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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA PARTICIPATES IN THE 58TH PLENARY ASSEMBLY OF THE SADC PARLIAMENTARY FORUM IN DURBAN, SOUTH AFRICA

The Parliament of the Republic of Namibia is participating in the 58th Plenary Assembly of the Southern African Development Community Parliamentary Forum (SADC-PF), taking place from 30 November to 5 December 2025 in Durban, KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa, under the theme *"The Impact of Climate Change on Women and Youth in the SADC Region and the Role of Parliaments in Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation."* This session precedes the 57th Plenary Assembly held in Luanda, Angola, in June 2025.

The Speaker of the National Assembly, Honourable Saara Kuugongelwa-Amadhila, is leading the Namibian delegation. As a Member of the SADC-PF Executive Committee (ExCo), she will join the Executive Committee meetings which commenced on 26 November and conclude on 28 November 2025. These meetings are considering a range of strategic reports, including the Treasury Report; the Report of the Parliamentary Business Sub-Committee on preparations for the 58th Plenary Assembly; the SADC Geopolitical Group's report on engagements at the 151st Inter-Parliamentary Union Assembly; as well as updates from the Parliament of Madagascar on recent political developments. The ExCo will further review progress from the Forum of Parliaments of the International Conference on the Great Lakes Region (FP-ICGLR).

Additionally, the Executive Committee will assess the Monitoring and Evaluation Dashboard for tracking the implementation of the Model Law on Eradicating Child Marriage and Protecting Children Already in Marriage. It will also consider findings from a baseline survey on the operational efficiency of the SADC-PF and equally review the Action Taken Matrix arising from the Inaugural Executive Committee Meeting held on 30 April 2025 in Windhoek, Namibia.

The Namibian delegation comprises Honourable Nelson Kalangula, Honourable Paula Kooper and Honourable John Likando, who will join the Speaker in attending the Opening Ceremony on 30 November 2025, followed by participation in committee engagements and plenary deliberations for the duration of the Assembly. The 58th Plenary Assembly will deliberate on the increasing impacts of climate change on socio-economic development in Southern Africa, with particular emphasis on women and youth. Delegates will participate in workshops, presentations and thematic sessions aimed at strengthening legislative action, regional cooperation and parliamentary oversight on climate change mitigation and adaptation.

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