



# East Africa-Kenyan Chapter: Civil Society Engagement on the workings of the **PAN-AFRICAN PARLIAMENT**

**Venue:**

Radisson Blu Hotel & Residence,  
Nairobi Arboretum Park Lane

**Date:**

25- 26 April 2022

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**DAY 1**  
(Monday 25 April 2022)

09.30 – 09.45

**Welcome Remarks:**

- **Ms. Caroline Gaita**  
*Executive Director, Mzalendo Trust*
- **Professor Frans Viljoen**  
*Director of CHR, UP (online)*

**Ms. Tariro Sekeramayi**  
*Project Officer  
Democracy and Civic  
Engagement Unit, CHR, UP*

09:45 - 11:00

**Citizen engagement with the African Union**

**Role of Civil Society in the African Union's Institutional architecture: Challenges and Opportunities**

**Dr Japhet Biegon**  
*African Regional Advocacy Coordinator,  
Amnesty International- International  
Secretariat. Extraordinary Lecturer,  
CHR, UP*

**Ms. Tariro Sekeramayi**  
*Project Officer  
Democracy and Civic  
Engagement Unit, CHR, UP*

11:00 -11:15

COMFORT BREAK

11:15 – 12:15

**Citizen engagement with the PAP**

**Mandate of the Pan-African Parliament and entry points for Civil Society Engagement: "Toolkit for CSO Advocacy in the PAP"**

**Ms Bonolo Makgale**  
*Programme Manager, Democracy and  
Civic Engagement Unit, CHR UP*

**Ms. Tariro Sekeramayi**  
*Project Officer  
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12:15 -13:30

LUNCH

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13:30 -16:30

**Business and Human Rights, The Rights of Women and Girls – Potential Avenues for Effective Engagement with the PAP**

**Ms. Maria Matui**  
*Executive Director of Women Action Towards Economic Development*

**Business and Human Rights in Africa: What to Expect from the Pan-African Parliament?**

**Dr Elvis Mbembe Binda**  
*Initiatives for Peace and Human Rights (iPeace)*

**The complementary role of the Pan African Parliament in facilitating the ratification and implementation of the Maputo Protocol by Member States**

**Naomi Mwangi**  
*Equality Now*

**Accountability for investment: The role of the states to protect the citizens**

**John Mwebe**  
*International Accountability Project (IAP)*

16:30 - 17:00

**Concluding Remarks**

**Ms Bonolo Makgale**  
*Programme Manager, Democracy and Civic Engagement Unit, CHR UP*

**Ms. Caroline Gaita**  
*Executive Director, Mzalendo Trust*

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**DAY 2**  
(Tuesday 26 April 2022)

09.30 – 10:00

**Recap of Day 1**

**Ms Bonolo Makgale**  
*Programme Manager,  
Democracy and Civic  
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10:00 - 12:00

**The importance of  
transparency and  
accountability in the  
operations of the domestic  
and regional parliament:  
Role of Civil Society in  
Enhancing Legislative  
Openness.**

**Mzalendo Trust**

**Parliamentary Transparency  
and Accountability – Lessons  
from West Africa**

**Mr Samuel Obeng**  
*Executive Director, Parliamentary  
Network Africa (PNAfrica)*

**Assessing the Social  
Contract Theory: Limits  
and Opportunities in  
Parliamentary Engagements**

**Phillip Gichana**  
*Head of Policy and Partnerships,  
Mzalendo Trust*

12:00 -13:00

**LUNCH**

13:00 – 15:00

**Break away Sessions and  
presentation**

- i. Establishing constructive linkages between domestic parliaments and regional parliaments
- ii. Strengthening transparency and accountability in the operations of regional parliaments and AU organs

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*Project Officer  
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- iii. Establishing greater cohesion and uniform frameworks between regional parliaments on the continent
- iv. Ensuring functionality of the PAP for the citizens: how to strengthen the role of CSOs in lobbying and advocacy

15:00 – 15:30

### Concluding remarks and way forward

**Ms Bonolo Makgale**

*Programme Manager, Democracy and Civic Engagement Unit, CHR UP*

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