



Society of Clerks-at-the-Table (SoCATT) Africa Region

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The Southern Africa Sub-region of Society of Clerks-at-the-Table (SoCATT) Africa Region comprises of the Parliaments of Lesotho, Namibia and South Africa, Swaziland and the Provincial Legislatures of South Africa, i.e. the Eastern Cape, Free State, Gauteng, KwaZulu-Natal, Limpopo, Mpumalanga, Northern Cape, North West and Western Cape.

SOUTH AFRICA

Strategic Objective	Indicator	Planned Activities	Progress
SO 1: Strengthened governance and sustainability of SoCATT Africa Region	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Adopted Strategic Plan and budget ✓ Progress reports on implementation - 2 per annum 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Preparation of Sub-Regional report ✓ Coordination of Southern Region 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Mr V Mapolisa - Representation of 9 sub-branches of SA in SoCATTSteercom ✓ Support provided on an ongoing basis to the new Secretariat as required (by former Secretariat (LSS, RSA Parliament)) ✓ Convenor of Journal Board and Steercom representative (Mr T L Mofokeng) as well as Project management and technical support for SoCATT Africa Region Journal (by the Legislative Sector Support mechanism based at the National Parliament of South Africa). ✓ Mr Mofokeng joined a delegation of SoCATT Africa SC in meeting with Regional Secretariat, April 2019.
SO 2: Enhanced professional capacity of Member Legislature	Progress reports on programmes initiated and implemented	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Engage countries in the Sub-Region regarding their participation in the Development Seminar and SoCATT AGM ✓ Manage capacity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ SA legislatures hosted a Legacy Summit to mark the end of the 5th parliamentary term, November 2018. ✓ Secretaries Association hosted a SALSA Professional Development Seminar for parliamentary officials in SA, Cape Town, January 2019. ✓ Review of induction modules for 6th parliamentary term in SA and publishing. Also developed practical guide for Members. ✓ Election preparations and education. ✓ Induction (phase 2) for new and returning Members post-elections – currently in process across all Legislatures of SA.

		<p>building project</p> <p>✓ Prepare Sub-Regional reports, papers and presentations</p>	<p>✓ Survey to profile capacity of MPs underway – to determine structuring of capacity building programmes for 6th term.</p> <p>✓ The majority of work has been done towards the finalization of papers and production of the next journal of the Society. Publishing will proceed subject to a final editor's worksession to conclude on papers.</p>
<p>SO3: Strengthened profile, visibility and relevance of SOCATT Africa Region in Africa and globally</p>	<p>Knowledge management system and plan</p> <p>Communications strategy</p> <p>Implementation plan</p> <p>Monitoring reports</p>	<p>Develop & implement a positioning strategy</p>	

3. Key Activities / Challenges

- Wrapping up of 5th parliamentary term in South Africa – Legacy Summit
 - Professional Development Seminar for officials of SA Legislatures
 - Preparations for establishment of 6th parliamentary term – range of matters
 - Review and development of induction materials for Members of 6th term
 - Induction programmes for Members of 6th Parliamentary term (phase 1 and 2)
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- Programming challenges -
 - Elections preparations and campaigning
 - Integration of monitoring of SoCATT and CPA Africa resolutions implementation

4. Proposed Mitigation Measures

- Facilitate the planning of sub-brancheswork towards ensuring active participationand ownership of SoCATT plans and to participate in its roll-out;
- Encourage SAsub-branches to contribute and participate in relevant SoCATT activities;

5. Planned Activities for the next reporting period

- Coordination and liaison of SA sub-branches;
- Preparation of relevant sub-regional report inputs;
- Contribute to SoCATT projects as expected (finalization of SoCATT journal vol 2)
- Participate in upcoming SoCATT Africa meetings and activities.

NAMIBIA

Strategic Objective	Indicator	Planned Activities	Progress
SO 1: Strengthened governance and sustainability of SoCATT Africa Region	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Adopted Strategic Plan and budget ✓ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Preparation of Sub-Regional report ✓ Coordination of Southern Region 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Ms Lydia Kandetu was appointed as a member of the Steering Committee to replace Ms Emilia Mkusa who was appointed as a Namibian Ambassador and AU Representative to Ethiopia ✓ Mr Tousy Namiseb, New Secretary to the National Council was formally introduced as a member of SoCATT at the Professional Development Seminar that was held in Livingstone from the 6-9 June 2019 ✓
SO 2: Enhanced professional capacity of Member Legislature	Progress reports on programmes initiated and implemented	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Engage countries in the Sub-Region regarding their participation in the Professional Development Seminar and SoCATT AGM ✓ Manage capacity building project ✓ Prepare Sub-Regional reports, 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Parliament-Public Engagement on Sustainable Forest Resource Management in Namibia, under the auspices of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Natural Resources and the Namibia Conservation Parliamentary Caucus (NACOPAC). This was held ✓ Namibia- Parliamentary strengthening Programme in partnership with CPA, UK organized a training workshop for parliamentary staff and members of Parliament in Windhoek, Namibia. ✓ CPA Fundamentals programme under Wits university where one member from National Council has successfully completed the programme ✓ Children s Parliament was held from the 19-23 August 2019 ✓ Parliament engaged with KAS- Konrad AdeneurSiftung on structuring and provide resources for Capacity Building form Members and Staff.

		papers and presentations	
SO3: Strengthened profile, visibility and relevance of SOCATT Africa Region in Africa and globally	Knowledge management system and plan Communications strategy Implementation plan Monitoring reports	SoCATT activities are all uploaded on the Namibian Parliament Website and members can view and access it on line.	This is an ongoing activity and information is presented to the System Analyst for uploading.

3. Challenges

- Poor response in getting feedback from Sub- Region especially Eswatini and Lesotho
- lack of implementation of CPA resolutions
- Structured capacity building of Members and staff due to limited financial resources

4. Planned Activities

- Plan a Post- election Seminar for the National Assembly in 2020
- Induction Programme for the new Members of Parliament to be sworn in in 2020