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### **NAMIBIA DELEGATION TO ATTEND PAN-AFRICAN PARLIAMENT EXTRAORDINARY SESSION**

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**Parliament, Saturday, 25 April 2026** - The Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly, Hon. Philipus Katamelo, is leading a delegation of Members of Parliament from today, 25 April 2026, to 6 May 2026, to participate in the Extraordinary Session and related activities of the Pan-African Parliament (PAP), to be held at the Pan-African Parliament headquarters in Midrand, South Africa.

The five-member delegation comprises Members of Parliament (MPs) from both the National Assembly and the National Council.

The Extraordinary Session has been convened to elect the Bureau of the Seventh Legislature of the Pan-African Parliament, including one President and four Vice-Presidents representing the five regions of the African continent. As the principal leadership and administrative organ of the Parliament, the Bureau provides strategic direction and ensures the effective functioning of the institution and its organs.

The session will further include the swearing-in of newly designated Members, as well as preparatory meetings, including verification and orientation of new Members. Post-session engagements have also been scheduled and will include meetings of Regional Caucuses, Permanent Committees, and other parliamentary structures.

The Pan-African Parliament, established as the legislative arm of the African Union, provides a platform for African legislators to deliberate on continental issues, including peace, security, democracy, human rights, and development.

The Parliament comprises up to 275 Members representing the 55 African Union Member States that have ratified the Protocol establishing it. Article 4 of the Protocol requires that each National Parliament be represented by five Members, at least one of whom must be a woman. The representation of each Member State must reflect the diversity of political opinions within each National Parliament or deliberative organ.

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