Hon Roger Mancienne, President of the SADC PF & Speaker of the National Assembly of Seychelles.</p> <p>End of the 54th SADC PF Plenary Assembly and Adjournment <i>Sine Die</i>.</p>	<p>09:00 – 10:00</p> <p>10:00 – 11:00</p> <p>11:00 –11:30</p> <p>11:30 – 13:00</p> <p>13:00 –14:00</p> <p>14:00 - 14:30</p>
Sunday, 26 November	Excursions (<i>Optional</i>)	All Day
Monday, 27 November	Departure of Delegates	All Day

