

PARLIAMENTARY PROGRAMME

FIRST TERM 2026

As updated on 25 March 2026

CLUSTERING OF MINISTRIES: A GUIDE FOR QUESTIONS FOR ORAL REPLIES

CLUSTER 1 - Peace and Security	CLUSTER 2 - Social Services	CLUSTER 3 – Governance	CLUSTER 4 – Economics	CLUSTER 5 – Economics
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Correctional Services • Defence and Military Veterans • Home Affairs • International Relations and Cooperation • Justice and Constitutional Development • Police • Minister in The Presidency (State Security) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basic Education • Health • Higher Education • Human Settlements • Social Development • Sport, Arts and Culture • Water and Sanitation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs • Minister in The Presidency (GCIS) • Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation • Public Service and Administration • Women, Youth and Persons with Disabilities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agriculture • Communications and Digital Technologies • Electricity and Energy • Employment and Labour • Finance • Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment • Mineral and Petroleum Resources 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Land Reform and Rural Development • Public Works and Infrastructure • Small Business Development • Tourism • Trade, Industry and Competition • Transport • Science, Technology and Innovation

FIRST TERM 2026		SECOND TERM 2026	
NA: 27 January – 2 April (10 Weeks) NCOP: 27 January – 27 March (9 Weeks)		21 April – 26 June (9 Weeks)	
NA Leave Period NCOP Leave Period NCOP Committees/ Plenary NCOP Constituency Period NA Constituency Period NA Committees oversight	5 – 12 January 5 – 12 January 13 – 15 January 16 January – 6 February 14 – 26 January 27 January – 6 February	152nd Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) Assembly, Instabul NA Committees oversight NCOP Committees oversight Taking Parliament to the People NCOP Leave Period NA Plenaries/Mini-plenaries NCOP Plenaries/ Committees/ Departmental Strategic Plan Briefings to NCOP Committees NCOP Questions to Cluster 1: Peace and Security NA Budget Vote debates NCOP Plenary on Division of Revenue Bill NCOP Questions to the Deputy President NCOP Committees Debate on Vote 2: Parliament Debate on Vote 1: Presidency (followed by Reply) Decision on Appropriation Bill by NA NA Plenaries/Mini-plenaries NA Questions to the President NA Questions to the Deputy President NA Questions to Clusters NA debate on Fiscal Framework Tabling of departmental strategic plans NA debate on Division of Revenue Bill	15 – 19 April 21 – 30 April 21 – 24 April April/ May 28 April – 4 May 5 – 8 May 4 May – 19 June April/ May 12 – 22 May May (p) May/June 26 – 29 May May May May/June 26 May – 19 June May/June May/June May/June 23 – 26 June 25 June (p) 29 June – 3
NCOP Members' Training NA Members' Training Joint Sitting (SONA) Debate on President's State-of-the-nation Address Reply by President to debate on State-of-the-nation address	10 – 11 February 10 – 11 February 12 February (19:00) 17 – 18 February 19 February	<i>Freedom Day: Monday, 27 April</i> <i>Workers' Day: Friday, 1 May</i> NCOP Plenary on Division of Revenue Bill NCOP Questions to the Deputy President NCOP Committees <i>Africa Day: Monday, 25 May</i>	
State of the Province Addresses NCOP Committees NA Plenaries/ Mini-plenaries Budget speech <i>(Including tabling of Fiscal Framework, Appropriation Bill and Division of Revenue Bill)</i>	23 - 27 February 23 – 27 February 24 February – 2 April 25 February		
NCOP Strategic Planning Session NCOP Questions to Cluster 2: Social Services NCOP Questions to the Deputy President NCOP Plenaries/ Committees/ Legislation	3 – 4 March March March 5 – 27 March		
<i>Human Rights Day: Saturday, 21 March</i>			
NA Questions to the President NA Questions to the Deputy President NA Questions to Clusters NA debate on Fiscal Framework Tabling of departmental strategic plans NA debate on Division of Revenue Bill	12 March 19 /March February - March March March March		
<i>Easter Weekend 3 – 6 April</i>			
NCOP Constituency Period NA Constituency Period	30 March – 20 April (3 weeks) 7 – 20 April (2 weeks)	NA Committees Decision on Appropriation Bill by NCOP Constituency Period August (5 weeks)	

THIRD TERM 2026		FOURTH TERM 2026	
		6 October – 4 December (9 Weeks)	
	NCOP: 4 – 28 August (4 Weeks) NA: 4 August – 18 September (7 Weeks)		
NA Committees	4 – 7 August	NA Committees (Oversight/BRR Reports)	6 – 16 October
NCOP Plenaries/ Committees	4 – 14 August	NCOP Committees/ Plenaries	October
NCOP Questions to Cluster 3: Governance	August	NCOP Oversight Week	October
NCOP Questions to the Deputy President	August	NCOP Questions to the President	October
<i>Women's Day: Sunday, 9 August</i>		NA Plenaries/Mini-Plenaries	20 October – 27 November
NA Plenaries/Mini-plenaries	11 – 27 August	NNA Questions to the President	October/November
NA Questions to the President	August/September	NA Questions to the Deputy President	October/November
NA Questions to the Deputy President	August/September	NA Questions to Clusters	October/November
NA Questions to Clusters	August/September	NCOP Committees/ Plenaries	October – December
NCOP Provincial Week	17 – 21 August	NCOP Questions to Cluster 4: Economics	October/ November
NCOP Committees	24 – 28 August	NCOP Questions to Cluster 5: Economics	October/ November
153rd Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) Assembly, Tanzania	September	NCOP Questions to Deputy President	November
69th Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference (CPC), Cape Town	13 – 18 September	Tabling: 2026 Medium-Term Budget Policy Statement and Adjustments Budget	28 October
NA Plenaries/Mini-plenaries	8 – 18 September	Revised Fiscal Framework (Within 15 days)	November
NCOP Constituency Period	31 August – 5 October (5 weeks)	Division of Revenue Amendment Bill	November
NA Constituency Period	21 September – 5 October (2 weeks)	Decision on Adjustments Appropriation Bill by NA	November
<i>Heritage Day: Thursday, 24 September</i>		NA Plenaries/Mini-plenaries	10 - 27 November
		Joint Programme Committee meeting	29 October (p)
		NCOP Annual Address by the President	November (p)
		NA Committees	1 – 4 December
		Decision on Adjustments Appropriation Bill by NCOP	December (p)
		NA Constituency Period	7 – 15 December
		<i>Reconciliation Day Wednesday, 16 December</i>	
		Leave Period 2027	17 December – 8 January

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND EXTERNAL BODIES DIARY:

- 1) Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) Assembly, Istanbul: 15 – 19 April

PROPOSED NATIONAL ASSEMBLY TRAINING SCHEDULE

- 1) IPU Webinar: Building AI literacy in Parliaments – 1 April
- 2) Role of Political Structures and Committees and Parliamentary Ethics and Codes of Conduct – 24 April
- 3) Stellenbosch University Webinar series: AI in Government – 28 – 29 May
- 4) Public Speaking and Debate Techniques and Oversight in Practice: Drafting speeches, parliamentary questions and motions – 26 June
- 5) The legislative process – 7 August
- 6) Parliamentary Diplomacy – 28 August
- 7) Budget and Financial Oversight (BRRR aligned) – 9 October
- 8) Debate and Plenary Conduct / Appropriate use of devices during parliamentary meetings – 16 October
- 9) Handling Traditional and Digital Media / Social Media Use – 4 December

WEEK 10

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY	NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES
MONDAY, 30 MARCH CONSTITUENCY DAY	MONDAY, 30 MARCH
TUESDAY, 31 MARCH COMMITTEES	TUESDAY, 31 MARCH
WEDNESDAY, 1 APRIL COMMITTEES 15:00 – 16:00 IPU Webinar : Building AI literacy in Parliaments	WEDNESDAY, 1 APRIL
THURSDAY, 2 APRIL CONSTITUENCY DAY	THURSDAY, 2 APRIL
FRIDAY, 3 APRIL GOOD FRIDAY	FRIDAY, 3 APRIL GOOD FRIDAY

NA CONSTITUENCY PERIOD: 7 – 20 APRIL**NCOP CONSTITUENCY PERIOD: 30 MARCH – 20 APRIL**