

- The President of the SADC Parliamentary Forum and Speaker of the National Assembly of Seychelles, Hon Roger Mancienne;
- The Host Speaker, Hon. Nelly Kashumba Mutti, SC, Speaker of the Parliament of Zambia
- Honourable Speakers and Heads of Delegation
- All Honourable Members of SADC Member Parliaments
- Secretary General of the SADC Parliamentary, Forum Ms Boemo Sekgoma and all SADC PF Staff
- Clerks of Parliament and Secretaries General and all Staff from the National Parliaments
- Distinguished Invited Observers
- Ladies and Gentlemen

Good afternoon.

- It is both an honor and a privilege to address this esteemed gathering as we approach the conclusion of this SADC Parliamentary Forum Plenary Assembly. I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks for inviting us to participate and observe the important deliberations of this session.
- I represent the Chandler Institute of Justice, a private institution headquartered in Cape Town, South Africa. At the Chandler Institute, we are deeply committed to supporting transformative law reform initiatives across Africa. Our work focuses on providing expert advisory services, specialized legal training programs, and innovative legislative tools designed to empower governments to enact impactful reforms.
- We firmly believe that well-crafted laws are not only the cornerstone of a just and equitable society but also a powerful catalyst for sustainable economic prosperity.
- Our mission aligns with the aspirations of this Forum: to advance good governance, foster sustainable economic growth, and enhance social mobility throughout the continent.
- During this Plenary Assembly, I was particularly struck by the depth and breadth of the issues discussed issues that resonate deeply with the work we are doing in partnership with some SADC Member States. These include:
 - Legal reforms in the mining sector, particularly in the regulation of critical minerals;
 - Developing legal frameworks for infrastructure Public-Private Partnerships (PPPs); and
 - Creating legal frameworks that attract private sector investment in renewable energy projects.

- In light of these shared priorities, we are pleased to reaffirm our commitment to partner with the SADC Parliamentary Forum in developing robust legislative instruments. Specifically, we are eager to contribute to the creation of a SADC PF Model Law on Mining and a SADC Model Law on Public-Private Partnerships. These initiatives hold immense potential to harmonize regional policies, attract investment, and drive sustainable development across the SADC region.
- As we look to the future, we pledge to make this partnership a dynamic and impactful one—a partnership grounded in mutual respect and a shared vision of progress for the SADC region.
- Once again, I extend my gratitude for the opportunity to be part of this important gathering. Together, let us build a formidable alliance that advances our collective objectives and fosters a brighter future for all.

Thank you.