

PROGRAMME

9TH AFRICAN NETWORK FOR PARLIAMENTARY BUDGET OFFICES (AN-PBO) ANNUAL CONFERENCE - 21 - 25 SEPTEMBER 2026, SWAKOPMUND, NAMIBIA

Theme: *"The Role of PBOs in Supporting their Legislatures' Oversight
Towards Realizing African Continent Agenda 2063"*

**Swakopmund Hotel &
Entertainment Centre**



WHAT IS AN-PBO

The African Network of Parliamentary Budget Offices is a pan-African collaborative platform that unifies, supports, and advances the critical work of Parliamentary Budget Offices throughout the continent.

Founded in 2016, AN-PBO emerged from the recognition that African parliaments needed stronger institutional capacity for fiscal oversight and that collective learning could accelerate the development of effective budget analysis capabilities across the continent.

AN-PBO serves as both a professional network and a capacity-building institution, providing a structured framework for PBOs to collaborate, share best practices, and develop innovative approaches to parliamentary budget scrutiny.

The network is open to all parliamentary budget analysis units—including national PBOs, regional budget offices, and similar legislative fiscal institutions—that are committed to enhancing the quality and impact of parliamentary budget oversight in Africa.

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DAY 1, MONDAY, 21 SEPT 2026

OFFICIAL OPENING CEREMONY

Director of Ceremonies: Hon. Marius Sheya

Deputy Chairperson of the Budget and Finance Committee (BFC)

TIME	ACTIVITY
08H00	Registration & AN-PBO GC briefing meeting with the Host Speaker
09H00	National and AU Anthem Opening prayer
OPENING SESSION	
09H05	• Welcoming Remarks: Hon. Dr. Nathalia //Goagoses , Governor: Erongo Region
09H20	• Remarks by Mr. Sulaiman Kiggundu - Chairperson of the AN-PBO GC
STRATEGIC FISCAL INPUT	
09H30	• Statement by Hon. Helaria Mukapuli , Chairperson of the Budget Committee, National Assembly - Namibia <i>Entertainment: Tsoaxubam Taradi Cultural group</i>
GOODWILL MESSAGE FROM EXECUTIVE	
09H40	• Mr. Samuel Ocran , Country Representative, UNICEF • Hon. Ericah Shafudah : Minister of Finance, Republic of Namibia <i>Entertainment: The Ells</i>
OFFICIAL OPENING AND HANDOVER OF POWER	
10H00	• Hon. Dr. Saara Kuugongelwa-Amadhila : Speaker of the National Assembly • Official Handover of the Instrument of Power to the Host Speaker
10H30	• Vote of Thanks: Hon. Phillipus Wido Katamelolo
10H40	AU and National Anthem <i>Group Photo</i>
10H50	HEALTH BREAK



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TIME	ACTIVITY
11H15	Plenary 1: The Role of Parliamentary Budget Office or Independent Fiscal Institutions Moderator: Mr. Mally Likukela, Technical Advisor: BFC The core mandate of Parliamentary Budget Offices (PBOs) is to provide independent, non-partisan fiscal analysis that strengthens legislative budget scrutiny, improves transparency, and supports evidence-based oversight. This plenary will draw on established PBO experiences and identify practical outreach strategies for expanding AN-PBO engagement across Franco-phone, Maghreb, and Portuguese-speaking countries. Lead Speaker: Dr. (FA) Martin Masinde, OGW - Director, PBO Kenya Panellists: Gambia, Zimbabwe, Cape Verde
12H45	LUNCK BREAK
13H45	Plenary 2: Building the Institution — A model Framework for Establishing Parliamentary Budget Offices and Independent Fiscal Institutions in Africa. Moderator: Hon. Marius Sheya, Deputy Chairperson BFC As more African parliaments and sub-national legislatures move to establish PBOs and IFIs, the decisive question is no longer whether to build them, but how. This plenary explores the PBO or IFI Model Framework, a practical instrument that sets out four institutional models along a spectrum of independence, defines the three minimum characteristics every independent office must hold, and maps the analysis, funding, human capital and legal protections required to make an office credible and durable. Grounded in principles and the lived experience of offices from OECD; Canada, Washington and Seoul and others, to AN-PBO; Kampala, Nairobi and the South African and others, the framework offers member states a shared method for building institutions that are effective not only conceptually, but in the ways that make their work believed, and that can drive the realisation of Agenda 2063. Lead Speaker: Prof Dumisani Jantjies - Strategic Lead, 9th AN-PBO Annual Conference EC, PA-IFS Pty Ltd Panellists: Somalia, Uganda, Malawi, Lesotho
15H15	HEALTH BREAK



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15H30	Plenary 3: Integrating Sub-National, Provincial, and County Fiscal Oversight into a Cohesive National Model Moderator: Hon. Natangue lithete, MP, BFC African nations face complex decentralization and municipal debt challenges. This session tackles how independent oversight bodies can build robust frameworks that effectively link local and provincial fiscal health to broader national macroeconomic stability and Agenda 2063 goals. Lead Speaker: Mr Edmond Shoko, - AFROSAI-E Secretariat Panellists: Eastern Cape Provincial Legislature, Nairobi County Government, Nigeria (State Level)
END OF DAY 1	

DAY 2, TUESDAY, 22 SEPT 2026

Theme: Macroeconomic Realities & Expanding Oversight Horizons

TIME	ACTIVITY
09H00	Plenary 4: The 2026 Global & Continental Macroeconomic Outlook Moderator- Mr. Tapiwa Gumbo, Director PBO Zimbabwe This session anchors the conference with a robust macroeconomic perspective. Moving beyond conventional austerity narratives, the plenary will equip delegates with data-driven frameworks to test the realism of fiscal policies, respond to economic vulnerabilities, and navigate the impacts of inflation and monetary policy shifts on domestic debt and growth. Summary of key discussions and lessons learned. Lead Speaker: Dr. Postrick Mushendami - Deputy Governor the Bank of Namibia Panellists: MoF Namibia, South Africa, Kenya, Sierra Leone
10H30	HEALTH BREAK



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11H00	Plenary 5: Migration, Demographics, and Macroeconomic Dynamics Moderator: <i>Mr. Louis Loti, Director - PBO, Malawi</i> Human mobility is a critical, yet often under-analyzed, variable in long-term macroeconomic planning. This session challenges conventional narratives, focusing on how legislatures must model the fiscal impacts of cross-border migration, internal displacement, and labour integration to ensure medium-term expenditure frameworks reflect accurate demographic realities. Lead Speaker: <i>Prof Alan Hirsch -Emeritus professor at UCT, Research Fellow and Head of the Migration Governance Reform in African Programme (MIGRA), the New South Institute</i> Panellists: <i>Somalia, Tanzania, Zimbabwe, Liberia</i>
12H30	LUNCK BREAK
13H30	Plenary 6: Parliaments and Fiscal Responsibility – The Role of Amendment Powers and Debt Management Moderator: <i>Hon. Werner Iita, MP BFC</i> Analysing the structural mechanisms that support responsible budget institutions, focusing on rigorous top-down budget scrutiny, the strategic deployment of legislative amendment powers, and independent evaluation of public debt management. Lead Speaker: <i>Mr Immanuel Nashivela, - UNICEF-Namibia Country Representative</i> Panellists: <i>Namibian Delegate/ BFC, Sierra Leone, South Africa</i>
15H00	HEALTH BREAK
15H30	Plenary 7: The “Polycrisis” Era – Restoring Public Finances Amidst Compounding Pressures Moderator: <i>Hon. Austin Samupwa, MP: BFC</i> Examining the growing structural pressures facing African governments (energy crises, climate events, global supply chain disruptions). The session will focus on how independent legislative scrutiny can fortify public finances and ensure resilience against overlapping macro shocks. Lead Speaker: <i>Prof. Seeraj Mohamed - Acting Director, PBO South Africa</i> Panellists: <i>Nigeria, Zambia, Ghana, Uganda</i>
END OF DAY 2	



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DAY 3, WEDNESDAY, 23 SEPT 2026

Theme: Legislative Power and Parliaments as Drivers of Resilience

TIME	ACTIVITY
09H00	Plenary 8: Artificial Intelligence in Budget and Fiscal Analysis Moderator: Hon. Esther Haikola-Sakaria, MP, BFC As IFIs globally adapt to digital transformations, this session explores how AI, machine learning, and advanced data modelling can be leveraged by fiscal institutions to improve macroeconomic forecasting, enhance the realism of MTEFs, and leapfrog capacity constraints. Lead Speaker: Ms Scherie Nico, OECD Lead – Parliamentary Budget Oversight and Independent Fiscal Institutions. OECD
10H30	HEALTH BREAK
11H00	Plenary 9: Domesticating Agenda 2063 – From Budget Appropriation to Implementation Moderator: Hon. Helaria Mukapuli, MP Chairperson BFC Bridging the gap between legislative appropriation and ground-level implementation. Evaluating how PBOs track funding for flagship projects (such as AfCFTA) and verify that domestic revenue mobilization aligns with continental development commitments. Presenter: H.E. Nardos Bekele-Thomas/ delegated - Chief Executive Officer, African Union Development Agency (AUDA-NEPAD) National Planning Commission – Namibia
12H30	LUNCH



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13H30	Plenary 10: Report by the Secretariat and Future Directives Updates on current institutional work and regional network developments. Adoption of the Namibia Declaration on Fiscal Oversight. Presenter: Dr. (FA) Martin Masinde, Secretary General, AN-PBO
14H30	Closing Remarks Dr. Maryam Yakubu, AN-PBO GC Member
OFFICIAL GALA DINNER	
18H00	Dinner in the Namibian Desert: Live band and DJ. Dress code “Cultural attires”
END OF DAY 3	

DAY 4, THURSDAY, 24 SEPT 2026

Theme: Host Country Excursions and Cultural Diplomacy

TIME	ACTIVITY
10H00	Concurrent Excursion / Tour Options To accommodate all delegates comfortably while ensuring safety and preference, the Namibian hosts have organized two concurrent morning excursion options (A & B). Refreshments will be served during both excursions to the two groups. Dress code “All white”. Option A: Coastal Boat Cruise Option B: Climbing to the top of Dune 7
18H00	Dinner at Swakopmund Hotel and Entertainment Centre
END OF DAY 4	



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DAY 5, FRIDAY, 25 SEPT 2026

Theme: Governance and Future Planning

TIME	ACTIVITY
09H00	AN-PBO Governing Council (GC) Meeting Executive review of the conference, and the formalization of the Plan of Action for the 10th conference.
END OF PROGRAMME	

DAY 6 & 7, SATURDAY, 26 AND 27 SEPTEMBER 2026

DEPARTURES

TIME	ACTIVITY	FACILITATORS
	----- DEPARTURES ----- DEPARTURES -----	Host Secretariat
END OF CONFERENCE		



AN-PBO MEMBER STATES



NAMIBIA



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TANZANIA



ZAMBIA



MALAWI



ZIMBABWE



GHANA



KENYA



CAPE VERDE



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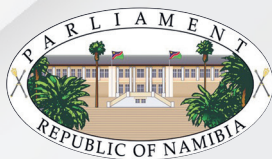
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