

Communiqué

A ten-member delegation of the Zambian Parliamentary Committee on National Guidance and Gender Matters led by Hon. Harry S K KAMBONI, Chairperson of the Committee is presently on a study visit to the Mauritius National Assembly.

The objectives of the visit are to learn best practices and share experience on:

- (i) the legal and policy framework governing women and girls with disabilities in Mauritius and the opportunities available to them;
- (ii) challenges faced by women and girls with disabilities in various aspects of socio-economic life and their impact on the quality of life; and
- (iii) strategies put in place by the Government of Mauritius to enhance the welfare of women and girls with disabilities.

The programme started by a courtesy call on the Hon. Sooroojdev PHOKEER, GCSK, GOSK, Speaker of the National Assembly and Chairperson of the Parliamentary Gender Caucus on Monday 02 May 2022 at 10 30 hrs followed by a working session with Members of the Parliamentary Gender Caucus which was facilitated by Ms Urmeelah Devi RAMCHURN, Deputy Clerk and Dr Anjalee DABEE, UNDP National Gender Expert attached to the Caucus.

The delegates will be briefed on the Mauritian Parliamentary System and on business continuity of the Parliament of Mauritius amid the Covid-19 pandemic during their guided tour to the Parliament Chamber by Ms Urmeelah Devi RAMCHURN, Deputy Clerk and Mr Navin GOPALL, Clerk Assistant.

The delegates will also have a courtesy call on Hon. (Mrs) Kalpana Devi KOONJOO-SHAH, Minister of Gender Equality and Family Welfare which will be followed by a working Session with Mr Koosiram CONHYE, Acting Senior Chief Executive and other officers of the Ministry, the officers of the National Women Entrepreneur Council and the officers of the National Women's Council.

Moreover, the members of the Committee on National Guidance and Gender Matters will have a Courtesy Call on Hon. (Mrs) Fazila Jeewa-Daureeawoo, GCSK, Minister of Social Integration, Social Security and National Solidarity which will be followed by a Working Session with Dr Dhanandjay KAWOL, Permanent Secretary and officers of the Ministry.

Interaction with Members of National Council for the Rehabilitation of Disabled Persons, the Training and Employment of Disabled Persons Board and Working Session with officers of the National Social Inclusion Foundation also form part of the programme of visit of the Zambian delegation.

The delegates will also undertake guided visits to the Aapravasi Ghat World Heritage Site and the Le Morne Cultural Heritage Landscape and Slave Route Monument.

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Port Louis
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