



# Pan-African Parliament

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## BRIEF ON ACTIVITIES OF THE PAN-AFRICAN PARLIAMENT MARCH – MAY 2025

### INTRODUCTION

The bulletin provides a brief synopsis of activities conducted by the Pan-African Parliament or those pending implementation in the period between March and May 2025. The PAP, through the Bureau, Parliamentarians and Committees of Parliament, continues to play an active and instrumental role in ensuring the full participation of the African peoples in the economic development and integration of the continent during inter-session periods. Pursuant to this, the following activities have either been implemented or are pending implementation:

### Farewell Ceremony and Book Launch for the Outgoing Deputy Chairperson of the African Union Commission, H.E. Dr. Monique Nsanzabaganwa, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia: 29 March 2025.



As an integral part of the AU family, the Pan-African Parliament, through His Excellency, the President, Chief Fortune Charumbira, participated in the Farewell Ceremony and Book Launch of the outgoing Deputy Chairperson of the Commission. H.E. Dr. Monique Nsanzabaganwa on 29th March 2025 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. H.E. President Charumbira delivered a rousing speech in honour of Dr. Nsanzabaganwa in which he espoused the virtues of accessibility in leadership, a principle which Dr. Monique respected and lived by.

### Participation in the 69th Conference on the Status of Women (CSW 69), New York, United States of America: 10 – 21 March 2025

A delegation of PAP female Parliamentarians led by the 1st Vice President, Hon. Dr. Fatimetou Habib, the 3rd Vice President, Hon. Lucia dos Passos and comprising the Bureau of the Women's Caucus led by the Chairperson, Hon. Amina Tidjani Yaya, participated in the CSW 69 Conference held in New York, United States of America from 10th to 21st March 2025. The delegation ensured that the aspirations of women across Africa for gender equality and women's empowerment find expression in the deliberations at this important global gathering which is a by-product of the historic Beijing Platform for Action.



**Meetings with PRC Ambassadors on the PAP Budgetary Challenges, Implementation of Agenda 2063, Peace and Security on the Continent, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia: 31 March – 02 April 2025**



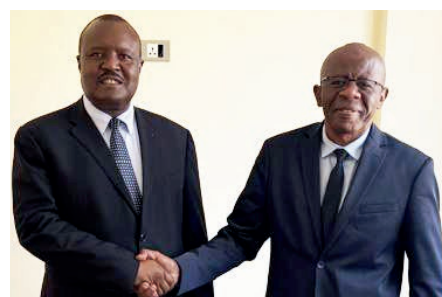
The PAP President, His Excellency, Chief Fortune Charumbira, took advantage of his presence in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, to engage PRC Ambassadors on the PAP budgetary challenges with a view to mobilise additional resources for PAP programmes and activities for 2025 and 2026. Deliberations also centred on the role that the Pan-African Parliament can play in enhancing the implementation of the continental development blueprint, Agenda 2063, as well as in promoting peace and security on the continent through Parliamentary Diplomacy. The President convened fruitful meetings with the Ambassadors of Algeria, Burundi, Chad, Comoros, Egypt, Eritrea, Kenya, Mauritania, Rwanda, Senegal, South Africa and Zimbabwe. The President also had occasion to meet with the newly-elected Deputy Chairperson of the Commission, H.E. Ambassador Salma Haddadi.



Meeting with Ambassador George Orina, Kenya



Meeting with Ambassador Willy Nyamitwe, Burundi



Meeting with Ambassdor Youssouf Mondoha, Comoros



Meeting with the Ambassador of Chad



Meeting with the Ambassador of Egypt



Meeting with the Ambassador of Senegal



Meeting with the DCP, H.E. Ambassador Salma Haddadi



Meeting with the Ambassador of Eritrea



Meeting with the Ambassador of Rwanda, H.E. Amb. Major General (Rtd) Charles Karamba



Meeting with the Charge d' Affaires of Mauritania



Meeting with the Ambassador of Algeria



Meeting with the Ambassador of South Africa, Ambassador Nonceba Losi

## PAP UPCOMING EVENTS IN APRIL AND MAY 2025

### 4TH JOINT RETREAT OF THE PEACE AND SECURITY COUNCIL (PSC) AND THE AFRICAN PEER REVIEW MECHANISM (APRM), SANDTON, SOUTH AFRICA, 7 – 8 APRIL 2025



The Chairperson of the Committee on Co-operation, International Relations and Conflict Resolution, Hon. Sherif Elgabaly, and Hon. Manuel Domingos Augusto, a member of the Committee are scheduled to attend the 4th Joint Retreat of the PSC and APRM to be held in Sandton, South Africa on 7th and 8th April 2025. The Retreat will explore mechanisms to strengthen peace and security on the continent in the face of the escalating conflicts in DRC and Sudan, among others. H.E. Chief Fortune Charumbira, President of the Pan-African Parliament, will lead the delegation.

### 6TH AFRICA CLIMATE TALKS AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS FORUM, KAMPALA, UGANDA: 7 – 11 APRIL 2025.



The 3rd Vice President, Hon. Lucia dos Passos, and Hon. Esther Muthoni Passaris, a member of the Committee on Rural Economy, Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environment will participate in the 6th Africa Climate Talks and SDG's Forum to be held in Kampala, Uganda, from 7th to 11th April 2025. The 3rd Vice President, Hon. dos Passos, will deliver a statement on behalf of the Pan-African Parliament at the official opening of the 4th Africa Climate Talks on 7th April 2025.

### MEETING WITH THE AMBASSADOR OF THE LEAGUE OF ARAB STATES IN SOUTH AFRICA, MIDRAND, SOUTH AFRICA: 07 APRIL 2025.

The PAP has witnessed an inexorable trend over the past year or so wherein diplomatic missions are keen on strengthening relations with the Pan-African Parliament. Pursuant to this, the Head of Mission of the League of Arab States in the Republic of South Africa, H.E. Ambassador Reyad Al-Akbari, has requested to meet with the President of the Pan-African Parliament to explore ways of strengthening bilateral relations between the two institutions. The meeting has been scheduled on Monday 7th April 2025 along the sidelines of the PSC-APRM Retreat.

### OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE 45TH ORDINARY SESSION OF THE AFRICAN COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS ON THE RIGHTS AND WELFARE OF THE CHILD, MASERU, LESOTHO: 07 APRIL 2025



Hon. Dr. Ashebir Woldegiorgis Gayo, the 2nd Vice President, will represent the Pan-African Parliament at the Official Opening of the 45th Ordinary Session of the ACERWC to be held in Maseru, Lesotho on Monday 7th April 2025. Hon. Dr. Gayo will deliver a solidarity statement on behalf of the Pan-African Parliament virtually pursuant to the need to strengthen collaboration with sister AU Organs and heighten the visibility of PAP.

### MEETING WITH THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE BOLIVARIAN REPUBLIC OF VENEZUELA, MIDRAND, SOUTH AFRICA: 07 APRIL 2025.

Similarly, the Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, H.E. Yuri Pimentel, has requested for a meeting with H.E. Chief Charumbira, President of the Pan-African Parliament. These overtures are an affirmation of the global reach of the continental legislature and its primacy in international relations. The meeting has been scheduled for 7th April 2025 to take advantage of President Charumbira's presence in South Africa.



**OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF BENIN, PORTO NOVO, BENIN: 10 APRIL 2025**



PAP is mandated by the PAP Protocol to work with and through national Parliaments. In that regard, the PAP President has been invited to officially open the First Session of the National Assembly of Benin in Porto Novo on 10th April 2025. The National Assembly of Benin will cater for the costs of the mission. The President has confirmed his availability and will honour the invitation in a bid to strengthen partnerships with national Parliaments and enhance the profile of the Pan-African Parliament on the continent given its limited visibility.

**EXTRAORDINARY SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL ON ELECTIONS, ADDIS ABABA, ETHIOPIA: 15 APRIL 2025**

The President of the Pan-African Parliament, Chief Fortune Charumbira, and the 2nd Vice President, Hon. Dr. Ashebir Woldegiorgis Gayo, are set to attend the Extraordinary Session of the Executive Council to be held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, on 15th April 2025.

**CONSULTATIVE MEETING ON FINALISING THE MODEL LAW ON SUSTAINABLE SOIL MANAGEMENT, STELLENBOSCH UNIVERSITY, SOUTH AFRICA: 28 – 29 APRIL 2025**



The Bureau of the Committee on Rural Economy, Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environment, namely, Hon. Sakata Garry (Chairperson), Hon. Abdallah Barakat Ibrahim (Vice Chairperson), Hon. Sulayman Saho (Rapporteur) and Hon. Awatfe Cheniti, a member of the Committee, will participate in the Consultative Meeting on Finalising the Draft Model Law on Sustainable Soil Management to be held at the Stellenbosch University in Stellenbosch, South Africa, as part of the Parliament's mandate of harmonising legislation on the continent.

**SOUTH TO SOUTH PARLIAMENTARY DIALOGUE FORUM, RABAT, MOROCCO: 28 – 29 APRIL 2025**

The Bureau of the Pan-African Parliament will participate in the South to South Parliamentary Dialogue Forum convened under the auspices of the Senate of the Kingdom of Morocco and the Association of Senate Shoora and Equivalent Councils in Africa and the Arab World (ASSECAA) to be held in Rabat, Morocco, on 28th and 29th April 2025. The Forum seeks to strengthen continental integration and transform external dependency into autonomy led by Global South nations through strong local capacity-building. This is particularly timely and important for Africa in the wake of the withdrawal of funding to African States by the United States of America under the regime of President Donald Trump.

**BILATERAL MEETING WITH THE SPEAKER OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC, BANGUI, CAR: 05 – 09 MAY 2025**



The 4th Vice President, Hon. Djidda Mamar Mahamat, will spearhead a meeting with the Speaker of the National Assembly of the Central African Republic seeking to correct misconceptions regarding the Pan-African Parliament and ensure that the CAR delegation consistently attends PAP activities. The meeting will be held during the first two weeks of the month of May 2025.

**TECHNICAL MEETING ON THE MODEL LAW ON GENDER EQUALITY AND EQUITY, CAMEROON: 05 – 09 MAY 2025**



The Committee on Gender, Family, Youth and People with Disability led by the Chairperson, Hon. Dao Gabala Mariam, is scheduled to convene a Technical Consultative Workshop on the Model Law on Gender Equality and Equity with gender experts from across the continent before the draft Model Law is presented to the Committee for consideration. The meeting will be held in Yaounde, Cameroon, from 5th to 9th May 2025.

**XI NEVSKY INTERNATIONAL ECOLOGICAL CONGRESS, ST. PETERSBURG, RUSSIA: 22 – 23 MAY 2025**

The 2nd Vice President, Hon. Dr. Ashebir Woldegiorgis Gayo, will lead a Pan-African Parliament delegation to the XI Nevsky International Ecological Congress to be held in St. Petersburg, Russia, on 22nd and 23rd May 2025. The Congress is a long-standing platform for discussing topical environmental issues and framing a comprehensive and just approach to the efforts related to improving the resistance to climate change.

