



# 11<sup>TH</sup> G20 PARLIAMENTARY SPEAKERS' SUMMIT (P20)

**Harnessing Parliamentary Diplomacy for the Realisation of  
Global Solidarity, Equality and Sustainability**

South Africa



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## INTRODUCTION

Parliaments can contribute more meaningfully and play a more critical role in fulfilling the G20's mandate. The P20 was therefore formally established at the Argentina Summit in 2018, as a platform for Speakers of Parliament to deliberate on how legislative bodies can contribute to the formulation and implementation of G20 decisions. By facilitating dialogue and engagements amongst G20 parliaments, the P20 contributes to strengthening the role of parliaments in translating G20 decisions and international agreements into national laws and actions.

South Africa's presidency of the G20 presents a unique and invaluable opportunity for the parliaments of the African continent in two key respects. Firstly, through its leadership of the P20, South Africa provides a channel for representatives of African parliaments to actively contribute to global economic discussions. This approach ensures that African perspectives, concerns, and initiatives are integrated into G20 deliberations, allowing more comprehensive and inclusive policymaking.

This approach ultimately strengthens the G20's capacity to address global challenges in an inclusive manner. Secondly, South Africa's P20 presidency presents an opportunity for African parliaments to align their domestic legislative agendas with broader regional and global development priorities. It encourages a deeper engagement on issues of economic cooperation, sustainable development, and equality, offering African parliaments a platform to engage on these matters at a global level, and reflect on how these priorities can best be reinforced at the national level through parliamentary means.

The South African Parliament has planned three events in the run-up to the 11<sup>th</sup> P20 Speakers' Summit:

- a) P20 Symposium for African Continent's Speakers of Parliaments
- b) P20 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of Women Parliamentarians
- c) P20 Meeting of Young Parliamentarians



# SYMPOSIUM FOR AFRICAN CONTINENT SPEAKERS OF PARLIAMENTS

Sub-theme: **African Parliamentary Leadership and the Quest for Global Solidarity, Equality and Sustainability**

Pan-African Parliament, Midrand, South Africa  
28 July 2025

Hosting a High-Level P20 Symposium for the African Continent's Speakers of Parliaments aligns with South Africa's vision of its G20 Presidency and with the South African Parliament's strategic imperatives and the vision of its rotating P20 presidency.

## Objectives

The main objectives of the Symposium of Speakers of African Parliaments are to:

- Provide a platform for inter-parliamentary dialogue amongst African Parliamentarians at the level of Presiding Officers
- Provide African Speakers of Parliament with an opportunity to share experiences, lessons learned and good practices on ways to accelerate progress towards the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and continental integration in the context of the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) through parliamentary action.
- Create, amongst others, a space for Speakers to discuss and share ideas on how to leverage South Africa's G20 Presidency to synergise parliamentary cooperation at regional and global levels, particularly within the context of the P20 and the meeting of P20 Women Parliamentarians.

## Topics for Discussion

The key areas for discussion are elaborated below.

### Expanding Market Access for African Agricultural Products

- The agriculture sector has tremendous transformative power in achieving economic growth, reducing inequality, alleviating poverty, ensuring food security, and sustainability.
- The sector however remains fraught with challenges, from protectionist trade policies and climate-related impacts to inadequate financing for smallholder farmers.

- It is important for Parliaments to drive national and global policy changes that directly benefit farming communities while aligning with broader global developmental goals.
- Agriculture, often shielded by high tariffs and subsidies, has historically been one of the most contentious sectors in trade negotiations. African parliaments should have focused and structured discussions on shared and common approaches to placing greater emphasis on promoting the liberalisation of global agricultural markets, with a view to reducing restrictions on key exports and unlocking new market opportunities.

### **Mobilising African Parliaments to Act on Climate Change**

In building momentum for COP 30, the Speakers of African parliaments may utilise the symposium to further advocate for urgent adaptation measures. This includes a focus on sustainable financial architecture, debt restructuring, and relief as highlighted in the Nairobi Declaration.

The Nairobi Declaration, adopted in September 2023 outlines a collective commitment by African leaders to address climate change and its impact on the Continent. Discussions will elaborate on the principles of the Nairobi Declaration, as it relates to:

- The right to balance development and climate mitigation ambitions.
- Recognising and addressing the diverse impact of climate, peace and security on men, women, youth and children.
- Multi-faceted and cross-sectoral responses to climate-change-related peace and security risks.
- The importance of indigenous and local knowledge in addressing climate-change related peace and security risks.
- The need for partnerships and mutual accountability to address climate-related peace and security risks.

### **Addressing the Impact of Predatory Mining on Sustainable Development**

Predatory mining refers to exploitative practices in the mining sector that prioritise profit over ethical considerations, often leading to significant social, environmental, and economic harm. The symposium will provide an opportunity for African parliaments to take a proactive stance on addressing the impact of predatory mining on local communities and sustainable development.

Exploitative practices include:

- **Exploitation of resources:** Predatory mining often involves extracting minerals without regard for sustainable practices or the long-term health of the environment.
- **Disregard for local communities:** Predatory mining practices frequently ignore the rights and needs of local communities. This can result in displacement, loss of livelihoods, and inadequate compensation for those affected by mining operations.
- **Corruption and lack of transparency:** Predatory mining can thrive in environments where governance is weak. Corruption may lead to illegal mining activities, lack of accountability, and insufficient oversight, allowing companies to operate without adhering to ethical standards.

### Expected Outcomes

In addition to providing a platform for inter-parliamentary dialogue amongst leaders of African Parliaments and mobilising views on issues and recommendations to take forward to the G20 Leaders' Summit, the following are some of the expected outcomes of the symposium:

- Developing a shared regional and continental position on issues of mutual concern and interests in the run up to the 11<sup>th</sup> P20 Summit and 19<sup>th</sup> G20 Leaders' Summit.
- Developing common nomenclature, agreeing on the central tenets that should constitute 'African parliamentary diplomacy' and how such diplomacy can be harnessed to galvanise parliamentary action to influence international processes and outcomes, particularly within the G20 framework.
- Issue a Meeting Communique with a set of concrete and actionable recommendations to be negotiated and taken forward to the 11<sup>th</sup> P20 Summit for inclusion and clear expression in the final joint declaration statement (outcome document).

# P20 2<sup>ND</sup> MEETING OF WOMEN PARLIAMENTARIANS

Sub-theme: **Women Parliamentarians for Global Solidarity, Equality and Sustainability**

**Arabella Hotel, Kleinmond, South Africa  
29 - 30 September 2025**

## Objectives

The key objectives of the meeting of Women Parliamentarians include:

- Providing a platform for inter-parliamentary dialogue amongst women Parliamentarians.
- Providing women Parliamentarians with an opportunity to share experiences, lessons learned and good practices on ways to accelerate the achievement of SDGs, particularly Goal 5 (gender equality) and Goal 10 (reduced inequalities), through parliamentary action.
- Creating, amongst others, a space for women Parliamentarians to discuss and share ideas on how to leverage SA's G20 Presidency to synergise parliamentary cooperation at the global level, particularly within the context of the P20.

## Topics for Discussion

The key areas for discussion are as follows:

### Developing gender-sensitive programmes for inclusive growth and sustainable development

- **Gender-sensitive Budgeting:** How can parliaments ensure that the budgets of government departments and programmes allocate resources effectively to support gender equality and women's empowerment?
- **Inclusive Policy and Legal Frameworks:** How can parliamentarians ensure that policy and lawmaking processes consider the needs of women and girls and address the intersectionality of gender with other factors such as age, disability, education and socio-economic status.
- **Women's Health and Education:** The role of parliaments in developing policies and overseeing government programmes to improve women's health and education outcomes.
- **Regular and Sustained Engagement with Civil Society:** The role of parliaments in building partnerships with civil society organisations that advocate for gender equality and women's empowerment.

## Gender Mainstreaming in Disaster Resilience and Response Programmes

- **Gender-sensitive risk assessment:** How can parliaments ensure that gender analysis is integrated into disaster risk assessment and planning?
- **Leadership and meaningful participation:** What mechanisms can parliaments use to promote and ensure women's participation and leadership in disaster risk reduction and response efforts?
- **Gender-based Violence:** Legislative and other measures to address the increased risk of gender-based violence during disasters and armed conflict and ensuring appropriate support services for women and girls.
- **Differences in needs and impact:** Recognising the different needs and impacts of disasters on women, men, girls, and boys.
- **Access to Resources:** Approaches and mechanisms for ensuring equal access to resources, including information, services and support for women and girls during disasters.
- **Cultural Sensitivity:** Balancing cultural sensitivity with the need to promote gender equality and women's empowerment in disaster response.
- **Monitoring and Evaluation:** The role of parliamentary committees in collecting and analysing sex-disaggregated data in monitoring and evaluating the effectiveness of gender mainstreaming efforts in disaster resilience, disaster risk reduction strategies and response programmes as part of Parliamentary oversight of government.

## Inclusion of Women in Mobilising Finance for a Just Energy Transition

- **Women's leadership:** How can parliaments promote women's leadership and participation in decision-making processes related to energy-transition financing?
- **Gender-sensitive investment:** Developing policy and regulatory frameworks that ensure the consideration of gender-sensitive criteria and women's inclusion by investors, when evaluating energy transition projects.
- **Capacity-building:** Providing training and capacity-building programmes for women to develop skills in energy finance and project development.
- **Networking and partnerships:** Building networks and partnerships between women-led organisations, investors and energy transition stakeholders.

- **Addressing biases:** Identifying and addressing biases and stereotypes that may limit women's participation in energy transition financing.

### **Resource mobilisation and funding for women-owned agricultural cooperatives and projects**

- **Policy and Legislative Support:** How parliaments can develop and implement policies and legal frameworks that support women-owned agricultural cooperatives and projects.
- **Funding Allocation:** The role of parliaments in ensuring adequate funding allocation for initiatives that support women in agriculture when passing the national budget.
- **Access to Credit:** How can parliaments facilitate access to credit and financial services for women-owned agricultural cooperatives and projects.
- **Capacity-building:** Providing training and capacity-building programmes for women farmers and entrepreneurs.
- **Market Access:** How can parliaments support women-owned agricultural cooperatives and projects in accessing markets and improving their competitiveness?

### **Expected Outcomes**

In addition to providing a platform for inter-parliamentary dialogue amongst Women Parliamentarians and mobilising views on issues and recommendations to take forward to the G20 Leaders' Summit, the following are some of the expected outcomes of the meeting of women parliamentarians:

- Developing a common position on global challenges that continue to affect women and reach a consensus on how to place those issues on top of the G20 agenda in the run up to the 11<sup>th</sup> P20 Summit and 19<sup>th</sup> G20 Leaders' Summit.
- Issue a Cape Town Declaration of the 2<sup>nd</sup> P20 Meeting of Women Parliamentarians with a set of concrete and actionable recommendations to be negotiated and taken forward to the 11<sup>th</sup> P20 Summit for inclusion and clear expression in the final joint declaration statement (outcome document).



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# 11<sup>TH</sup> G20 PARLIAMENTARY SPEAKERS' SUMMIT 2<sup>ND</sup> MEETING OF WOMEN PARLIAMENTARIANS

Kogelberg Conference Centre, Arabella Hotel, Kleinmond, South Africa

29 - 30 September 2025

MONDAY, 29 SEPTEMBER 2025	
TIME	ACTIVITY
08:00 - 09:00	Arrival of delegates
09:00 - 11:30	Opening Session
11:30 - 12:00	Photo Session
12:00 - 13:00	Lunch
13:00 - 15:00	<b>First Working Session:</b> Gender mainstreaming in disaster resilience and response programs
15:00 - 17:00	<b>Second Working Session:</b> Inclusion of women in mobilizing finance for a just energy transition
TUESDAY, 30 SEPTEMBER 2025	
09h00 - 11:00	<b>Third Working Session:</b> Developing gender-sensitive programs for inclusive growth and sustainable development
11:00 - 13:00	<b>Fourth Working Session:</b> Resource mobilization and funding for women-owned agricultural cooperatives and projects
13:00 - 14:00	Lunch
14:00 - 16:00	<b>Presentation and adoption of the Joint Statement of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of Women Parliamentarians</b>
18:00 - 20:00	Welcome Dinner

# MEETING OF YOUNG PARLIAMENTARIANS

Sub-theme: **“Young Parliamentarians as Drivers of Global Solidarity, Equality, and Sustainability”**

Arabella Hotel, Kleinmond, South Africa  
29-30 September 2025

South Africa’s P20 Presidency will host the first P20 Meeting of Young Parliamentarians, as part of the 11<sup>th</sup> P20 Speakers’ Summit. In line with the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) Statutes, young parliamentarians are individuals below 40 years of age.

The involvement of young P20 parliamentarians will bring fresh perspectives and innovative solutions in addressing national, regional and global challenges. Young parliamentarians have the potential to bridge the gap between parliaments and young people, fostering greater political engagements and participation among youth. With half of the world’s population under 30, it is essential that the perspectives and interests of young people are represented in the discussions of the 11<sup>th</sup> P20 Speakers’ Summit. This will ensure that the P20 Summit’s decisions are inclusive and representative of all age groups.

## Objectives

The main objectives of the P20 Meeting of Young Parliamentarians include:

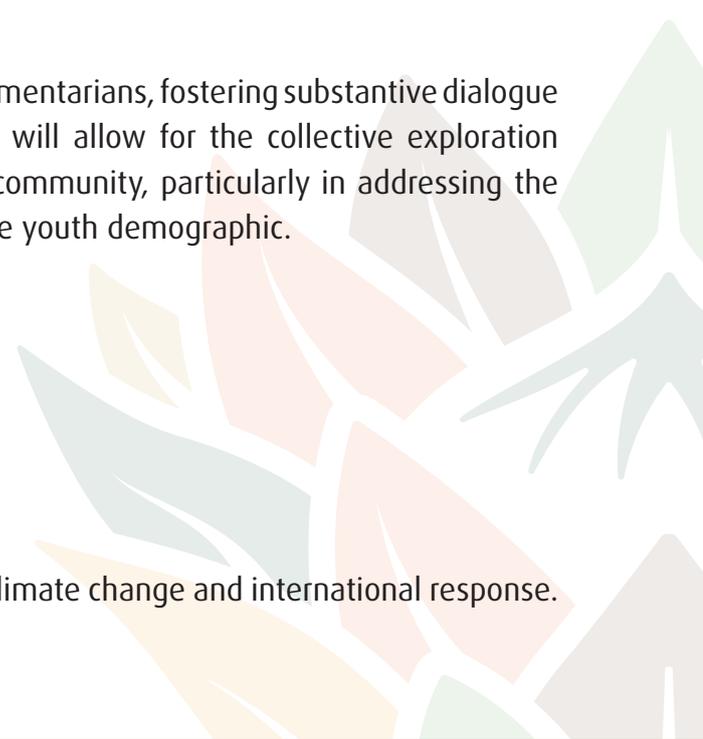
- Integrating the perspectives and needs of young parliamentarians into the discussions of the 11<sup>th</sup> P20 Speakers’ Summit, ensuring their voices are heard in the decision-making process.
- Establishing an enduring platform for young parliamentarians, fostering substantive dialogue and the sharing of experiences. This exchange will allow for the collective exploration of strategies to garner support within the P20 community, particularly in addressing the challenges and concerns that are pertinent to the youth demographic.

## Topics for Discussion

Key areas for discussion are as follows:

### Parliamentary action to fight climate change

- **Status Quo:** Taking stock of the current state of climate change and international response.



- **Young Parliamentarians as Leaders and Levers of Change:** Highlight examples of what young parliamentarians can do to play a leadership role in addressing climate change, particularly in mobilising finance for a just energy transition.
- **Innovation and Oversight:** Young parliamentarians have a clear role in addressing climate change, from reviewing legislation and budgets, to applying oversight tools to monitor government implementation of climate commitments.

### **Youth-Oriented Institutional Reforms**

- **Supporting the Role of Young People in Society:** Reflections on how oversight, legislation and budget processes can be utilised to advance the development of young people as builders of communities, citizens and entrepreneurs.
- **Youth-sensitive Programmes:** How can parliaments encourage and facilitate institutional reforms required within the Executive to facilitate youth-sensitive programmes (programmes that consider and incorporate the diverse and specific needs of the youth)?
- **Inclusive Political and Development Participation:** Discussion on enhancing youth participation in parliaments. What stands in the way of young people's effective participation in politics? How to enhance youth participation in politics and development?

### **Creating an Enabling Environment for Youth Entrepreneurship and Youth Employment**

- **Policy and Regulatory Frameworks:** Developing policy and legal frameworks that support inclusive youth entrepreneurship and employment that benefit diverse groups of young people, including women, minorities and people with disabilities.
- **Funding and Financing:** How can Parliament's ensure access to funding and financing options for youth entrepreneurs and startups?
- **Skills Development:** Providing training and skills development programmes to equip young people with skills needed to understand and succeed in the labour market.
- **Youth Participation:** Ensuring youth participation in parliamentary processes and decision-making processes on all matters pertaining to youth development.
- **Digital Economy:** Ensure that government programmes including basic education and higher education curricula prepare young people for the digital economy and support digital entrepreneurship.

- **Youth-led initiatives:** How can Parliamentarians actively support youth-led initiatives and projects that promote entrepreneurship and employment in their constituencies and through their parliamentary work?

### **Expected Outcomes**

- Provide a platform for the sharing of experiences, perspectives and ideas amongst young parliamentarians, including systemic barriers to inclusion and initiatives to promote and increase participation.
- Adoption of a P20 Young Parliamentarians Outcome Statement for consideration and inclusion in the 11<sup>th</sup> P20 Summit Declaration.

### **Format**

The deliberations of the Meeting of Young Parliamentarians will be conducted as a one-day plenary session using panel perspectives with moderator-curated questions followed by questions and reflections from participants.





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# 11<sup>TH</sup> G20 PARLIAMENTARY SPEAKERS' SUMMIT P20 MEETING OF YOUNG PARLIAMENTARIANS

Orca Conference Centre, Arabella Hotel, Kleinmond, South Africa  
29 – 30 September 2025

MONDAY, 29 SEPTEMBER 2025	
TIME	ACTIVITY
09:00 – 11:00	Opening Session
11:00 – 13:30	<b>First Working Session:</b> Parliamentary Action to Fight Climate Change
13:30 – 14:30	Lunch
14:30 – 16:30	<b>Second Working Session:</b> Youth-Oriented Institutions Reforms
TUESDAY, 30 SEPTEMBER 2025	
09:00 – 12:00	<b>Third Working Session:</b> Creating an Enabling Environment for Youth Entrepreneurship and Employment
12:00 – 13:00	Lunch
13:00 – 14:00	<b>Fourth Working Session:</b> Consideration of the P20 Young Parliamentarians Outcome Document
14:00 – 14:30	Group photograph
14:30 – 15:30	<b>Closing Session</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Participants' reflections</li><li>• RSA Parliament acknowledgements</li><li>• Vote of Thanks and Adjournment</li></ul>

# 11<sup>th</sup> G20 PARLIAMENTARY SPEAKERS' SUMMIT (P20)

## Harnessing Parliamentary Diplomacy for the Realisation of Global Solidarity, Equality and Sustainability

Arabella Hotel, Kleinmond, South Africa  
1-3 October 2025

The P20 was structured as a summit in 2018 in Buenos Aires, Argentina. Consultative meetings were held in 2010, 2011, 2012 and 2013 in Canada, Republic of Korea, Saudi Arabia and Mexico, respectively. Following the Speakers' Summit in Argentina, Summits were held in Japan in 2019, Italy in 2021, Indonesia in 2022 and India in 2023. Brazil hosted the 10<sup>th</sup> Summit of the P20.

The 11<sup>th</sup> P20 Summit will be hosted by South Africa in October 2025, under the theme: *"Harnessing Parliamentary diplomacy for the realisation of global solidarity, equality and sustainability."* This theme underscores the transformational potential of parliamentary efforts in promoting inclusive, sustainable, and collaborative approaches to address global challenges, thus advancing shared responsibility for shared prosperity.

South Africa's presidency of the G20 in 2025 is a pivotal moment for the nation and the continent. With the African Union's (AU) recent inclusion in the G20, this is a historic opportunity to reshape global governance in a way that reflects the aspirations and challenges of the Global South. South Africa's leadership of the G20, therefore presents a unique opportunity to shape global policies and advocate for Africa's interests on the world stage.

### Working Sessions

Working sessions of the 11<sup>th</sup> P20 Summit will focus on the following topics for substantive debate:

#### Strengthening Disaster Resilience and Responses

- **Early Warning Systems:** Parliamentary oversight of the development and implementation of effective early warning systems to alert communities of potential disasters.
- **Disaster Risk Reduction:** The role of Parliaments in assessing government's capacity to implement policies and programmes to reduce disaster risk and promote resilience.
- **Emergency Preparedness:** What role could parliamentarians play in ensuring that communities are prepared for disasters through emergency planning, training and exercises?

- **Effective and Inclusive Coordination:** The role of parliamentarians in ensuring coordinated and inclusive response, relief, recovery and reconstruction efforts to provide timely and effective support to affected communities.
- **Vulnerable Populations:** How can public representatives ensure that the specific needs of vulnerable populations, such as women, children, the elderly and people with disabilities are addressed in disaster management?
- **Public Awareness and Education:** The role of parliaments in promoting public awareness and education on disaster risk reduction and response.
- **International Cooperation:** Parliamentary diplomacy and engagement in promoting international cooperation and knowledge sharing to strengthen disaster resilience and responses globally.

### **Ensuring Debt Sustainability for Low-income Countries: Social Mobilisation and Public Involvement**

- **Debt Transparency:** The role of parliaments in ensuring transparency in debt contracting and management to promote accountability and public trust.
- **Effective Social Mobilisation:** How can parliaments apply contemporary strategies for mobilising civil society, community groups, and other stakeholders to advocate for debt sustainability and responsible borrowing practices?
- **Transparency and Accountability and Public Trust:** The role of parliamentarians in raising public awareness about debt sustainability and its implications for development.
- **Inclusive Decision-Making:** Ensuring that debt decision-making processes are inclusive and consider the needs and perspectives of diverse stakeholders to promote accountable governance.
- **Debt Relief Initiatives:** Exploring debt-relief initiatives and options for low-income countries to alleviate debt burdens.
- **Accountability Mechanisms:** What accountability mechanisms have, or should parliaments establish to hold governments accountable for borrowing and debt management practices?
- **International Cooperation:** How can parliaments promote international cooperation and knowledge sharing on debt sustainability and responsible borrowing practices.

- **Global Economic Governance:** Parliamentary diplomacy and inter-parliamentary engagement in promoting reforms in global economic governance to address debt sustainability challenges faced by low-income countries.

## Mobilising Finance for a Just Energy Transition

Mobilising resources for climate change involves channelling funding, expertise, and technology towards mitigation and adaptation efforts. This can be achieved through various means, including government policies, private sector investment, international collaboration, and individual actions. Key strategies include renewable energy investment, sustainable infrastructure development, and promoting environmentally friendly practices.

The following issues may be discussed in this working session:

- **Socio-economic impacts of climate change:** Protecting vulnerable communities
- **Disaster risk reduction:** Enhancing global compacts and solidarity for disaster relief
- **Food Security:** Food security and sustainable development
- **Circular economy:** Waste management, green projects.

## Harnessing Critical Minerals for Inclusive Growth and Sustainable Development

- **Sustainable Extraction:** The role of parliament in ensuring that critical mineral extraction is done in a sustainable and environmentally responsible manner that respects human rights and promotes social responsibility.
- **Local Economic Development:** How can parliaments ensure that critical mineral extraction initiatives include local economic development and inclusive growth?
- **Community Engagement:** Parliament's public involvement and oversight role in engaging local communities to ensure that their needs and concerns are addressed in critical mineral extraction projects.
- **Regulatory Frameworks:** Developing regulatory frameworks that support sustainable and inclusive critical mineral extraction.
- **Gender Equality:** Promoting gender equality and women's empowerment in critical mineral extraction.

- **Public-Private Partnerships:** The role of parliament in building partnerships between government, private sector, and civil society to support sustainable and inclusive critical mineral extraction.

## **Expected Outcomes**

The expected outcomes of the 11<sup>th</sup> P20 Speakers' Summit are:

- A Declaration of the 11<sup>th</sup> P20 Speakers' Summit.
- Adoption of the Cape Town Declaration of 2<sup>nd</sup> P20 Meeting of Women Parliamentarians.
- Adoption of the P20 Young Parliamentarians Outcome Statement.



PROGRAMME

# 11<sup>TH</sup> G20 PARLIAMENTARY SPEAKERS' SUMMIT

Kogelberg Conference Centre, Arabella Hotel, Kleinmond, South Africa

1 – 3 October 2025

WEDNESDAY, 1 OCTOBER 2025	
TIME	ACTIVITY
08:00 – 08:30	Arrival of delegates
09:00 – 11:30	Opening Session
11:30 – 12:00	Photo Session
12:00 – 13:00	Lunch
13:00 – 15:00	<b>First Working Session:</b> Strengthening disaster resilience and responses
15:00 – 17:00	<b>Second Working Session:</b> Ensuring debt sustainability for low-income countries: Social Mobilization and Public Involvement
18:00 – 20:00	<b>Official Opening Dinner of the 11<sup>th</sup> G20 Parliamentary Speakers Summit (P20)</b>
THURSDAY, 2 OCTOBER 2025	
09h00 – 11:00	<b>Third Working Session:</b> Mobilising finance for a just energy transition
11:00 – 13:00	<b>Fourth Working Session:</b> Harnessing critical minerals for inclusive growth and sustainable development
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch
14:00 – 16:00	<b>Closing session</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Adoption of the Declaration</li><li>• Handover of the P20 Presidency to the United States of America.</li><li>• Closing Remarks</li></ul>
FRIDAY, 3 OCTOBER 2025	
09:00 – 13:00	Cultural Programme

Negotiations on the Declaration of the 11<sup>th</sup> G20 Parliamentary Speakers Summit (P20) will take place on 1 October 2025, at 18h30 at the Kogelberg Conference Centre.