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A Southern African initiative of the Parliamentary Monitoring Group (PMG) that works with civil society and parliaments across the SADC region to promote openness, transparency and citizen engagement

Advancing Parliamentary Openness Across Southern Africa

Open House is a regional initiative by the Parliamentary Monitoring Group (PMG) supporting greater parliamentary openness, transparency and citizen engagement across the SADC region.

Through information, resources and opportunities for engagement, Open House helps citizens and civil society organisations better understand and monitor parliamentary institutions across Southern Africa.

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Country Profiles

Discover the countries that make up the SADC region through our country profiles. Each profile provides accessible, country-specific information to help visitors better understand national parliaments, political and governance structures, and parliamentary processes.

Our country profiles currently cover four countries in the SADC region, with Malawi recently added to the platform. Each profile brings together information and resources to help users explore parliamentary systems, institutions and processes. The profiles will continue to expand as the Open House platform develops.

Whether you are a citizen, civil society organisation, researcher or parliamentary stakeholder, the profiles offer a useful starting point for exploring how parliaments work across the region and identifying opportunities for greater transparency, accountability and citizen engagement.

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The Africa Open Parliament Index (OPI) Second Edition provides insights into transparency, civic participation and public accountability across African parliaments.

A dedicated OPI tab is now available on the Open House homepage, making it easier to access the index, its findings and related resources.

Explore the OPI 2nd Edition

New Resources Page

The Open House platform includes a dedicated Resources page highlighting organisations and resources focused on democracy, transparency, accountability and citizen participation.

The organisations featured on the page have been selected for the relevance of their work to parliamentary and civic engagement, democratic governance and accountability. Their resources provide civil society organisations, researchers and other partners with access to research, guidance, tools and learning materials that can support their work and deepen understanding of these issues.

The page will be updated as relevant resources become available, providing a useful space to connect with organisations and materials working across these areas.

Call for Proposals

AFRIPAL - 2027 Call for proposals - **Deadline:** November 2026

Opportunities to submit panels, sessions and roundtables on African Parliaments, legislation, and democratic governance.

2nd Africa Regional Conference on Parliament and Legislation (AFRIPAL 2027)

Theme: **“African Parliaments in the Digital Age: Reimagining Possibilities for Better Performance and Networked Governance”**

This is an opportunity to share research, experiences and perspectives, strengthen dialogue across the continent, and contribute to advancing knowledge and practice in parliamentary democracy.

Call for panels/session/roundtable abstracts (**11 November 2026**)

Call for papers (**22 January 2027**)

Opportunity for Researchers and practitioners working on African Parliaments and legislative processes to present research.

Call for proposals

APMON Webinars

We now have a dedicated page for previous APMON webinars, bringing together recordings and information from past webinars in one place.

The archive makes it easier to revisit discussions and access insights on parliamentary openness, transparency, accountability and citizen engagement across the region.

Explore the APMON Webinar archive

Events

Governance isn't something that happens only in boardrooms, parliaments, courts of law, or government offices.

It affects everyday life: Can you access public information? Can institutions be held accountable? Are public resources managed transparently? Can citizens participate meaningfully? Do oversight institutions work? Are rules applied consistently?

These are not abstract questions. They shape the relationship between institutions and the citizens they serve.

The **African Institute for Development Policy (AFIDEP)** will launch its **Africa Integrity Indicators (All) Round 13** data and the **Integrity Narratives 2026 Report** on **28 October 2026 in Nairobi, Kenya.**

Follow AFIDEP at www.afidep.org and @Afidep for updates.

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