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NEW ASSEMBLY BUILDING



THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY AUTHORITY



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Member



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Member



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Member



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Member



KALIPHA M.M. MBYE
Member/Secretary

PROFILE OF CLERK



KALIPHA M.M. MBYE
Clerk

CLERK OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

Kalipha MM Mbye is a seasoned parliamentary administrator and law specialist with in-dept knowledge of parliamentary rules and procedures. He holds a master's degree in law from the prestigious University of Bradford with over a decade of experience in working with the National Assembly.

He has served a Parliamentary Reporter, Committee Clerk, Table Clerk before rising through the ranks to being Director of Hansard, Director of Table Office and Deputy Clerk for Legal and Procedural Matters.

Mr. Mbye was also very instrumental in the development of the National Assembly Service, having pioneered the establishment of the administration of Committees and the procedural departments of the Service and represented the National Assembly in many global inter-parliamentary forums where he presented papers to enrich the discourse on parliamentary democracy.

He is currently the Clerk of the National Assembly of The Gambia and Secretary to the National Assembly Authority. His role in this capacity include providing advice to the Speaker and other Members of the National Assembly on the interpretation of Parliamentary rules, precedents and practices.

In addition to administering the day-to-day performance of the service and administrative functions, it is his duty to implement all decisions by the Assembly.



OFFICE OF THE CLERK



KALIPHA MM MBYE
CLERK



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OUR MISSION

THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE GAMBIA ASPIRES TO BE AN OPEN, TRANSPARENT AND DEMOCRATIC LEGISLATURE, BOUND BY THE PRINCIPLES OF GOOD GOVERNANCE, ACCOUNTABILITY AND PROBITY IN ORDER TO PROVIDE EFFECTIVE LEGISLATION, SCRUTINY/OVERSIGHT AND REPRESENTATION FOR ALL CITIZENS.

OUR VISION

TO BE AN INDEPENDENT, EFFECTIVE AND DEMOCRATIC LEGISLATURE SERVING THE PEOPLE OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE GAMBIA.



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Core Values

- 1. Professionalism**
- 2. Integrity**
- 3. Openness**
- 4. Fairness**
- 5. Involvement/Participation**
- 6. Accountability**
- 7. Responsiveness and Supremacy of National Interest**

LEADERSHIP AND PROGRESS IN THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY, 2024

The National Assembly of The Gambia has made notable progress in its mission to uphold democracy, accountability, and good governance during the 2024 legislative year under the leadership of Honourable Fabakary Tombong Jatta, Speaker of the National Assembly.

From institutional transitions to fulfilling statutory obligations and achieving legislative milestones, the Assembly has demonstrated a steadfast commitment to serving the Gambian people.

The Speaker's leadership has been instrumental in guiding the Assembly to meet its constitutional mandate. Legislative work has included the passage of key laws and the implementation of rigorous oversight of government activities.

Through the efforts of its Committees, the Assembly undertook nationwide tours to assess project implementation, reviewed reports from public institutions, and engaged stakeholders in the scrutiny of bills and other legislative instruments.

These activities have been essential in addressing national priorities and ensuring the efficient functioning of government institutions.

A significant milestone during the year was the seamless transition in the Office of the Clerk. The National Assembly Authority oversaw the handover from Mr Momodou A. Sise, who retired after serving with distinction since 2018, to Mr Kalipha MM Mbye.

This transition, presided over by the Speaker, ensured continuity and stability within the Assembly's administrative framework.

Mr Sise's tenure was marked by numerous advancements, including the launch of the Assembly Online TV, which has significantly enhanced public access to legislative proceedings.

His successor, Mr Mbye, has pledged to build upon these achievements to further enhance the Assembly's operational efficiency and responsiveness.

The Assembly fulfilled its statutory obligations, most notably with the State of the Nation Address (SoNA) delivered by President Adama Barrow on 27th June 2024.

This address outlined the government's achievements, challenges, and agenda for the coming year. Members of the National Assembly subsequently engaged in detailed debates, providing critical scrutiny and feedback on the policies and plans presented by the President.

Public engagement remained a key focus throughout the year. The third Parliamentary Open Day, held on 24th February 2024, provided an opportunity for citizens to interact with Members of the Assembly and gain insights into legislative processes.

The Assembly also welcomed 260 schools on field trips, fostering civic education and encouraging greater public understanding of parliamentary work.

As the legislative year drew to a close, the Assembly's performance in tackling national challenges and fostering international cooperation has been commendable.

It has continued to serve as a cornerstone of The Gambia's democratic framework, balancing its legislative, oversight, and representative functions effectively.

Looking ahead, the Assembly remains focused on promoting inclusive governance, transparency, and legislative excellence.

Under the capable leadership of Hon. Fabakary Tombong Jatta and with the support of its members and staff, the National Assembly is well-positioned to build on its achievements and continue shaping The Gambia's democratic future in service of its people.



Speaker Jatta elected as President for CPA Africa Region

The Honourable Speaker of the National Assembly, Fabakary Tombong Jatta, has been elected as the President of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA) Africa Region, during the recently concluded CPA Africa Region Annual General Meeting (AGM) in Arusha, Tanzania. The election of Hon. Jatta is in recognition of his leadership qualities and his commitment to fostering parliamentary democracy on the African continent.

The CPA promotes democratic governance, good parliamentary practices, and inter-parliamentary cooperation among member states. The Africa Region of the CPA is instrumental in addressing key challenges facing parliaments across the continent, and under Hon. Jatta's leadership, it is expected to continue driving initiatives that strengthen legislative institutions and governance.

In his acceptance speech, Hon. Jatta expressed deep gratitude to the CPA Africa delegates for the confidence they have placed in him, and he reaffirmed his dedication to upholding the CPA's values and promoting democratic principles across the region.

"I am humbled by this honour and the trust placed in me by my fellow delegates. I pledge to work diligently with all member parliaments to enhance cooperation and to ensure that we continue to promote strong, transparent, and accountable legislative institutions across Africa," Hon. Jatta remarked.

In a related development, it was also confirmed that the National Assembly of The Gambia will have the privilege of hosting the next AGM of the CPA Africa Region in 2025. This event will provide a platform for African parliaments to engage in discussions on parliamentary reforms, governance, and other pressing issues affecting the continent.



Clerk Sise Hands Over Office to Mr Kalipha MM Mbye



The Clerk of the National Assembly, Mr Momodou A. Sise, has handed over the Office of the Clerk to Mr Kalipha MM Mbye today. The handover, attended by both Majority and Minority leaders was presided over by the Speaker, Hon. Fabakary Tombong Jatta, who is also the Chairperson of the National Assembly Authority.

The handover follows Mr Sise's retirement after serving as Clerk since 2018. His successor, Mr Mbye, was appointed during the Second Extra-Ordinary Session of the 2024 Legislative Year on 19th October 2024, following a motion tabled by the National Assembly Authority. Mr Mbye officially assumes office on the 19th December 2024.

During the meeting, Hon. Jatta acknowledged Mr Sise's contributions to the National Assembly and expressed appreciation for his service.

Mr Sise thanked Members of the National Assembly and staff for their support, stating that it was a privilege to serve the institution. He expressed confidence in Mr Mbye's ability to take the Assembly forward.

Mr Mbye, who previously held the position of Deputy Clerk, Legal and Procedural Matters expressed gratitude for the opportunity to serve and pledged to continue working towards the advancement of the National Assembly.

The National Assembly recognised Mr Sise's years of service and wished him well in his retirement, while welcoming Mr Mbye to his new role.



DS Njie receives prestigious Men of Honour Award

The National Assembly celebrates Hon. Seedy SK Njie, Deputy Speaker, as recipient of the Men of Honour Award by GLOMAY Alliance Company Limited. This accolade recognises his dedication to upholding Gambia's integrity and impacting lives through his selfless services.

The Rt. Honourable Speaker, Fabakary Tombong Jatta presented the award, applauded Hon. Njie's unwavering commitment and urged others to follow his exemplary path.

Hon. Njie dedicated the award to the Gambian people and expressed gratitude for their trust.

Parliamentary Open Day



National Assembly Open Day 2024

The National Assembly of The Gambia hosted its third Open Day on February 24th, 2024, under the theme "Bringing Parliament Closer to the People." Deputy Speaker, Honourable Seedy SK Njie delivered the keynote address emphasising the event's significance in fostering greater public understanding and trust in the legislature.

The Open Day provided unique opportunity for citizens to directly engage with members of parliament and gain insights into the legislative process. It also aimed to demystify the role of the National Assembly and encourage increased public awareness and participation in democratic processes.

Hon. Njie encouraged the public to actively participate in future Open Days and engage with parliamentarians to gain knowledge and appreciation for the National Assembly's role in The Gambia.

He acknowledged the crucial support provided by development partners, particularly the Westminster Foundation for Democracy [WFD], in supporting the National Assembly's efforts to reinforce its responsiveness, accountability, and commitment to democratic principles.

The Deputy Clerk, Administration and Finance, Mr. Buba Jatta urged attendees to explore the Parliament building and gain firsthand experience about its operations. He also emphasised the importance of engaging in discussions with representatives and staff to gain a deeper understanding of the legislative process.



National Assembly Open Day 2024

Mr. Jatta reiterated the National Assembly's commitment to open and accessible interaction with the public. He concluded by expressing gratitude to the Westminster Foundation for Democracy for their continued support in facilitating this essential public engagement initiative.

The National Assembly Open Day is an annual event that celebrates the contributions of the legislature. It provides a platform for interaction and knowledge sharing between citizens, their representatives, and the supporting staff.



NAMs build consensus on resumption of the constitution building process

The National Assembly, in partnership with International IDEA supported by the European Union (EU), in February 2023 held a two-day convergence aimed at building consensus on the Resumption of the Constitutional Reform Process in The Gambia.

H.E. Dr. Muhammed Ibn Chambers, who facilitated the seminar highlighted the important role of parliamentarians in finalising the reforms and their impact on national development. He emphasised the significance of their participation in shaping the nation's future.

The Speaker of the National Assembly, Honourable Fabakary Tombong Jatta, commended NAMs for their contributions to democratisation and urged them to actively engage in the process. He stressed the importance of consensus building and collaboration to achieving successful reform.



National Assembly inaugurates Online Tv

The National Assembly in partnership with GK Partners on Tuesday inaugurated The Assembly Online TV Studio funded by Migration and Sustainable Development in The Gambia (MSDG) Project.

This project seeks to enhance public accessibility to parliamentary proceedings, transparency and awareness of all legislative programmes.

Clerk of the National Assembly Mr. Momodou A Sise in whose leadership this project counts as a retirement legacy, expressed profound gratitude for the platform, highlighting its role in effective parliamentary communication.

For GK Partners, the project aligns with their mission to empower public institutions through digital transformation. They commended the National Assembly for embracing innovative technologies to engage the Gambian populace, particularly in promoting awareness of parliamentary proceedings.

The online TV platform streams live sessions and broadcasts all programmes of the National Assembly with the aim to foster open governance and encourage civic participation, particularly among youth and diaspora communities.



STATE OF THE NATION ADDRESS



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The President of the Republic of The Gambia, His Excellency Adama Barrow on Thursday 27th June delivered the State of the Nation Address (SoNA) before the National Assembly as mandated by Section 77(1) of the 1997 Constitution and Order 24 of the Standing Orders of the National Assembly.

The annual address is a constitutional requirement that provides an overview of the current state of the country, including its achievements, challenges, and the government's agenda for the upcoming year. It also serves as an opportunity for accountability, transparency, and communication between the executive and legislative branches of the state.

Following the delivery of the State of the Nation Address (SoNA) by the President, Members of the National Assembly (NAMs) in the coming weeks will engage in extensive and detailed debates. These deliberations are an integral part of the democratic process, enabling representatives to scrutinize the contents of the address, express diverse perspectives, and provide feedback on the government's policies and plans outlined in the SoNA.





Speaker Jatta Calls for Legislation Protecting African Family, Cultural Values, and Sovereignty

The Speaker of The National Assembly, Hon. Fabakary Tombong Jatta urged African lawmakers to leverage their constitutional authority to enact laws safeguarding African family values and national sovereignty.

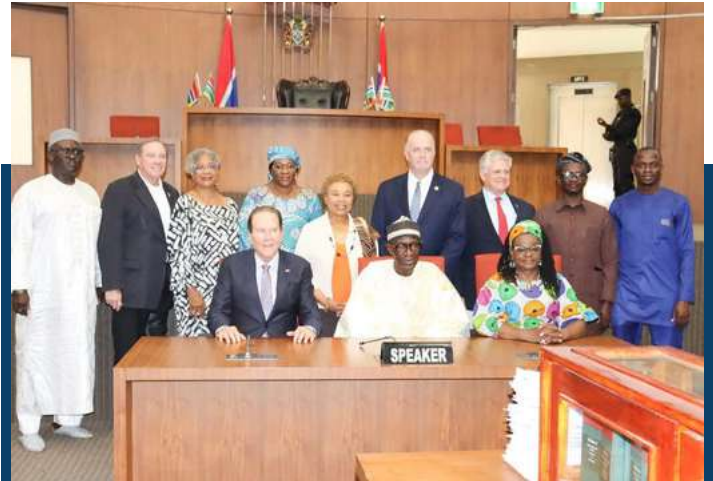
Speaker Jatta delivered these remarks at the 2nd African Inter-Parliamentary Conference on Family Values and Sovereignty held in Kampala, Uganda. The conference theme is "The Emerging Global Challenges Threatening African Sovereignty, Family, and Values."

He emphasised the detrimental impact of factors like politics, tribalism, and religion, which have been misused to sow discord and perpetuate violence across the globe, particularly in Africa. He stressed the responsibility of parliamentarians to enact robust legislation, establish oversight mechanisms, and build strong institutions to combat these threats.

Speaker Jatta further highlighted the serious threat posed by illicit financial flows to African sovereignty. These outflows divert vast sums of wealth from African economies, depriving governments of crucial resources for development and service delivery. "Whether through corruption, tax evasion, or money laundering," he emphasised, "these illicit activities weaken the fiscal integrity of our nations and perpetuate cycles of poverty and inequality."

Hon. Jatta reminded the conference that defending national sovereignty entails protecting the rights and interests of all citizens. This requires upholding democratic principles, ensuring transparency and accountability, and nurturing an inclusive political culture where all individuals, regardless of background or beliefs, can meaningfully participate in the democratic process. By empowering citizens and building strong, responsive institutions, Africa can solidify the foundations of its sovereignty and chart a course toward a more prosperous and equitable future for all.

Speaker Jatta challenged conference participants to seize this opportunity to reaffirm their commitment to African sovereignty, family values, and a brighter future. He emphasised the leadership role of parliamentarians in inspiring their constituents and forging partnerships that transcend borders and generations.



'Democracy House' visits National Assembly

A high-powered bi-partisan delegation of the House Democracy Partnership from the US Congress visited the National Assembly.

The delegation led by Florida Congressman, Vern Buchanan, were at the legislature at the invitation of the Rt. Hon. Speaker, Fabakary Tombong Jatta to discuss mutual areas of interest and explore opportunities for close partnership between the two institutions of parliament.

The House Democracy Partnership is a bipartisan Commission of the U.S. House of Representatives that works with parliaments around the world to support the development of effective, independent, and responsive legislatures.

Through the use of peer-to-peer exchanges, training, and targeted technical assistance, the commission enhances accountability, transparency, access to information, and legislative oversight.

During the courtesy visit to the National Assembly, the delegation is also held discussions with the Chairpersons and Members of the Committees on Human Rights and Constitutional Matters, Gender and Health.



ECOWAS DELEGATION



Gambia delegation to the ECOWAS sworn in

The new members of the Gambia delegation to the ECOWAS Parliament were sworn in at the Inaugural Session of the Sixth Legislature on April 4, 2024, in Abuja, Nigeria.

This inauguration formally marks the commencement of business for the Sixth Legislature, following the end of the Fifth Legislature on March 8, 2024.

Hon. Billay G Tunkara (Kantora), head of the delegation, Hon. Alhagie S Darbo (Brikama North), Hon. Amadou Camara (Nianiya), Hon. Sheriff Sarr (Jeshwang), and Hon. Maimuna Ceesay (Nominated) pledged their commitment before the Chairman of The Authority to serve the interest of the West African sub-region alongside other newly elected representatives from ECOWAS member states.



President Bola Ahmed Tinubu of Nigeria, Chair of the ECOWAS Authority of Heads of State and Government, convened the inaugural session of the ECOWAS Parliament – the House of Representatives of the Community's people – at its headquarters in Abuja.

Hon. Billay G. Tunkara, who leads the Gambian delegation to the ECOWAS Parliament has been elected as the Fourth Deputy Speaker of the Sixth Legislature of the Community Parliament.

His election took place along with Barau Jibrin from Nigeria as the first Deputy Speaker, Adjaratou Coulibaly from Ivory Coast as the second Deputy Speaker, and Afenyo Markin from Ghana as the third Deputy Speaker during the inauguration of the Sixth Legislature of the Community Parliament in Abuja, Nigeria on Thursday.

Hon. Tunkara expressed gratitude and appreciation to his fellow members for entrusting him with the position, pledging continuity in serving the interest of the subregion and beyond.

He equally thanked the Speaker and Clerk of the Parliament of the National Assembly of the Gambia for all the support and encouragement rendered to him and the entire delegation since they were sent to the Community Parliament."

The Speaker of the ECOWAS Parliament for the sixth legislature will come from Togo, according to the alphabetical rotational rule of member states.

The Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) Female Parliamentarians Association (ECOFEPA) has announced its newly elected Executive Committee. Honorable Maimuna Ceesay of The Gambia was chosen as Secretary General of ECOFEPA to serve as a voice for female parliamentarians within the ECOWAS Parliament. The association works to advocate for increased representation of women in both decision-making roles and political spheres across the region.

Hon. Ceesay will work with a strong leadership team including President Veronica Sesay of Sierra Leone, 1st Vice President Senator Chantal Fanny Moussokour of Ivory Coast, 2nd Vice President Senator Ireti Kingibe of Nigeria, and 3rd Vice President Isa Filomena Pereira Soares Da Costa of Cape Verde. Supporting this team in their endeavors will be Deputy Secretary General Blessing Onuh of Nigeria and Treasurer Konou Agbandao of Togo.

Following her election, Honorable Ceesay expressed her gratitude, stating that her appointment signifies a victory for The Gambia. She pledged her commitment to fulfilling the association's goals.



NAM Parliamentary Network calls for action on climate change

The Gambia delegation at the Conference of the Non-Aligned Movement Parliamentary Network (NAM PN) urged immediate action to address climate change. Led by Hon. Kebba Lang Fofana, the delegation highlighted the severe impact climate change has on development and emphasised the need for legislative solutions.

The NAM PN conference, which opened on March 25th 2023, on the theme: "Revitalizing Parliamentary Action to Fight Climate Change" focused on the critical issue of climate change.

Hon. Fofana, addressing the network, emphasised the need for urgent action due to the rapid pace of environmental degradation caused by climate change.

In terms of Commitment, Hon. Fofana outlined The Gambia's efforts to combat climate change, including the long-term Neutral Development Strategy 2050, aiming to achieve net zero greenhouse gas emissions. He emphasised this strategy despite the country's minimal contribution of (0.01%) to global emissions.

Hon. Fofana urged fellow parliamentarians to enact climate change legislation aligned with the Paris Agreement to enable countries to develop robust climate action plans and prioritise renewable energy. He further stressed the importance of allocating adequate funding for climate-related programs and oversight.

He assured attendees that The Gambia National Assembly would utilize its power to encourage the government to further its commitment to fighting climate change, noting that "international commitments mean nothing if they are not translated into national implementation."

The Gambian delegation also comprises Hon. Aliou Baldeh (Jarra West), Hon. Amie Colley (Foni Brefet), Hon. Alagie Babou Ceesay (Sabach Sanjal), and Hon. Modou Lamin B Bah (Banjul North).

Principal Budget Officer, Mrs Naffissatou Njie, delivered the "Opening Statement and Key Milestones, Challenges and Opportunities for the African Network of Parliamentary Budget Offices (AN-PBO) for 2023-2024"

In her capacity as Vice Chairperson of the network at the Official Opening Ceremony of the 7th Annual African Network of Parliamentary Budget Offices, held in Kampala, Uganda.

Mrs Njie is attending the weeklong event alongside Deputy Clerk for Legislative Business and Programmes, Mr Danial Cardos, who is serving as a panellist on several topics, such as establishing a framework for accountability and the role of Legislatures in Public Financial Management (PFM).

In his intervention, Mr Cardos is exploring various aspects of the Legislature's role in the PFM cycle (formulation, approval, execution, evaluation) and how this improves spending decisions, accountability, and value for money.

During her presentation, Mrs Njie emphasised that the establishment of Parliamentary Budget Offices (PBOs) is a key mechanism adopted by many countries to enhance technical capacity in supporting MPs with fiscal oversight. She remarked, "As budget analysts, we have our work cut out in supporting the development of our continent. Issues within the planning and functioning of rules-based fiscal frameworks, enabling countries to realise their developmental aspirations, have led to an increase in the number of countries establishing PBOs."

The conference covers a wide range of themes, including inclusive economic growth, fiscal stability and debt sustainability, assessing government's economic and fiscal forecasts, strengthening revenue mobilisation strategies, establishing a framework for accountability, the legislature's role in public financial management, and integrating social, economic, and climate change considerations into long-term fiscal sustainability.



Assembly Committees at work



The National Assembly Committee Sitzings for the 2024 Legislative Year were held during the period of 22nd January to 29th February, 15th April to 29th May and 7th to 31st October 2024. The Select and Standing Committees held consultative meetings to review bills with stakeholders and scrutinised the operations of various government entities, including Ministries, Departments, and Agencies. The Finance and Public Accounts Committee (FPAC) reviewed and considered annual reports from key institutions like the Central Bank of The Gambia, National Audit Office, Gambia College, University of The Gambia, and the National Human Rights Commission. Public Enterprise Committee (PEC) examined the 2021 reports from entities such as NAWEC (National Water and Electricity Company), GRTS (Gambia Radio & Television Services), GCAA (Gambia Civil Aviation Authority), and AMRC (Agricultural Marketing and Research Coordinating Centre).



A joint meeting with the Committee on Monitoring of Government Projects was held to discuss the Banjul Barra Ferry Services with the Ministry of Transport, Works and Infrastructure, GPA (Gambia Ports Authority), and GFSC (Gambia Ferry Services Corporation). The Defence and Human Rights Committee reviewed reports and held consultations with relevant ministries on matters such as the Gambia-Senegal hot-pursuit agreement, the renewal of the DCAF Agreement, and road safety concerns.



A Joint Committee on Health and Gender convened a consultative engagement with stakeholders on the National Social Protection Bill, and the Women's Amendment Bill 2024. A Joint Committee of FPAC and PEC also held public hearings on the Petroleum Inquiry investigation.

The Education committee also held consultations on the Cybercrime Bill. Committees on Environment, Tourism, Regional Government, Agriculture, Trade, and Foreign Affairs also conducted reviews and held consultative meetings.

During the period, committees also embarked on nationwide tours to visit project sites and government agencies across the country to gain first-hand information on the level of implementation of government projects and International study tours for benchmarking.



The Select Committee on Education, Training, and ICT of the National Assembly in January 2024, conducted a tour of Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) centres in the West Coast Region, and Kanifing Municipality. The oversight visit was aimed at monitoring and evaluating the operational practices and challenges faced by these TVET institutions. The committee engaged heads of institutions, deans, and other stakeholders in the education sector during the field work.



The Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs of The National Assembly in April conducted an oversight visit to the Gambian Embassy in Bissau to conduct assessment of the Gambian Embassy complex in Bissau.

The Public Enterprises Committee (PEC) in April with support from the Gambia Fiscal Management Development Project (GFMDP), held a week long public outreach in Basse the programme aimed at informing and educating the public about the committee's roles and functions.



The Select Committee on Gender, Children, and Social Welfare in November embarked on a study tour to the Parliament of Kenya in Nairobi. The objective of visit is to engage with their Kenyan counterparts on their affirmative action measures aimed at increasing women's representation in Parliament.

Committee Oversight is an important responsibility vested on the Committees under Section 102 and Section 109 of the 1997 Constitution and Clause 95 of the Standing Orders. Committees have the power under Section 109 2(b) to investigate any matter of public importance.

Excursions To The National Assembly

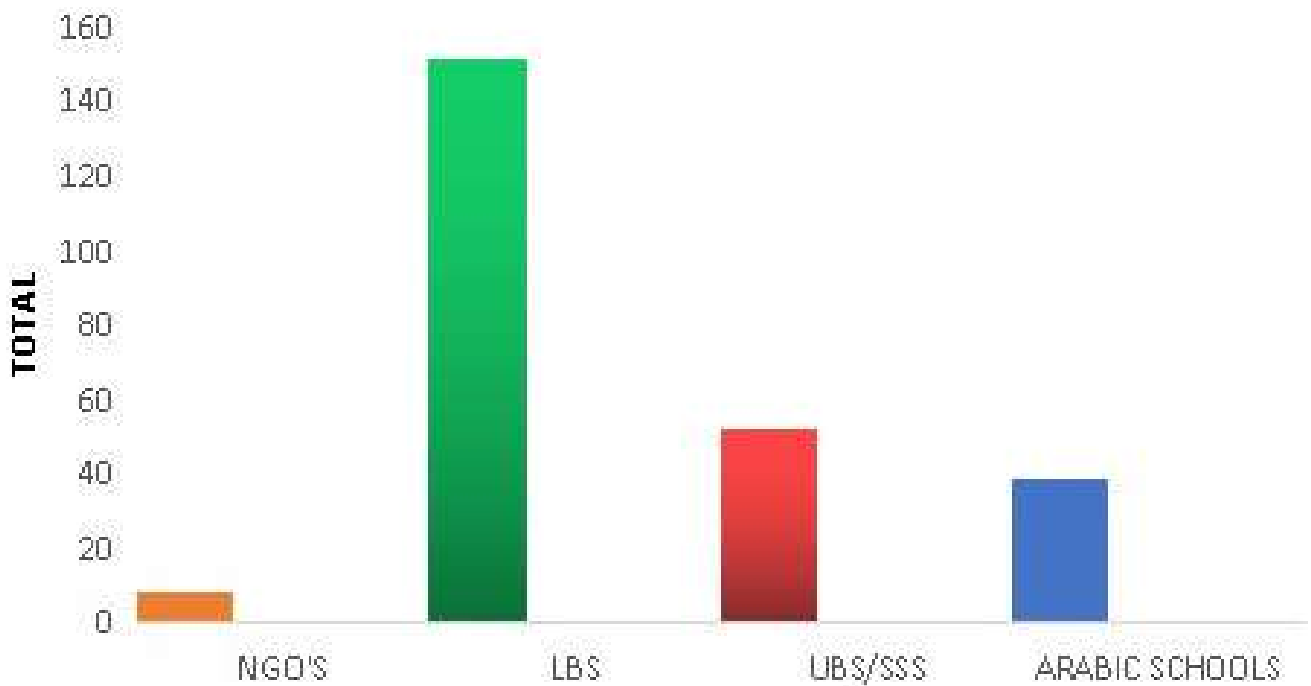
The National Assembly remains one of the Arms of the State, whose establishment, functions, and performance are core subjects of study in schools across the country. The institution of Parliament is a significant area of interest for the public and organisations, both nationally and internationally.

These factors contribute to the dedication of open access for tours by schools, organisations, and individuals who wish to visit and learn about the National Assembly, its legislative processes, and procedures.

In 2024, the Office of the Clerk received a total of 260 schools, all of which were granted the opportunity to undertake field trips to the National Assembly of The Gambia.

This included 157 Lower Basic Schools, 56 Upper and Senior Secondary Schools, and 42 Islamic schools. Additionally, 5 international schools, primarily from Senegal, visited the Assembly, alongside representatives from 8 Non-Governmental Organisations.

CATEGORY OF SCHOOLS



Highlights Of The 2024 Legislative Business

This is an overview of the legislative business of the National Assembly of The Gambia in 2024, focusing on bills passed during the year.

- Private Member Bills: Two in total (one each during the First and Second Ordinary Sessions).
- Cabinet Bills: These dominated proceedings, with 4 in the First Ordinary Session, 6 in the Second, and 2 in the Third, totalling 12 for the year.
- Bills Lost: Only one bill failed, during the First Ordinary Session.

Bill Analysis:

- 2023: A total of 20 bills were introduced, reflecting a more active legislative year than 2024.
- 2024: Legislative activity declined, with 14 bills introduced, primarily cabinet-driven. The Second Ordinary Session was the most productive, with six cabinet bills introduced, while the Third Session saw a significant drop.

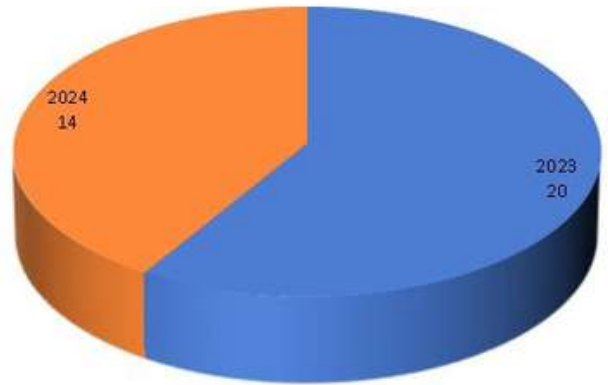
Legislative Oversight:

Ministerial responses played a vital role in parliamentary oversight, contributing to 44.8% of activities in plenary sessions, addressing questions and concerns effectively.

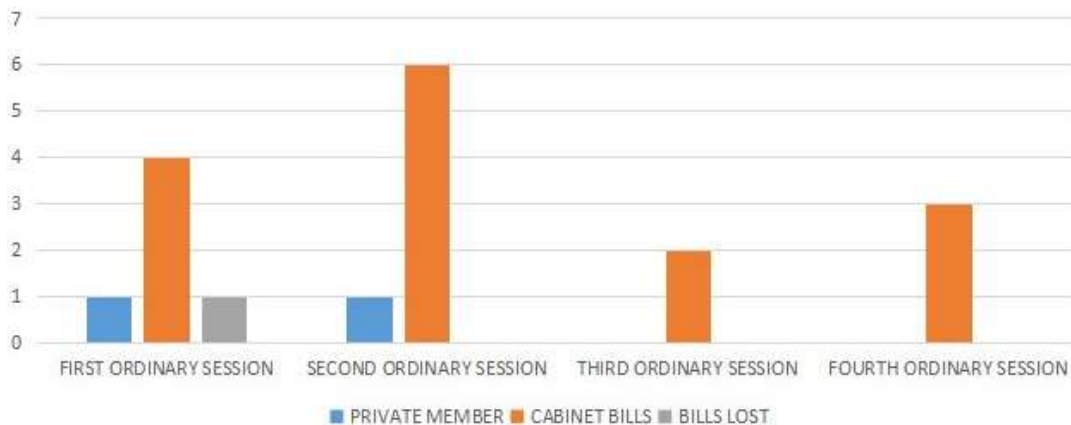
Performance Comparison:

The 30% decline in bills introduced from 2023 to 2024 suggests a shift in focus towards other forms of legislative oversight. Nonetheless, the success rate of cabinet-driven bills underscores the government's prioritisation in driving legislative progress.

COMPARISON OF THE BILLS BROUGHT TO PARLIAMENT IN 2023 AND 2024



BILLS IN 2024



BUSINESS IN THE PLENARY

This data showcases the performance of the National Assembly in 2024, focusing on the outcomes of its plenary deliberations.

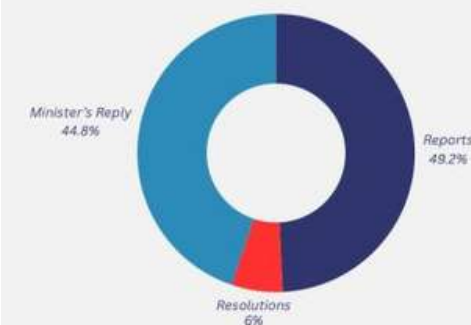
Key activities include the presentation of Reports (49.2%), Ministers' Replies to Parliamentary Questions (44.8%), and Resolutions (6%).

This performance highlights the Assembly's commitment to legislative duties, with nearly half of its plenary time devoted to reviewing and adopting reports from committees. Ministerial replies indicate robust oversight, ensuring government accountability.

The responses from Ministers reflects a functional relationship, enabling the Assembly to scrutinise government policies, monitor implementation, and address constituents' concerns effectively.

The low percentage of resolutions reflects the Assembly's focus in shaping policy through structured review rather than frequent resolutions

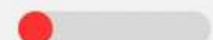
PARLIAMENTARY REPORTS IN 2024



Reports



Resolutions



Minister's Reply





Defence Committee Received Donations from ECOWAS and GIZ

The National Assembly Standing Committee on Defence and Security in December 2023 received donations of valuable equipment from the ECOWAS Commission and the German Development Cooperation (GIZ).

The donated items consist of laptops for all Honourable Members and support staff, a digital camera, and a multifunctional printer.

Hon. Seedy SK Njie, Deputy Speaker and Chair of the Committee expressed his deep gratitude for the kind gesture. He highlighted the importance of the items in terms of its impact on the committee's ability to effectively execute its critical oversight role.

"This timely support as stated by the Deputy Speaker will equip our committee with the resources needed to effectively scrutinise the security sector policies and hold the government accountable," said Hon. Njie. He further stated that "these tools will significantly streamline our institutional workflow and facilitate comprehensive data analysis, leading to informed decision-making and improved security outcomes for the Gambian people."

The German Ambassador to The Gambia, Klaus Botzet emphasised Germany's commitment to supporting security sector reform in The Gambia. He commended the National Assembly's dedication to strengthening parliamentary oversight, stating that: "Germany is proud to partner with ECOWAS in supporting Gambia's security sector reform agenda," noting that a strong and accountable security sector is essential for sustainable peace and development.

Dr. Abdouramane Dieng, Head of the Regional Security Division at the ECOWAS Commission highlighted the significance of the donated equipment in strengthening the committee's oversight capabilities.

Dr. Dieng elaborated on the ongoing EPSAO project, emphasising its commitment to fostering meaningful security sector reform and enhanced accountability in The Gambia. Furthermore, Dr. Dieng underscored the critical role of parliamentarians in ensuring good governance and security.

"A robust parliament is vital for a viable and functioning democracy," Dr. Dieng emphasised. "By equipping parliamentarians with the necessary knowledge and tools, we enable them to effectively scrutinise policies and hold the government in check for its actions, ultimately leading to a more secure and prosperous Gambia."

The collaborative effort between ECOWAS, GIZ, and the National Assembly represents a significant step towards strengthening security sector oversight and accountability in The Gambia.



The National Assembly signs MOU with TANGO and GPU

In our efforts to bringing the parliament closer to the people the office of the Clerk on Friday signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Gambia Press Union (GPU) and The Association of Non governmental Organisations (TANGO) facilitated by the Westminster Foundation for Democracy (WFD).

Speaking at the event, the Deputy Clerk for Admin and Finance Mr. Buba ME Jatta emphasised the importance of inclusive governance and the role of the press and civil society in holding the government accountable.

He also congratulated WFD for the facilitation and its commitment to supporting the mandate of the National Assembly.

The WFD Country Director, Ms. Tabou Njie Sarr underscored her commitment to supporting democratic processes through strengthening relations between CSOs and the Parliament.

The MoU seeks enable access, transfer and sharing of necessary information and decisions between the Parties as the basis to support each other to enhance efficiency, performance, transparency and accountability.

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY PAYS TRIBUTE TO LATE SPEAKER ABDOULIE BOJANG

The National Assembly of The Gambia on Monday laid in state the late Honourable Abdoulie Bojang, former Speaker of the National Assembly, who passed away on Friday, 29th November 2024. Hon. Bojang served as Speaker from 2010 to 2017, during which he earned the respect and admiration of colleagues across the political spectrum.

The solemn ceremony was presided over by the current Speaker of the National Assembly, Hon. Fabakary Tombong Jatta, who delivered a heartfelt eulogy highlighting Hon. Bojang's extraordinary contributions to public service and his enduring legacy.

He reflected on Hon. Bojang's remarkable qualities, describing him as wise, approachable, and a firm believer in The Gambia's cultural heritage. "Abdoulie cared deeply for family and society, often mediating conflicts and bringing peace to all around him. He was sociable, full of character, and forever optimistic. A public servant of his calibre proved that service to one's country is about people first," he noted.

The Speaker emphasised Hon. Bojang's legacy of discipline, selflessness, and concern for the Gambian people, adding that his ability to navigate politically and socially complex issues was a defining trait of his leadership.

"We are indebted to his life of service. His political maturity, social consciousness, and approachability inspired those around him and made him a servant leader. His contributions will forever be a beacon of hope for future generations to emulate," said Speaker Jatta.

The Speaker extended condolences to Hon. Bojang's family, urging them to find solace in the knowledge that he was a dedicated husband, father, and public servant who made significant contributions to humanity.





Assembly participates in 148th IPU Global Parliamentary Assembly

The Gambia delegation to the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU), led by Deputy Speaker Hon. Seedy SK Njie, has actively participated in the 148th Global Parliamentary Assembly.

In his address to the Assembly, Njie emphasised the significance of dialogue and cooperation in promoting parliamentary diplomacy and resolving conflicts worldwide.

He highlighted the crucial role of parliamentarians in upholding core principles of democracy, human rights, and the rule of law in tackling global challenges.

Hon. Njie specifically mentioned ongoing conflicts in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Sudan, Somalia, and the Russia-Ukraine war.

He underscored The Gambia's commitment to opposing violence and aggression and upholding international human rights laws and UN resolutions as the foundation for conflict resolution.

Focusing on the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict, the Deputy Speaker recognised the urgent need for concerted efforts towards peace and reconciliation. ‘

He expressed The Gambia Government's solidarity with the international community in condemning all forms of violence and aggression, particularly the recent Israeli military operations in Gaza.

He called for an immediate ceasefire and emphasised the need to alleviate the dire humanitarian situation facing the Palestinian people.

Hon. Njie, as head of the delegation, urged the UN Security Council to take decisive action and pass a unified resolution condemning Israel and ending the war.

He also advocated for thorough investigations into alleged atrocities and ensuring accountability for the victims.

Centenary Celebration of the Legacy and life of Dawda Jawara

The National Assembly hosted the Kairaba Conservation and Leadership Organization KairaCLO in the commemoration Sir Dawda Jawara's Centenary Celebration with a Tree Planting Exercise at The Assembly grounds in Banjul.

Amidst the solemn tributes and heartfelt reminiscences, dignitaries and parliamentarians gathered at the National Assembly of The Gambia to honor the centenary of the late first President, Sir Dawda Jawara.

In a poignant ceremony, officials planted trees as a symbolic gesture of respect and remembrance for his profound contributions to the nation.

Sir Dawda Jawara, a revered figure in Gambian history, was instrumental in leading the country to independence and fostering a legacy of unity and progress.

As the nation marks his centenary, this tree planting exercise serves as a tangible expression of gratitude for his enduring impact on the Gambian people.

Speaking at the event, The Chief Justice of The Gambia Hassan Bubacarr Jallow underscored the importance of preserving Sir Dawda Jawara's legacy for future generations.

He emphasized the significance of environmental conservation, echoing his commitment to sustainable development and the protection of natural resources.

The planting exercise held at the National Assembly not only pays homage to Sir Dawda Jawara's remarkable legacy but also reaffirms the government's dedication to upholding his values of unity, progress, and environmental stewardship.

“As the newly planted trees take root and grow, they will stand as living tributes to his memory and the enduring spirit of The Gambia.” Honorable Speaker Fabakary Tombong Jatta.

The tree planting ceremony concluded with a moment of reflection, as attendees paid their respects to Sir Dawda Jawara and renewed their commitment to building a brighter future for The Gambia in his honor.

Five trees were planted by the Chief Justice Hassan Bubacar Jallow, the Rt. Honorable Speaker Fabakary Tombong Jatta, The Bishop of Banjul Gabriel Mendy, CSSp, The Police Commissioner of Banjul on behalf of the IGP and Honorable Madi MK Ceesay.





Deputy Speaker Addresses Commonwealth Leaders

The Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly, Seedy SK Njie, in March 2023 addressed Commonwealth leaders at the House of Commons in Westminster, London. The gathering marked the 75th anniversary of the Commonwealth organisation.

Hon. Njie reaffirmed The Gambia's commitment to the principles and ideals of the Commonwealth, including shared democratic values of good governance, rule of law, and justice. He further emphasised the government's dedication to human rights, accountability, and upholding the rule of law.

The Deputy Speaker urged Commonwealth leaders to remain steadfast in their commitment to peace, justice, and good governance across all 65 member states.

He called for a collective effort to resolve conflicts within the Commonwealth and for member states to engage in dialogue to end war and suffering in various regions, specifically mentioning Palestine, Ukraine, and other conflict zones.

On the sidelines of the event, Hon. Njie accompanied Gambia's High Commissioner to the UK, Ms. Fatou Bom Bensouda, to a wreath-laying ceremony at the memorial gates honouring the over five million soldiers who lost their lives during World War.

The Deputy Speaker also attended a memorial service at Westminster Abbey alongside Queen Camilla and Prince William, where the flags of all 65 member states were raised.

SPEAKER JATTA CALLS FOR IMPROVED ACCESS TO QUALITY EDUCATION

The Hon. Speaker of the National Assembly, Fabakary Tombong Jatta, has urged his fellow Speakers of Parliaments to utilise the powers of their legislative bodies to secure the necessary resources and policy initiatives to empower African children through education. He emphasised the importance of allowing young minds to flourish and shape a brighter future for the continent.

Hon. Jatta made these remarks at the 12th Annual Conference of Speakers of African National and Regional Parliaments, currently underway at the Pan-African Parliament in Midrand, South Africa. The conference is convened under the theme, 'Educate an African fit for the 21st Century: Building Resilient Education Systems for Increased Inclusion, Lifelong Quality, and Resilient Learning in Africa'.

"Education stands as a cornerstone for societal development and peace promotion. In our effort to educate the African to be fit for the 21st century, we must acknowledge that our people encounter a multitude of challenges that impede their educational journey, obstructing social and economic advancement.

One of the pressing issues is the impact of geopolitical tensions on access to quality education. Conflict zones disrupt schooling, denying countless children the right to learn in a safe environment," he stated.

The Hon. Speaker further brought to the attention of his colleagues that, besides geopolitical instability, hate speech also impedes education, particularly in a region marked by cultural and religious diversity. He added that African children need an education that not only imparts knowledge but also cultivates tolerance and understanding.

"In a continent where diversity is both a strength and, at times, a source of tension, promoting peace and countering hate speech through inclusive education involves creating an environment where diversity is not only acknowledged but actively celebrated and integrated into every aspect of the educational experience."





The Clerk of The National Assembly of The Gambia, Mr. Momodou A. Sise, joined fellow African Parliamentary Clerks in discussing the implementation of the African Union's Agenda 2063

"There is a lot of work that we need to do back home with regards to how we can domesticate these treaties and also play a role in ensuring ratification of the Malabo Protocol so that PAP can have legislative powers", he said.

The Association of Secretaries General of African Parliaments held its annual meeting in Midrand, South Africa, from 16th to 17th September 2023. Participants focused on the strategic goals and priorities of the African Union, particularly the second ten-year implementation plan of Agenda 2063.

Honourable Lucia Do Passos, Third Vice President of the Pan-African Parliament, emphasised the need for proactive implementation of policies based on Agenda 2063. She noted that many African countries have yet to domesticate the Agenda, which was adopted in 2015, resulting in a lag in progress.

The meeting also addressed the importance of promoting, ratifying, and domesticating African Union treaties. Particular emphasis was placed on the ratification of the Pan-African Parliament's Malabo Protocol, which would grant the PAP legislative powers.

Agenda 2063 outlines seven key aspirations for Africa, including a prosperous Africa based on inclusive growth and sustainable development, as well as a peaceful and secure Africa.

Following committee presentations, the public posed questions and raised issues of concern. These included the collapse of industries like cotton and its potential revival to boost development and employment in the region. Other matters raised were challenges with the Banjul-Barra Ferry Service, the lack of dividends from public enterprises leading to potential privatisation, youth unemployment, the need to strengthen Gambia Radio in Basse with better technology and mobility, high internet and communication costs, regulation of weights and measures, and price control.

The outreach culminated in calls for a collective shift in attitude to encourage everyone to take ownership of public enterprises. Committee members addressed the concerns and questions raised by the people of URR.



Speaker Jatta calls for an end to Israel's war in Gaza

The Rt. Honourable Speaker, Fabakary Tombong Jatta has called on Parliamentarians to use their status and influence to advocate for an immediate end to the ongoing Israel military operations on the Palestinian people in Gaza.

The Rt. Hon. Speaker made these remarks at the 5th Conference of the League of Parliamentarians for Al Quds, convened under the crucial theme of "Freedom and Independence for Palestine", currently underway in Istanbul, Türkiye.

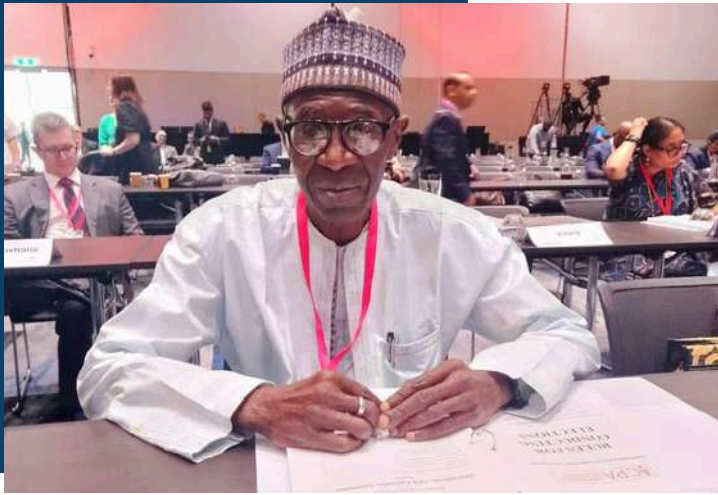
"The Palestinian struggle transcends mere politics; it is a moral imperative and a sacred duty. It is a deeply ingrained moral obligation rooted in our shared humanity. As parliamentarians, we hold the power to advocate for justice, to amplify the voices of the oppressed, and to challenge the status quo of injustice and oppression. Let us embrace this responsibility wholeheartedly, standing firm in our commitment to uphold the principles of freedom, equality, and dignity for all, including the Palestinian people", he stated.

Honourable Jatta further assured the conference that the Government of The Gambia remains resolute in advocating for a peaceful and sustainable resolution to the conflict, which must be grounded in international law, relevant UN resolutions, and the realization of the two-state solution, guaranteeing both states their legitimate rights to full sovereignty and self-determination based on the borders of June 4th, 1967, with Al-Quds Al Shareef as its Capital as indicated in all relevant UN, OIC and AU Resolutions.

The National Assembly of The Gambia is also proud to associate itself with the League of Parliamentarians for Al Quds to reaffirm our unyielding commitment to the noble cause of Palestine whilst calling on participants of the conference to recognize themselves as the final bastion of hope for the Palestinian people, as champions of justice confronting tyranny, and as voices of conscience in a world often deafened by indifference.

The conference was earlier opened by the President of the Republic of Türkiye, who reminded the Parliamentarians that they should endeavour together to make sure the tragedy in Gaza is not put on the back burner.

"I believe that we will get closer to the goal of a fairer world with the support of you, the parliamentarians who have the love for Al-Quds in their hearts. We should endeavour together to make sure the tragedy of our Gazan brothers and sisters is not put on the back burner. We should step up our efforts to stop Israel and hold all the perpetrators, particularly Benjamin Netanyahu accountable before the law", he told the conference.



Speaker Jatta Calls for Legislation Protecting African Family, Cultural Values, and Sovereignty

The Speaker of The National Assembly, Hon. Fabakary Tombong Jatta urged African lawmakers to leverage their constitutional authority to enact laws safeguarding African family values and national sovereignty.

Speaker Jatta delivered these remarks at the 2nd African Inter-Parliamentary Conference on Family Values and Sovereignty held in Kampala, Uganda. The conference theme is "The Emerging Global Challenges Threatening African Sovereignty, Family, and Values."

He emphasised the detrimental impact of factors like politics, tribalism, and religion, which have been misused to sow discord and perpetuate violence across the globe, particularly in Africa. He stressed the responsibility of parliamentarians to enact robust legislation, establish oversight mechanisms, and build strong institutions to combat these threats.

Speaker Jatta further highlighted the serious threat posed by illicit financial flows to African sovereignty. These outflows divert vast sums of wealth from African economies, depriving governments of crucial resources for development and service delivery. "Whether through corruption, tax evasion, or money laundering," he emphasised, "these illicit activities weaken the fiscal integrity of our nations and perpetuate cycles of poverty and inequality."

Hon. Jatta reminded the conference that defending national sovereignty entails protecting the rights and interests of all citizens. This requires upholding democratic principles, ensuring transparency and accountability, and nurturing an inclusive political culture where all individuals, regardless of background or beliefs, can meaningfully participate in the democratic process. By empowering citizens and building strong, responsive institutions, Africa can solidify the foundations of its sovereignty and chart a course toward a more prosperous and equitable future for all.

Speaker Jatta challenged conference participants to seize this opportunity to reaffirm their commitment to African sovereignty, family values, and a brighter future. He emphasised the leadership role of parliamentarians in inspiring their constituents and forging partnerships that transcend borders and generations.

Gambian Parliamentarian Calls for Action on Women's Financial Empowerment in ECOWAS Region

Hon. Maimuna Ceesay, a member of The Gambia delegation to the ECOWAS Parliament underscored the critical role of financial inclusion in empowering women, particularly in rural areas. She was addressing distinguished guests and panellists at the ECOFEPA Economic Forum on Financial Inclusion and Economic Empowerment of Women in the ECOWAS Sub-region.

Hon. Ceesay highlighted the challenges facing women across ECOWAS member states, including limited access to formal banking systems, financial literacy, and socio-cultural barriers that hinder women's economic progress. She emphasised the need for policymakers, parliamentarians, and financial institutions to translate the ideas discussed at the forum into tangible actions to improve the lives of women across the sub-region.

Reflecting on The Gambia's journey towards women's empowerment, Hon. Ceesay acknowledged the strides made but also noted that much more needs to be done to ensure equitable access to financial services and resources. She expressed optimism that the dialogue at the forum will spark meaningful changes for women across the ECOWAS region, helping them thrive economically and achieve financial independence.

The forum brought together women from various sectors to share experiences, address challenges, and explore common solutions aimed at promoting financial inclusion and economic empowerment in the region.





Gambia Plays Active Role at CPA Africa Regional Conference, Highlights Climate Change Preparedness

A delegation from the National Assembly of The Gambia, led by Honourable Speaker Fabakary Tombong Jatta, is participating in the 53rd Africa Regional Conference of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA) currently taking place in Arusha, Tanzania.

The event, which has drawn over 300 delegates from 14 of the 19 CPA Africa Member Parliaments, serves as a platform for parliamentary representatives to engage in high-level discussions on legislative matters and regional cooperation.

The Arusha Conference is hosting three major events as part of the gathering, including workshops under the Africa Regional Conference, meetings of the CPA Africa Region Executive Committee, and the Commonwealth Women Parliamentarians (CWP) Africa Regional Conference.

The Gambian delegation is playing an active role, with discussions centring on legislative matters, climate change, and regional cooperation.

On Friday, 4th October 2024, the delegation presented a paper during a panel session on the theme, "The Preparedness of African Countries to Mitigate the Effects of Climate Change." The paper was delivered by Honourable Samba Jallow on behalf of Speaker Fabakary Tombong Jatta.

In his presentation, Hon. Jallow emphasised that Africa is facing severe climate-related challenges, including rising temperatures, erratic rainfall, extreme weather events, and rising sea levels.

He described these issues as threats to ecosystems, livelihoods, and socio-economic stability, calling for urgent action from African countries.

"Assessing the level of preparedness of African countries to mitigate the calamities imposed by climate change, which threatens our very existence as a people and continent, is fundamental," Hon. Jallow remarked. He stressed the need for innovative solutions that empower communities while promoting economic development, social equity, and environmental sustainability.

Hon. Jallow referenced the African Union Agenda 2063, which calls for united efforts and self-reliance in addressing climate change.

He highlighted that Africa must develop its own scientific, technological, and entrepreneurial capabilities while generating sustainable funding sources for climate response.

"Africa must speak with one voice in global fora to transform this into an operational reality," he added.

Hon. Jallow also drew attention to The Gambia's proactive stance on climate change. He noted that the country has placed climate change at the centre of its sustainable development strategy, receiving international recognition for its climate action plans.

"The Gambia's first NDC has been recognised as '1.5°C Paris Agreement-compatible' by the Climate Action Tracker (CAT), positioning the country as a leader among developing nations in climate change mitigation," he informed the delegates.

He further elaborated on The Gambia's commitment to achieving net zero emissions by 2050, as outlined in the country's 2050 Climate Vision.

"The Gambia is committed to strengthening the integration of mitigation measures into national planning processes and is determined to maintain its strong ambition to decarbonise," Hon. Jallow concluded.



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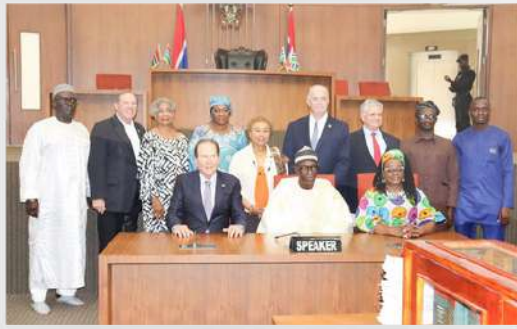




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