



**REGIONAL PARLIAMENTARY CONFERENCE AGAINST
CORRUPTION
SAFARI COURT, WINDHOEK, NAMIBIA
28th – 30th NOVEMBER 2006**

PROGRAMME

MONDAY, 27 November

Arrivals and Registration of Delegates
Welcome Dinner 18:30

TUESDAY, 28 November

OFFICIAL OPENING

08:30 – 10:00

Introductions	Director of Ceremonies
Statement by:	Dr. Kasuka Mutukwa, Secretary General of SADC Parliamentary Forum
Statement by:	Mr. Hubert René Schillinger, Resident Representative of the Friedrich Ebert Stiftung (FES)
Choral Performance:	Anti-Corruption song ' <i>Save Our Nation</i> '
Welcoming Remarks and Statement by:	Hon. Theo-Ben Gurirab, Speaker of the National Assembly of Namibia
Vote of Thanks by:	Hon. N. Schimming-Chase, MP, Vice Chairperson of the SADC Parliamentary Forum
10:00	Group Photograph & Tea Break

SESSION ONE: UNRAVELLING CORRUPTION AND COUNTING THE COST

10:30 – 10:45 Conference Programme Presentation and Review

10:45 – 11:30 **What is Corruption and What is it Not?**
Brief Presentation and Plenary Interaction

11:30 - 12:30 **Counting the Cost of Corruption: An Analysis of the Socio-Economic and Political Impact of Corruption in Southern Africa**
Panel Presentation

12:30 – 13:00 Plenary Discussion on the notion and reality of Corruption and its impact on the people

13:00 – 14:00 **Lunch Break**

SESSION TWO: A COMPARATIVE OVERVIEW OF THE SADC, AFRICAN UNION AND UNITED NATIONS' ANTI-CORRUPTION INSTRUMENTS

14:00 – 15:00 **A Comparative Case Study of:**
*** SADC Protocol Against Corruption**
*** AU Convention on Preventing and Combating Corruption and Related Offences**
*** United Nations Convention against Corruption**
Panel of Lead Facilitators: Mr. Peter Gastrow (ISS) and Ms. Yvonne Chibiya (SAHRIT)

15:00 – 15:30 Plenary Discussion on the role of parliamentarians in the ratification, domestication and implementation of the various Anti-Corruption instruments

15:30 – 16:00 Tea Break

16:00 – 16:45 **Towards Transparent, Impartial and Fair Electoral Processes based on an Anti-Corruption Agenda**
Panel Presentation

16:45 – 17:30 Plenary Discussion on Mechanisms to ensure Corruption-free Elections and enhance the role of Parliamentarians in Electoral process

19:00 – 21:00 **Speaker's Reception** (Dress Smart Casual)

WEDNESDAY, 29 November

SESSION THREE: TOWARDS AN IDEAL INSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORK IN THE FIGHT AGAINST CORRUPTION: SHARING EXPERIENCES

- 08:00 – 08:15 Recap of Proceedings of Previous Day
- 08:15 – 09:00 **The Namibian Case Study: An Emerging Anti-Corruption Drive (A Panel Discussion)**
Panel Presentation by: Mr. Paulus Noah: Director of the Anti-Corruption Commission (Namibia) and Mr. T. Keulder, Director of the Namibia Institute for Democracy
- 09:00 – 10:00 **Lessons from selected Anti-Corruption Case Studies**
The Do's and Dont's of Corruption
Mr. Hubert Schillinger (FES), APNAC and other Panelists
- 10:00 – 10:30 Plenary Discussions on the Lessons to be Learned
- 10:30 – 11:00 Tea Break
- 11:00 – 12:00 **Lessons from Public Accounts Committees, Auditor Generals, Civil Society and the Media**
Panel Presentation: SADCOPAC, Hon. F. Simenda, former Chairperson of Public Accounts Committee (Zambia) and other Panelists
- 12:00 – 13:00 Plenary Discussions on how Parliament could work with other Stakeholders in the Fight Against Corruption.
- 13:00 – 14:00 **Lunch Break**

SESSION FOUR: FIGHTING THE SCOURGE OF CORRUPTION AND THE ROLE OF PARLIAMENT: LEARNING THE LESSONS

- 14:00 – 15:30 **Sharing Country Experiences in Groups**
Questions Guiding Group Discussions and Feedback would be provided
- 15:30 – 16:40 Group Report Back and Plenary Interaction
- 16:40 – 17:00 Presentation and review of Draft Conference Statement (The Conference Statement would be done and reviewed gradually to ensure maximum input through all the stages)

THURSDAY, 30 November

SESSION FIVE: TOWARDS A PARLIAMENTARY AGENDA IN THE FIGHT AGAINST CORRUPTION

- 08:00 – 08:15 Recap of Proceedings of Previous Day
- 08:15 – 09:00 The African Parliamentary Network Against Corruption (APNAC) Country Chapters as a Model for Legislatures to Fight Corruption**
- 09:00 – 09:30 Plenary Discussions on APNAC Country Chapters and other options for a Regional Approach to Fighting Corruption
- 09:30 – 10:15 Whistle Blowing and Protecting the Whistle Blowers: Creating and Sustaining a Conducive Political and Institutional Framework Against Corruption.**
Panel Presentation
- 10:15 – 11:00 The core Parliamentary business of Representation, Lawmaking and Oversight with regard to Fighting Corruption,**
Prof Earl Taylor, CEO-Institute for Leadership and Professional Development
- 11:00 – 11:30 Tea Break
- 11:30 – 12:30 Plenary Discussion on the Role and Responsibility of Parliament in Fighting Corruption
- 12:30 Lunch Break**
- SESSION SIX: CONCLUSIONS AND CLOSURE**
- 13:45 – 14:30 Conclusions & Recommendations aimed at setting parameters for a SADC Anti-Corruption Legislative Framework**
- 14:30 – 15:00 Conference Declaration/Communiqué**
- 15:00 – 15:30 Closing Remarks (tbc)**
- 15:30 City Tour and other Social Activities

FRIDAY, 1st December

DEPARTURES