



## **WORKSHOP WITH PROVINCIAL MULTI-PARTY WOMEN'S CAUCUSES ON THE POST 2015 SADC PROTOCOL ON GENDER EQUALITY**

### **BACKGROUND**

The SADC Protocol on Gender and Development was adopted at the SADC Heads of State Summit in August 2008, emerging out of the SADC Declaration on Gender and Development signed in 1997. The Protocol encompasses commitments made in all regional, global and continental instruments for achieving gender equality, enhances these instruments by addressing gaps and setting specific measurable targets where they do not already exist and advances gender equality by ensuring accountability by all SADC Member States. The SADC Protocol is therefore a critical instrument within the southern African region as it brings together all the existing commitments made to gender equality into one sub-regional instrument. These include the commitments made in the Convention for the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW), the Beijing Platform for Action (BPFA), the African Charter on Human and Peoples Rights and the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). The protocol contains 28 substantive targets for achieving gender equality by 2015. Key provisions of the Protocol include:

- The establishment of Constitutional and legal rights to enshrine gender equality
- The equal representation of women in all areas of decision-making
- Equal access to quality education and training for women and men, as well as their retention at all levels of education
- The equal participation of women in economic policy formulation and implementation
- The implementation of measures to combat and eliminate all forms of gender based violence and trafficking and the provision of comprehensive care services for victims of gender based violence
- The adoption of policies and programmes that address the physical, emotional and social well-being of women
- The provision of adequate prevention, treatment care and support in relation to HIV and AIDS
- Equal representation of women in conflict resolution and peace building processes
- The mainstreaming of gender in all information, communication and media policies and laws

South Africa signed the Protocol in 2008 and ratified it in August 2011.

## INTRODUCTION

In July 2015 the Southern African Development Community Parliamentary Forum will host a meeting of the Regional Women's Caucus, and part of those deliberations will include discussions on the post 2015 SADC Protocol on Gender Equality. Countries will be expected to report on engagements with stakeholders on the revised goals and targets. Specifically, the report to the SADC PF must detail the following:

1. Overview of any consultations with relevant stakeholder national, provincially and locally on the proposed frameworks, targets and indicators for the post-2015 SADC Gender Protocol discussions.
2. Any information on our Parliament's collaboration with relevant institutions that track the implementation of the SADC Gender Protocol in the legislative sector specifically
3. Any work the committees of Parliament have done in terms of human trafficking, domestic violence and the economic empowerment of women.

The following proposal outlines a proposed workshop with provincial legislatures, through women's caucuses, and other stakeholders on the theme **Post-2015 goals and targets of the SADC Protocol on Gender Equality**.

## WORKSHOP PROGRAMME

<b>DAY 1: 12 June 2015</b>		
<b>TIME</b>	<b>ACTIVITY</b>	<b>CONVENOR</b>
9am – 10am	<i>REGISTRATION &amp; BREAKFAST</i>	
<b>Session Co-Chairpersons: Hon. R. Morutoa and Hon. G. Tseke</b>		
10h00 – 10h15	Opening & Welcoming	<b>Chairpersons Hon. R. Morutoa</b>
10h15 – 10h30	Introduction	<b>Hon. S. Nkomo</b>
10h30 – 10h50	Key note address	<b>TBC</b>
10h50 – 11h20	Sector Analysis: The State of Gender	<b>TBC</b>

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<b>Session Chairperson: Hon. G. Tseke</b>		
11h20 – 11h40	Presentation: The SADC Protocol on Gender Equality – Provisions, Goals & Targets	Chairperson MPWC: Hon. R. Morutoa
11h40 – 12h10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Key successes and challenges in achieving gender equality</li> <li>• Lessons learnt in implementing the SADC Gender Protocol</li> <li>• Priorities for setting a post-2015 Agenda</li> </ul>	Commission on Gender Equality
12h10 – 13h00	Discussions	
13h00 – 14h00	<b>LUNCH</b>	
<b>Co-Chairpersons: Hon. T. Memela &amp; Hon. .L Zwane</b>		
14h00 – 16h30	<p>Civil Society Input: Goals and Targets for the post-2015 SADC Protocol on Gender Equality</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Key successes and challenges in achieving gender equality</li> <li>• Lessons learnt in implementing the SADC Gender Protocol</li> </ul> <p>Priorities for setting a post-2015 Agenda</p>	<p>Gender Links SAWID Progressive Women's Movement ARASA (AIDS &amp; Rights Alliance for Southern Africa) Sonke Gender Justice (30 minute presentations)</p>
16h30 – 17h30	Discussions	

<b>DAY 2: 13 June 2015</b>		
<b>TIME</b>	<b>ACTIVITY</b>	<b>CONVENOR</b>
8am – 9am	<i>BREAKFAST</i>	
<b>Co-Chairpersons: Hon. N. Khunou &amp; Hon. P. Bhengu</b>		
09h00 – 09h20	Review of Day 1	Hon. P. Chueu
09h20 – 09h50	Address by the Chairperson of the	TBC

	National Council of Provinces: Domestication of the SADC Protocol on Gender Equality	
09h50 – 11h20	(Continued) Civil Society Input: Goals and Targets for the post-2015 SADC Protocol on Gender Equality <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Key successes and challenges in achieving gender equality</li> <li>• Lessons learnt in implementing the SADC Gender Protocol</li> </ul> Priorities for setting a post-2015 Agenda	<b>South African Council of Churches Federations COSATU &amp; NACTU (30 minute presentation)</b>
11h20 – 13h00	Statements on Provincial Priorities with regards to the post 2015 SADC Protocol on Gender Equality	<b>Provincial Caucus Members Provinces Representatives: <i>Eastern Cape; Free State; Gauteng; Kwazulu-Natal;</i></b>
13h00 – 14h00	<b>LUNCH</b>	
14h00 – 15h40	Statements on Provincial Priorities with regards to the post 2015 SADC Protocol on Gender Equality	<b>Provincial Caucus Members Provinces Representatives: <i>Limpopo; Mpumalanga; Northern Cape; North West; Western Cape</i></b>
15h40 – 16h40	Discussions: Post 2015 Goals & Targets / Resolutions	<b>Presentation of Resolutions: Hon. R. Semanya</b>
16h40 – 17h00	Closing Remarks	<b>Chairperson MPWC: Hon. R. Morutoa</b>

The outcomes of this workshop will form part of the Country Report to be submitted to the SADC PF Session in July, during the meeting of the Regional Women's Caucus.