



MEDIA ADVISORY

- WHO:** H.E. Dr. Nickey Lyambo, Vice President of the Republic of Namibia; Hon. Prof. Peter Katjavivi, Speaker of the National Assembly of Namibia; Hon. Nthloi Motsamai, Speaker of the National Assembly of Lesotho, Representative of the Inter-Parliamentary Union, IPU; Hon. Christine Hoebes, Deputy Minister in the Office of the Prime Minister; Ms. Micaela Marques de Sousa, Representative of UNICEF; Parliamentarians from SADC region other dignitaries and renowned guest speakers
- WHAT:** SADC Regional Parliamentary Seminar for Southern African parliaments on promoting child nutrition hosted by the Parliament of Namibia and organized jointly by the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) and the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)
- WHEN:** 28 - 29th September at 08:00am
- WHERE:** Safari Court Hotel & Conference Centre
- WHY:** To enable the media to cover the official inaugural session of the SADC Regional Parliamentary Seminar on promoting child nutrition as well as the launch of "*A Namibia Fit for Children, 25 years of progress*" report which provide the new analysis of the Population and Housing Census data with a special focus on children and adolescents.

A regional parliamentary seminar under the theme "*Promoting child nutrition in the Southern African Development Community (SADC) region*", will be hosted by the Parliament of Namibia and organized jointly by the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) and UNICEF. The two day seminar will be held on 28 and 29 September 2015 in Windhoek.





The seminar is aimed at enhancing the understanding of parliamentarians and parliamentary staff on issues related to malnutrition and stunting, including the damaging effects on countries' economic development of the lack of measures to fight malnutrition. Emphasis will therefore be placed on the strategies and tools parliamentarians can leverage to scale up and strengthen nutrition programmes and policies.

Parliamentarians in the region will hear and benefit from each other, additionally UNICEF and the IPU have invited experts from UNICEF, civil society, and other parliaments to share perspectives and expertise on the role of parliamentarians in contributing to the reduction of malnutrition and stunting rates. The proceedings will be conducted in English and French.

Furthermore, on the occasion of the Day of the Namibian Child, using the SADC Regional Parliamentary Seminar platform, the Speaker of the National Assembly Prof Peter Katjavivi will launch the report on *"A Namibia Fit for Children, 25 years of progress"* which was produced by NSA in close collaboration with UNICEF. The launch will take place as part of the welcoming reception for delegates on the **28th September 2015, at 18:30, Windhoek Country Club Resort.**

The report provides information on the progress made since Independence using the census data for 1991, 2001 and 2011. The report is a rich resource which will provide the Namibian leadership, development planners, international community and other interested agencies with insight on the welfare of Namibian children, and Young people, to understand how their conditions have changed since independence.

Media Professionals are invited to cover the key events as per attached programme.

Note to the editors:

Parliamentarians attending this event are from Angola, Botswana, DRC, Lesotho, Mauritius, Mozambique, Madagascar, Namibia, South Africa, Swaziland, Zambia and Zimbabwe.





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