



***SADC Parliamentary Forum Workshop:
Benchmarks for Democratic Legislatures in Southern Africa***

***April 1-2, 2009
Johannesburg, South Africa***

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Tuesday , March 31, 2009

Arrival of Participants

Wednesday, April 1, 2009

07:00-08:30 Breakfast at Hotel

08:30-09:00 Registration

09:00-09:30 **SESSION I: Scene Setting Discussions**

This opening session will include general welcoming remarks, introduction of the participants, and discussion of the objectives of the working group.

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Secretary General, SADC-Parliamentary Forum (SADC-PF)

Mr Hubert René Schillinger

Resident Representative, Friedrich- Ebert –Stiftung, Namibia Office

Mr Franklin de Vrieze,

Manager, Global Programme for Parliamentary Strengthening, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), Brussels

Wednesday, April 1, 2009 (continued)

09:30-10:00 **SESSION II: Background to emerging issues based on the November 2007 working group meeting.**

The session would provide background on what transpired at the previous session held in November 2007. It highlights elements that will need further interrogation that raised controversy and those for decisions if any. Juxtaposing these against CPA Recommended Benchmarks for Democratic Legislatures.

Moderator:

Hon. Botlogile Tshireletso, Chairperson SADC-PF DGC, (Botswana)

Keynote Speaker:

Hon. David Matongo

Chair, Committee on Reform and Modernisation, (Zambia)

10:00-10:30 COFFEE BREAK

10:30-12:30 **SESSION III: Presentation of Report on Draft Benchmarks**

In this session, the Consultants will present an overview of the draft benchmarks section-by-section, highlighting the background and motivation for each of the proposed benchmarks. This will be followed by a general discussion on the structure of the document first, followed by consideration of the relevance and phraseology of each of the benchmarks. Participants will also consider deleting or combining some of the benchmarks as may be necessary.

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Resource Persons:

Mr Takawira Musavengana / Ms Kimberly Smiddy

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12:30-14:00 LUNCH

14:00-15:30 **SESSION IV: Consideration of Draft Benchmarks (continued)**

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15:30-16:00 TEA BREAK

16:00-17:30 **SESSION IV: Consideration of Draft Benchmarks (continued)**

17:30 **END OF DAY ONE**

Thursday, April 2, 2009

09:00-10:30 **SESSION IV: Consideration of Draft Benchmarks (continued)**

10:30-11:00 TEA BREAK

11:00-12:30 **SESSION V: Resolution of Deferred Issues**

This session will resolve questions and issues deferred by the working group until later in the working group session. It provides an opportunity to resolve remaining open questions and raise suggestions or proposals for additional benchmarks or coverage of issues not already raised in the session.

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14:00-15:30 **SESSION VI: The Way Forward**

This session will discuss process to be followed for the Benchmarks to be presented for Adoption to the May Plenary Assembly. The session is expected to lead to preliminary approval by the working group of the draft benchmarks, subject to any further work that may be required.

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15:30-16:00 TEA BREAK

16:00-17:30 **SESSION VI (cont.)**

19:00 **Official Closing Dinner**

END OF DAY TWO AND END OF WORKSHOP

Friday, April 3, 2009

Morning Departure of Participants