



OFFICIAL OPENING CEREMONY PROGRAMME

SADC PARLIAMENTARY FORUM

57TH PLENARY ASSEMBLY SESSION

HOSTED BY

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF ZIMBABWE

VICTORIA FALLS

31ST MAY TO 7TH JUNE 2025

**THEME: "HARNESSING ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (AI) FOR EFFECTIVE AND EFFICIENT
PARLIAMENTARY PROCESSES IN THE SADC REGION: EXPERIENCES, CHALLENGES AND
OPPORTUNITIES"**

DATE	ACTIVITY	TIME
Monday 2nd June	OFFICIAL OPENING CEREMONY	08:00 - 12:00 hrs
	o Arrival of all Delegates at the venue	08:00 hrs
	o All Invited Guests to be seated	09:30 hrs
	o Arrival of Guest of Honour, <i>His Excellency, Dr. Emmerson Dambudzo Mnangagwa</i> , President of the Republic of Zimbabwe and Chairman of SADC	09:40 hrs
	o Singing of Anthems of the Republic of Zimbabwe, AU and SADC	09:40 - 09:50 hrs
	o Introduction of the Programme by the Director of Ceremonies, <i>Mr. Kennedy. M. Chokuda</i> , Clerk of Parliament of the Republic of Zimbabwe.	09:50 - 09:55 hrs
	o Remarks and Credentials of Delegates by <i>H.E. Boemo Sekgoma</i> , the SADC PF Secretary General.	09:55 - 10:05 hrs
	o Statement by the Pan African Parliament President, <i>Hon. Senator Chief Fortune Charumbira</i> .	10:05 - 10:10 hrs
	o Statements of Solidarity:	
	Southern Africa Youth Parliament - <i>Ms Angela Dube (Reigning Miss Albinism Zimbabwe)</i> .	10:10 - 10:15 hrs
	Forum of Parliaments of Member States of the International Conference on the Great Lakes Region (FP-ICGLR)- <i>Dr. Deo Mapinga</i> , Secretary General.	10:15 - 10:20 hrs
	Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA) - <i>Hon Dr. Christopher Kalila MP, Chairperson of the CPA</i> .	10:20 - 10:25 hrs
	SADC Secretariat - <i>Dr. Judith Kateera</i> , Deputy Executive Secretary for Corporate Affairs.	10:25 - 10:30 hrs
	East Africa Legislative Assembly (EALA) - <i>Hon. Joseph Ntakirutimana</i> , Speaker of EALA (Statement has been circulated).	----
	Cultural Performance/Interlude	10.30 - 10.45 hrs
	o Statement by the Regional Women's Parliamentary Caucus, <i>Hon. Helen Pushie Manyeneng</i> , Deputy Speaker of the Parliament of the Republic of Botswana	10:45 - 10:50 hrs
	o Address by the SADC PF President & Speaker of the National Assembly of the Republic of Madagascar, <i>Hon. Speaker Justin Tokely</i> .	10:50 - 11:10 hrs
	Cultural Performance/Interlude	11:10 - 11:20 hrs
	o Welcome Remarks by the Minister of State for Provincial Affairs and Devolution, Matabeleland North Province, Zimbabwe, <i>Hon. Richard Moyo</i> .	11:20 - 11:30 hrs
	o Remarks and Introduction of Guest of Honour by the Host Speaker, <i>Hon. Advocate Jacob Francis Nzwidamilimo Mudenda</i> , Speaker of the Parliament of the Republic of Zimbabwe.	11:30 - 11:45 hrs
	o Official Opening Address by the Guest of Honour, <i>His Excellency Dr. Emmerson Dambudzo Mnangagwa</i> , President of the Republic of Zimbabwe and Chairman of SADC.	11:45 - 12:25 hrs

	○ Vote of thanks by the Host Speaker of the 58 th Plenary Assembly Session, <i>Hon. Thoko Didiza</i> , Speaker of the Parliament of Republic of South Africa.	12:25 - 12:35 hrs
	○ Singing of Anthems of SADC, AU and the Republic of Zimbabwe.	12:35 - 12:45 hrs
	○ Announcements	12:45 - 12:50 hrs
	END OF OFFICIAL OPENING CEREMONY	12:50 hrs
	○ Group Photo	12:50 - 13:00 hrs
	LUNCH BREAK	13:00 - 14:00 hrs

