

AFROPAC NEWSLETTER



END OF YEAR NEWSLETTER

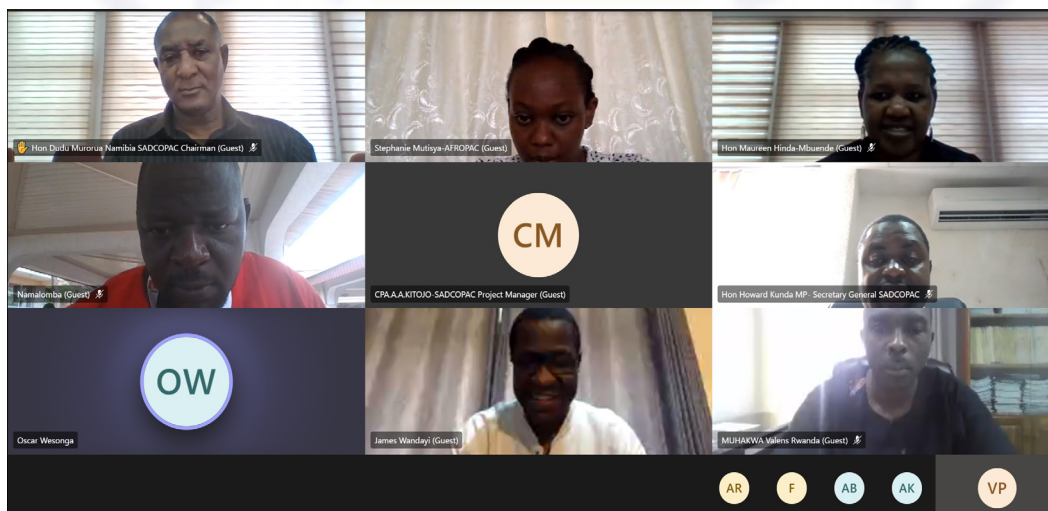
Dear Members,

Greetings to you.

In such unprecedented times it is my hope that you are keeping well and safe. This has been the year of change and adaptability. The unforeseen circumstances of the COVID-19 has brought with it limitations on the Parliamentary oversight process. The change in legislation, emergency procurement regulations and mode of operation has undeniably exerted pressure on the committees. As we adjust to the new normal, the organisation has made strides to ensure the Secretariat is fully able to adjust and work under these circumstances.

As a highlight of this year, I would like to acknowledge the presence of a fulltime Secretariat staff based in Nairobi, Kenya, Ms. Stephanie Mutisya. Stephanie joined the organisation as the Project Coordinator and Policy Officer in January and has been running the Secretariat operations ensuring we meet our objectives. We give her our full support and request your coordination in this respect.

In line with our operational plan for 2020, I must commend the Secretariat for making strides through this tough time. Some of the activities planned for the year have been postponed with selected projects taking place virtually. Notably our much anticipated Bi-Annual General Meeting and Conference alongside the elections of the executive committee (ExCom) was postponed. Nonetheless, we remain optimistic and planning will commence once the climate is conducive.



10th ExCom Virtual meeting that took place on 13th November 2020

As an insight to the ongoing projects this year, we have embarked on the revision of the constitution as was adopted by members during the Kampala 2018 General Meeting. Over the years it has become apparent that there are gaps within it and thus amending it will reflect the organisation's stature and growth in future. As this is a consultative process, we would encourage member states to give their input and feedback when called upon.

More so than ever, this year has brought a reflection on (has mirrored) the necessity to communicate and collaborate. With this in mind, the ExCom and Secretariat are currently working on improving the communication to ensure you are well updated on the developments and progress of the organisation.

Alongside this, the Secretariat has commenced on the following projects:

1. Development of Human Capacity development modules for future trainings of members and clerks.
2. Assessment of the implementation of the resolutions of AFROPAC and SADCOPAC.



Lastly, I wish to acknowledge in celebration the achievement of AFROPAC on the adoption of the 'Kampala Declaration on fighting corruption, illicit financial flows and managing debt by the Pan-African Parliament.' This is an important milestone for the organisation and a catalyst in strengthening our relations with the Pan-African Parliament and the African Union as a whole. As we look forward to 2021, I am hopeful that the organisation will continue soaring to greater heights and championing the change on Public Finance Management on the continent.

Wishing you a blissful holiday and a Happy New Year 2021.

Yours Sincerely,



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Chairperson PAC Kenya.
Secretary General - AFROPAC.