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SADC Parliamentary Alliance for Agrifood Systems, Food Security and Nutrition



CONCEPT NOTE:

Launch Event For the SADC Parliamentary Alliance on Agrifood Systems, Food Security and Nutrition During the 56th Plenary Assembly of the SADC Parliamentary Forum

Date: 9 December 2024

Time: 14:00 – 16:00

Venue: Radisson Blu Hotel, Livingstone, Zambia

BACKGROUND

The SADC Parliamentary Forum (SADC PF), in collaboration with the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), is launching the SADC Parliamentary Alliance on Agrifood Systems, Food Security and Nutrition to address pressing challenges of hunger, malnutrition, and sustainable agrifood systems in the SADC region.

This initiative directly aligns with the Strategic Plan 2024–2028 of the SADC PF, which prioritises socio-economic development, climate justice, and sustainable governance, with a strong focus on achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and SADC's Regional Indicative Strategic Development Plan (RISDP) 2020–2030.

Grounded in regional and global frameworks, including the SADC Treaty, the Post-Malabo Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme (CAADP), Agenda 2063, the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), and the Global Parliamentary Pact Against Hunger and Malnutrition, the Alliance

seeks to empower parliamentarians across the region to champion legislative actions, policy reforms, and advocacy efforts to achieve a hunger-free Southern Africa. The Alliance further seeks to strengthen the Forum's commitment to fostering democratic accountability and regional integration and identifies parliamentary leadership as a critical driver for addressing contemporary challenges, such as food insecurity through evidence-based legislative frameworks and inclusive dialogue.

The urgency of this initiative is underscored by the 2024 State of Food Security and Nutrition in the World (SOFI) Report, which highlights rising food insecurity and malnutrition across the region.

OBJECTIVES OF THE EVENT

The launch event will formally introduce the Alliance to key stakeholders, highlighting its objectives, structure, and operational principles. The alliance will serve as a platform to strengthen regional collaboration and advocacy for food security and nutrition and to engage stakeholders in resource mobilisation and partnership-building efforts.

The launch event aims to:

- Announce the establishment of the Alliance, reinforcing its commitment to tackling food security and nutrition challenges and invite members of Parliament in the SADC region to join the Alliance.
- Highlight the Alliance's mission, vision, and the critical role of parliamentarians in transforming agrifood systems.
- Share the finalised Charter, detailing governance structures, objectives, and operational frameworks.
- Engage stakeholders from governments, civil society, private sector, and international organisations to create synergies for impactful action.
- Encourage member parliaments to adopt and implement strategies aligned with the Alliance's goals.

EXPECTED OUTCOMES

- Approve the Charter for establishing the Alliance, which defines governance structures, membership requirements, decision-making protocols, and mechanisms for collaboration.
- Mobilise for the development of a policy action framework that identifies priority areas for legislative and advocacy efforts, such as agrifood systems transformation, food security legislation, and nutrition-sensitive policies.
- Commit to the development of a resource mobilisation strategy aimed at attracting technical and financial support.
- Advocate for regional and global engagement opportunities for collaboration with other parliamentary alliances to strengthen food security and nutrition efforts through peer learning and shared initiatives.

FORMAT & PARTICIPATION

- Hybrid meeting, hosted at the 56th Plenary Assembly Session of the SADC PF
- The following representatives will be attending the meeting:
 - SADC PF Parliamentarians and Staff;
 - FAO Representatives;
 - SADC PF Partner Representatives;
 - Food Security and Nutrition Advocates; and
 - Development Partners.

DRAFT AGENDA (APPROX.1.5 HOURS)

TIME	ACTIVITY	SPEAKER
14:00 – 14:10	Welcoming Remarks by the Director of Ceremony	Boemo Sekgoma, Secretary General, SADC PF
14:10 – 14:35	Opening Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FAO Special Coordinator for Parliamentary Engagement, Jean Leonard Touadi • Faides Temba Temba, Country Director, ActionAid Zambia • Video Message from Africa Climate Foundation, Saliem Fakir, Founder and Executive Director • Irene Ngao, ESAFF Representative 	FAO, ACTIONAID, ACF, ESAFF
14:35 – 14:45	Key Note Address on the significance of the SADC Parliamentary Alliance on Agrifood Systems, Food Security and Nutrition	Hon. Roger Mancienne, SADC PF President
14:45 – 15:10	Official Launch Ceremony and Presentation of Charter and Alliance Inaugural Members to the Speakers of Parliament and Group Photo	SADC PF President, FAO Representative, Inaugural Members and Speakers of Parliament
15:10 – 15:25	Video Message from the Eastern Africa Parliamentary Alliance for Food Security And Nutrition (EAPA FSN) Remarks from Other Networks	Hon. Adan Haji Yussuf, Chairperson of the EAPA FSN TBC Hon.Zulu Menyani, Chairperson of the AU AFSPaN and Hon. Michelo Kasauta, Chairperson of the Zambian Parliamentary Alliance on Food Security and Nutrition
15:25 – 15:50	Statements of Commitment	Hon. Phillipus W.Katamelo, Chairperson

		of the FANRCA Committee and SADC PF members (Open)
15:50 – 16:00	Closing Remarks	Hon. Nelly B. K. Kashumba Mutti, SC, M.P, FAPRA – Speaker of the Parliament of the Republic of Zambia and Host for the 56 th Plenary Assembly Session
END OF THE LAUNCH PROGRAMME		

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SADC PF Membership

Angola, Botswana, Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), Eswatini, Lesotho, Malawi, Madagascar, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, Seychelles, South Africa, Tanzania, Zambia, and Zimbabwe.

ABOUT PARTNERS

The SADC Parliamentary Forum (SADC PF)

The SADC Parliamentary Forum was established by the SADC Summit of Heads of State and Government as an institution of the SADC in accordance with Article 9(2) of the SADC Treaty, in September 1997. The Summit's main objective for establishing the Forum was to "constitute a Regional Parliamentary Framework for dialogue on issues of regional interest and concern". Currently, the SADC Parliamentary Forum has a membership of Fifteen (15) parliaments representing over 3500 parliamentarians in the SADC region. The Forum seeks to bring regional experiences to bear at the national level, to promote best practices in the role of parliaments in regional cooperation and integration as outlined in the SADC Treaty and the Forum Constitution. Its main aim is to provide a platform for parliaments and parliamentarians to promote and improve regional integration in the SADC region, through parliamentary involvement.

[<https://www.sadcpf.org/index.php/en/>]

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achieve food security for all and make sure that people have regular access to enough high-quality food to lead active, healthy lives. With 195 members - 194 countries and the European Union, FAO works in over 130 countries worldwide. [<https://www.fao.org/about/about-fao/en/>]

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