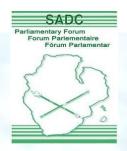
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OFFICIAL OPENING CEREMONY PROGRAMME

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 2 nd June	OFFICIAL OPENING CEREMONY	08:00 - 12:00 hr
	• Arrival of all Delegates at the venue	08:00 hrs
	 All Invited Guests to be seated 	09:30 hrs
	• Arrival of Guest of Honour, <i>His Excellency</i> , <i>Dr.</i> <i>Emmerson Dambudzo Mnangagwa</i> , President of the Republic of Zimbabwe and Chairman of SADC	09:40 hrs
	• Singing of Anthems of the Republic of Zimbabwe, AU and SADC	09:40 - 09:50 hrs
4	• 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
	• Remarks and Credentials of Delegates by <i>H.E. Boemo</i> Sekgoma, the SADC PF Secretary General.	09:55 - 10:05 hrs
	• Statement by the Pan African Parliament President, Hon. Senator Chief Fortune Charumbira.	10:05 - 10:10 hrs
	 Statements of Solidarity: 	
1	Southern Africa Youth Parliament - Ms Angela Dube (Reigning Miss Albinism Zimbabwe).	10:10 - 10:15 hr
	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 hr
	Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA) - Hon Dr. Christopher Kalila MP, Chairperson of the CPA.	10:20 - 1025 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.</i> Joseph Ntakirutimana, Speaker of EALA (Statement has been circulated).	
	Cultural Performance/Interlude	10.30 - 10.45 hr
	• 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 hr
	• Address by the SADC PF President & Speaker of the National Assembly of the Republic of Madagascar, Hon. Speaker Justin Tokely.	10:50 -11:10 hrs
	Cultural Performance/Interlude	11:10 -11:20 hr
	• 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
	• Remarks and Introduction of Guest of Honour by the Host Speaker, Hon. Advocate Jacob Francis Nzwidamilimo Mudenda, Speaker of the Parliament of	11:30 -11:45 hrs
	 the Republic of Zimbabwe. Official Opening Address by the Guest of Honour, <i>His</i> <i>Excellency Dr. Emmerson Dambudzo Mnangagwa</i>, President of the Republic of Zimbabwe and Chairman of SADC. 	11:45-12:25 hrs

