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### **PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE MEMBERS ATTEND TRAININGS & MEETINGS IN ZANZIBAR, TANZANIA**

The Public Accounts Committee (PAC) Chairperson, Honourable Wynter B. Mmolotsi who also serves as the General Secretary of SADC Organization of Public Accounts Committees (SADCOPAC) is in Zanzibar, Tanzania to attend SADCOPAC governance meetings and to participate in, the peer review programme, discussions on the establishment of sub-committees and training sessions for PAC and similar oversight committees.

Other members of the PAC Committee; Hon. Pono P. P. Moatlhodi and Hon. Polson Majaga and are scheduled to leave for the same SADCOPAC business **today, April 16, 2024.**

The main purpose for conducting training for members of PACs and Officials supporting PACs is to;

- Enhance the skills and knowledge of parliamentarians and officials involved in parliamentary oversight.
- Empower members of PACs and similar committees and officials supporting PACs with the necessary tools and knowledge to facilitate robust oversight processes.

The aim of Governance meetings is:

- To facilitate effective decision-making, collaboration, and communication among SADCOPAC members.

Peer Review Programme aims to:

- Enhance accountability and effectiveness of parliamentary oversight within the SADC Region.
- Facilitates mutual assessments among members to identify strengths and areas for improvement in oversight practices.

- Encourage culture of accountability and transparency among member states through constructive peer reviews.
- Foster the sharing of successful oversight strategies and methodologies.

The establishment and operation of Sub-Committees on the other hand aims to;

- Streamline efforts, focus expertise, and strengthen collaboration in key areas of parliamentary oversight and regional network dealing with accountability in SADC Region.
- Improve efficiency by creating specialized subcommittees focusing on thematic areas such as budget scrutiny, audit examination, legal and regulatory affairs, technology in oversight and capacity building.
- Harness diverse expertise within SADCOPAC to address specific challenges in public financial management.
- Facilitate in-depth discussions and targeted actions in key oversight areas.

Honorable members are expected back in the country on the **20<sup>th</sup> April 2024**.

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