



**PARLIAMENT**  
OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

## **A THREE SPHERE SECTOR PARLIAMENTS OVERSIGHT FRAMEWORK**

*Strengthening Three Sphere Coordination and Oversight,  
Through a Targeted Policy Focus, for Accelerated Implementation*

# INTRODUCTION

- During the 5<sup>th</sup> Parliament a review of sectoral parliaments was undertaken which concluded that an event, driven approach undermined the value of sectoral engagements.
- A shift towards a more inter-connected and programmatic approach was proposed and endorsed.
- Now, as we begin a process to Move decisively towards a Three Sphere Sector Parliaments Oversight Schedule (Underpinned by Quarterly Engagements/Activities), we must do so with an awareness of localized developmental issues
- It must further be done in a manner that advances three sphere synergy and implementation, as guided by the development plans anchored in (SDGs, NDP, PGDS, IDPs)

## **The objectives of the Sector Parliaments Planning Session Are to:**

- Determine Overarching Policy Priorities for Sector Parliaments in the Sixth Parliament
- Consider a Poverty Mapping Overview as a means to anchor a Policy Priority focus on Sectoral Platforms
- Taking into account the spatial dimensions of poverty, develop a targeted oversight approach to address issues faced by the most vulnerable, across provinces, metros, districts and localities
- As guided by Sector Parliament resolutions, streamline a targeted and well-coordinated, national oversight process
- Determine Oversight Measurable Objectives, in order to accelerate the implementation of the Policy Objectives of Vision 2030

In order to achieve these objectives, there needs to be a concentrated shift, to ensure that sectoral work is able to measurably add greater value, alongside existing institutional processes.

By institutionalizing targeted and sustained oversight beyond sectoral platforms of deliberation, we will ensure that matters raised on these platforms remain at the center of government's transformation agenda.

# STREAMLINING A SECTOR WIDE OVERSIGHT PROCESS FOR SECTOR PARLIAMENTS

- Institutionalise the legislative sector's Quarterly Debates, based on Strategic Policy priorities, legislation, strategic programmes and interventions
- Develop tracking mechanism for House Resolutions that pertain to Women, Youth and People with disabilities.
- Institutionalise Quarterly Cluster Based Questions, statements and motions on strategic policy priorities (Sustained Report Analysis)

# PROGRAMMATIC ACTIVITIES FOR INSTITUTIONALIZATION

- **Focus Weeks (biannually):** Women, Youth, Persons with Disabilities, LGBTQI community and Men's Parliaments

## **Sector Parliaments Activities:**

1. **Women's Parliaments**, including LGBTQI and People with disabilities (**Biannually**)
2. **Youth Parliaments**, including LGBTQI and People with Disabilities (**Biannually**)
3. **National Men's Parliaments (Twice in Every Dispensation)**
4. **District Level Oversight Sessions (Thematic Focus)**

These Public Participation Platforms will be targeted at specific localities, Based on Poverty Mapping Perspectives

- Utilize the Poverty Map to Create a (Development Matrix of Apex Policy Priorities), Applicable to Designated Localities. This will be used to guide oversight trajectory for Sectoral Issues
- Develop A set of Measurable Objectives as an Overlay, to compliment Poverty Map and Policy Priorities
- Develop a tracking Mechanism, which will be used to track implementation progress across the Spheres and Localities

## CONT. PROGRAMMATIC ACTIVITIES TO FOR INSTITUTIONALISATION

- Sector Parliaments will Continually Serve as Platforms for feedback on Progress made in implementing Overarching and Catalysing Policy Priorities of the Sixth Term (Designated Sector Related Priorities), bearing in mind that a fully functional tracking mechanisms will be activated, as a means to track implementation progress through out the year, across provinces and localities
- Sector Parliaments will further Serve as Platforms for Oversight and Report Back on Undertakings made at SONA, SOPAs, State of the Cities (Districts and Identified and identified Hotspots that require sustained Intervention), as a means to systematically and holistically track implementation progress
- Sector Parliaments will also serve as platforms to provide three sphere report back sessions, in order to improve three sphere coordination and advance an integrated approach in the Implementation of priorities

# PROGRESS MADE IN ADVANCING A NEW APPROACH

## Sector Parliaments

- Parliament Convened a Report Back Session, focussing on the Undertakings Made at the 2019 Women's Parliament (the First of its Kind)
- The Session facilitated the attendance of the **Three Spheres of Government**, to provide feedback on progress made in implementing (Executive Undertaking)
- The session also facilitated the Attendance of the **Three Arms of State**, to deliberate on undertakings made at the 2019 Women's Parliament as well as the 2018 GBVF Joint Debate

## Women's Charter Review: Strategic Pillars

- An in-depth review of the systemic weaknesses of the **National Gender Machinery** – in order to effect the necessary systemic improvements towards an effective and fully functional Gender Machinery
- Review systemic weaknesses that impede **Gender Responsive Budgeting** across the three spheres, in order to ensure that women (and children) benefit fairly from financial and other resources?
- **Law Reform:** Ongoing Review of laws currently in place in order to identify gaps in our legislation and policies that fail to address the high rates of **Gender-Based Violence, Economic Exclusion and Poverty** experienced by women in our country

# MONITORING AND EVALUATION

## WOMEN'S CHARTER REVIEW - PROVINCIAL AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNDERTAKINGS

### (FOCUS AREAS)

- **Engendering the IDP Processes and Implementation Oversight**

(Quarterly Reports from COGTA and SALGA- Supported by Quarterly Analysis by CGE, FFC, Statistics South Africa and the AGs Office)

- **Monitoring and Evaluating Provincial Gender Mainstreaming Programme of Action**

(Quarterly Reports from The Premier's Office-Supported by Quarterly Analysis from CGE, FFC and Statistics South Africa, the AGs Office)

- **National Strategic Plan on Gender Based Violence and Femicide (NSP GBVF)**

(Quarterly Reports from the Premier's Offices-Supported by Quarterly Analysis by the CGE, FFC, Statistics South Africa and AGs Office)

Monitoring Quarterly Progress towards Implementing (NSP GBVF), with greater focus on Identified Gender Based Violence Hotspots (Focusing on Three Sphere Coordination)

- **Monitor Provincial Gender Machinery Engagements (Provincial)**

- **Collate Biannual Reports with National Implementation Snapshot on Implementation Progress (SDGs, NDP, PGDS, IDPs)**

Quarterly Reports received from the three Spheres of Government, Reporting on Progress Made in implementing Strategic Policy Priorities - Supported by National, Provincial, District (Report Analysis)

- **Annual Analysis of Implementation Progress, Supported by the UNDP**

- **Women's Charter Review Law Reform Processes** (Continued Engagement with the Executive to effect amendments to selected legislation)

- **Engendering the Budget Process** (Continued Engagement with the Executive and FFC)



## CONCLUSION

- This Framework will enable us to improve institutional processes towards conducting impact-based oversight
- The implementation of this framework will add greater value to towards advancing the objectives of vision 2030, in the context of South Africa's developmental state.

**THANK YOU**