



National Assembly

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Attention: News Editors/Parliamentary Correspondents

RE: PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEES' VISITS TO THE REGIONS, MAY 08 – JUNE 05, 2017

Parliamentary Standing Committees are modules of organization within legislatures that provide greater freedom for in-depth analysis of issues making it possible for Members of Parliament and ultimately the parliament itself to perform the core functions of law making, oversight and representation. They are non-partisan in their work, and are composed of ordinary Members of Parliament (MPs) who hold no government position.

They hold their scrutiny and inquiry meetings usually in the morning when the House is in session, and conduct public hearings and regional visits during recess, to gather public opinions on topics and issues referred to them by the House or investigate government projects in the regions.

During this recess (**28 April- June 5th 2017**), some of the National Assembly will be undertaking oversight missions to the regions of this country to inquire, spot-check and gather public opinions on issues mandated.

The following are Standing Committees which will undertake regional visits during the recess.

NAME OF STANDING COMMITTEE	TOPIC FOR INVESTIGATIONS or PUBLIC HEARINGS	REGIONS
1. COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS DEFENCE AND SECURITY	Public Hearing on the Namibian Time Bill	//Kharas, Hardap, Omaheke, Erongo, Kunene, Omusati, Oshana, Ohangwena, Kavango East, Kavango West, Zambezi, Oshikoto and Otjozondjupa Regions
2. ECONOMIC & PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE	Public Hearing on motion GRN Payment System	Kavango West, Oshana, //Kharas and Erongo Regions

3. CONSTITUTIONAL & LEGAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE	Consultations with Traditional Authorities, Stakeholders and Members of Public to determine and declare suitable day for "Genocide Remembrance Day"	//Kharas, Omaheke, Otjozondjupa, Erongo, Kunene, Oshana, Omusati, Oshikoto, Ohangwena, Kavango West/East and Zambezi
4. HUMAN RESOURCES & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE	Motion on unskilled Youth	Zambezi, Kavango East and Kavango West Regions, Omaheke, Hardap and //Kharas Regions
5. GENDER EQUALITY, SOCIAL & FAMILY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE	Visit the health facilities	Hardap and //Kharas Regions, Zambezi and Kavango East/ West Regions
6. INFORMATION & COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE	Visit the ICT infrastructure and development project in Regions	Ohangwena, Omusati, Oshikoto
7. NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE	a) Motion on poisonous plants b) Motion on introduction of vaccinations and subsidization of Supavax, Authraz and Brucellosis	a) Omaheke & Otjozondjupa Regions, Kavango West and Ohangwena Regions b) //Kharas, Erongo and Hardap Regions

Detailed programmes for each visit will be forwarded to all soon.

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