



Regional Press Conference: 3rd SADC Youth Parliament Official Announcement 2023

The Journalists Present, Youth Parliamentarians, SADC Youth, and Our Partners. Thank you for joining this Regional Press Conference to officially announce the Parliamentarians.

We have gathered here to officially announce the 3rd SADC Youth Parliament. The Southern Africa Youth Parliament/SADC Youth Parliament is a regional policy advocacy, engagement arm, and flagship program coordinated by the Southern Africa Youth Forum (SAYoF) and other stakeholders. A platform for key decisions that influence policy and practice at national, regional, and international levels. Through consultative processes with young people in the region, the Southern Africa Youth Parliament adopts key policy decisions and recommendations to the policymakers, communities, and stakeholders in the Southern Africa region. The Parliament is composed of Young Leaders from diverse backgrounds not limited to Political, Health, Arts, Culture, Disability, Business, Environment, Agriculture, Religious Leaders, Academic, Media, and Sports among others.

The SADC Youth Parliament is guided by values of Pan-Africanism such as Afro-centrism, Regional Integration, Ubuntu, African Unity, Respect of Diversity, durable Peace and Security, Self-determination, Patriotism, Solidarity, Promotion of Sustainable and Equitable Economic Growth and Socio-Economic Development, Sustainable Inclusion, Good Governance, Preservation of African Heritage, and Culture. The parliament prioritizes Gender Equality and Equity in all its parliamentary business.

The Roles and Responsibilities of the Southern Africa Youth Parliament.

- A representative Regional Policy Advocacy, and Engagement arm of SAYoF.
- Work with National Parliaments, Ministries of Governments, National Youth Councils, Youth Organisations, Pan-African Organisations, Young people, Regional and International Organisations to influence legislation and the implementation of national, regional, and international instruments and practices that empower and facilitate youth inclusion and participation.
- Work with the SADC Parliamentary Forum (SADC-PF) to bring about youth voices and sustainable participation through various committees and programs.
- A platform for key decisions that influence policies and practices at national, regional, and international levels.
- Monitor Youth Development Priorities in the region and at the national level.
- A space to deliberate issues that affect young people at community, national, regional, and global levels, to enable the proffering of solutions and recommendations for policy changes and action.

- A Leadership Mentorship platform that enables transformative leadership for the members of Parliament. (Nurture and Mentor Young Leaders).
- Engage with Policy Makers, Youth, and Stakeholders on various issues around youth inclusion, effective participation, and development.
- Complement and support the work of young people at the national and regional levels and be a bridging voice between national and regional agendas.
- Represent their countries in the official sitting of the SADC Youth Parliamentary business and various platforms in line with the Youth Development Model (YDM).
- Support, initiate, and collaborate with other SAYoF structures such as the Clusters, Sub-Committees, and Country offices in bringing out the youth voice, youth programs, and effective engagement.
- Recommend key issues to the SADC Youth Forum annual gathering among other platforms.
- Represent SAYoF at National, Regional, and International Platforms in line with SAYoF, vision, values, and objectives.

There are two youth parliamentarians selected from each SADC nation, one female and one male, two representatives of persons with disabilities, two Speakers of Parliament, and two Clerks of Parliament, bringing the total of the cohort to 38. The SADC Youth Parliament will have no more than 10 Board of Mentors selected from people of high repute and members of Parliament in the region. The SADC Youth Parliament has a Patron selected within the region, a person of high integrity and youth-oriented.

The 3rd SADC Youth Parliament is composed of the following:

Ms. Patience Munyenyembe, **Speaker of SADC Youth Parliament**, Malawi

Mr. Nsama Patrick Mpundu, **Speaker of SADC Youth Parliament**, Zambia

Mr. Reyaaz Scharneck, **Clerk of SADC Youth Parliament**, South Africa

Ms. Christabel C. Mhiribidi, **Clerk of SADC Youth Parliament**, Zimbabwe

Ms. Hilda Macheso (Malawi), **Regional Representative of Persons with Disabilities in parliament**

And the following are Honourable Members of the 3rd SADC Youth Parliament representing their countries:

Ms. Luyana Fenando, Angola,

Mr. Rabby Gelson Ndombassy, Angola

Ms. Katlego Nawa, Botswana

Mr. Karabo Matonkomane, Botswana

Mr. Mbaé Imadoudine, Comoros

Mr. Hadadi SAID MOHAMED, Comoros

Ms. Noella Tshilanda Becker, DRC

Mr. Francois Musampwa, DRC

Ms. Khanyisa Buhlebenkhosi Nhlabatsi, Eswatini
Mr. Trevor Masuku, Eswatini
Ms. Thakane Manong, Lesotho
Mr. Khereng Khereng, Lesotho
Ms. Krshtee Sukhbilas, Mauritius
Mr. TARAN BOODHOO, Mauritius
Ms. Rameliniaina Antsaniavo Natolotsoa, Madagascar
Mr. RANDRIANANTENAINA Stephane, Madagascar
Ms. Upile Matululu, Malawi
Mr. Thokozani Mthiko, Malawi
Ms. Chelsea Marlen Fumo, Mozambique
Mr. Pedro Viagem Júnior, Mozambique
Ms. Maria Undjondjo, Namibia
Mr. Karuzerururua Ndjarakana, Namibia
Ms. Steffie Morel, Seychelles
Mr. Uroy Jules, Seychelles
Ms. Princess Mojapelo, South Africa
Mr. Levi Singh, South Africa
Ms. Meseline Raphael Mulokozi, Tanzania
Mr. Daniel Haule, Tanzania
Ms. Memory Banda, Zambia
Dr. Blessings Kasenge, Zambia
Ms. Fundile Nkala, Zimbabwe
Mr. Bright Thulani Chimedza, Zimbabwe

We would like to invite you all to support these parliamentarians in their leadership journey, working with young people, governments, regional and international institutions in bringing a transformative change in our region. We would like to thank the outgoing members of parliament who did a fantastic job and are now part of the alumni.

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