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4 June 2008 – Opening Plenary

09:30 – 10:30 a.m.	Registration
10:30 – 11:45 a.m.	Inaugural session <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Ahmed Fathy Sorour, Speaker of the People's Assembly of Egypt▪ Mohamed Safwat al Sherif, Speaker of the Shura Council of Egypt▪ Gertrude Mongella, President of the Pan-African Parliament▪ Ike Ekweremadu, Deputy President of the Senate of Nigeria▪ John-Mary Kauzya, Chief, Governance and Public Administration Branch, United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs <p><i>Launch of the new web site of the People's Assembly of Egypt</i></p>
11:45 – 12:15 p.m.	Coffee break
12:15 – 01:30 p.m.	Roundtable <i>The challenges of the APKN and the need of political commitment</i> Chair: Ahmed Fathy Sorour , Speaker of the People's Assembly of Egypt Co-chair: Abdirahim Haithar Abdi , Speaker of the East African Legislative Assembly <i>Keynote address – A global overview of ICT use in Parliaments</i> Jeffrey Griffith , Senior Advisor, Global Centre for ICT in Parliament Interventions: <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Mohamed Nageeb Abou-Zeid, Member of the Shura Council of Egypt▪ Severine Rugumamu, Professor of Development Studies, University of Dar es Saalam, Tanzania▪ Gene Rose, Communications Director, National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) of the United States <p><i>Open discussion</i></p>
01:30 – 03:30 p.m.	Lunch offered by the Speaker of the People's Assembly of Egypt at the Semiramis Hotel – Cleopatra Hall

PARALLEL SESSIONS

- **Session I: APKN Charter and Policy**
Mubarak Hall
- **Session II: Legislative Process & Information and Research**
Green Room
- **Session III: Information and Communication Technologies**
Blue Room

4 June 2008 – Session I: APKN Charter and Policy

03:30 – 05:00 p.m.	Mission and goals of the APKN and Options for its Charter Chair: Ntlhoi Motsamai , Speaker of the National Assembly of Lesotho Introduction: <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Gherardo Casini, Executive Coordinator of the Global Centre for ICT in Parliament <i>Open discussion by Heads of Delegations</i>
05:00 – 05:30 p.m.	Coffee break

4 June 2008– Session II : Legislative Process & Information and Research

03:30 – 04:00 p.m.	<p>Goal and objectives</p> <p>Moderators: Innocent Rugambwa, Director, Library and Research, Parliament of Uganda (APLESA); Sylvester Shikyil, Policy Analysis and Research Project (PARP), National Assembly of Nigeria</p> <p>Participants' self-presentations and expectations</p> <p>Q&A: Aligning the focus</p>
04:00 – 05:00 p.m.	<p>Legislation and Policy</p> <p>Interventions:</p> <p><u>Legislative Process</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Parliamentary rules and processes: how to track and monitor the status of legislation- Sylvester Shikyil, Policy Analysis and Research Project (PARP), National Assembly of Nigeria <p><u>Information and Research</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Evidence-based policy - What Constitutes Valid Evidence of a Programme's Effectiveness? – Severine Rugumamu, Professor of Development Studies, University of Dar es Saalam <p><i>Open discussion</i></p>
05:00 – 05:30 p.m.	Coffee break
05:30 – 06:30 p.m.	<p>Management</p> <p>Interventions:</p> <p><u>Legislative Process</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Institutionalization- Information & Research Service and Professional development strategies – Innocent Rugambwa Director, Library and Research, Parliament of Uganda (APLESA) <p><u>Information and Research</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Institutionalization - Legislative Service and Professional development strategies – Mohammed Danjuma Hassan, National Assembly of Nigeria <p><i>Open discussion</i></p>

4 June 2008 – Session III: Information and Communication Technologies

03:30 – 04:00 p.m.	Goal and objectives Moderator: Cecilia Matanga , Programme Officer, ICT Managers Network, Southern African Development Community Parliamentary Forum (SADC PF) Participants' self-presentations and expectations Q&A: Aligning the focus
04:00 – 05:00 p.m.	The legislative and policy challenges of Information Society and e-Parliament Interventions: <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Information Society Legislative Framework – Jeffrey Griffith, Senior Advisor, Global Centre for ICT in Parliament▪ Open Access to Information: The role of Parliament – Giovanni Sartor, Professor of Legal informatics and Legal Theory, European University Institute <i>Open discussion</i>
05:00 – 05:30 p.m.	Coffee break
05:30 – 06:30 p.m.	Tools & Applications to Support Parliamentary Works Interventions: <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ <i>Bungeni portal and modules; AKOMA NTOSO</i> – UNDESA Africa i-Parliament Action Plan Team <i>Open discussion</i>

5 June 2008 – Session I: APKN Charter and Policy

09:30 – 10:30 a.m.	<p>Internal organization and sustainability of the APKN</p> <p>Chair: Justin Koumba, President of the National Assembly of Congo</p> <p>Introduction:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Gherardo Casini, Executive Coordinator of the Global Centre for ICT in Parliament <p><i>Open discussion by Heads of Delegations</i></p>
10:30 – 11:30 a.m.	<p>Finalization of the Charter</p> <p>Chair: Gertrude Mongella, President of the Pan-African Parliament</p> <p><i>Open discussion by Heads of Delegations</i></p>
11:30 – 12:30 p.m.	<p>Consolidation of Action Plan in parallel sessions II and III</p>
12:30 – 01:30 p.m.	<p>Brunch break</p>

5 June 2008 – Session II: Legislative Process & Information and Research

09:30 – 10:30 a.m.	<p>Information Services: Applications to support parliamentary work and services</p> <p>Interventions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Africa News Monitor (ANM) - A proposal for a Pan-African Real Time News Monitoring System</i> – Erik van der Goot, European Commission's Joint Research Centre (JRC) ▪ <i>Africa Parliamentary Information Exchange (APEX); Library Information System – Digital Institutional Repositories; Bill Drafting Editor</i> - UNDESA Africa i-Parliament Action Plan Team <p><i>Open discussion</i></p>
10:30 – 11:30 a.m.	<p>Professional Expertise</p> <p>Interventions:</p> <p><u><i>Legislative Process</i></u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Legislative drafting</i> – Giovanni Sartor, Professor of Legal informatics and Legal Theory, European University Institute, Italy ▪ <i>Analysis of legislative documents and analytic reports</i> – Tobias Dorsey, Legislative Counsel, United States Sentencing Commission <p><u><i>Information and Research</i></u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Information and Research capacity building: Information Sources Internet searching – Information Management and Records Management</i> – Simon Joseph Engitu, Assistant Director, Library Services, Parliament of Uganda (APLESA) <p><i>Open discussion</i></p>
11:30 – 12:30 p.m.	<p>Consolidation of Action Plan</p> <p>Chair: Ibrahim Ismail, Vice-President of the National Assembly of Chad</p> <p>Moderators: Innocent Rugambwa, Director, Library and Research, Parliament of Uganda (APLESA); Sylvester Shikyil, Policy Analysis and Research Project (PARP), National Assembly of Nigeria</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Legislative Process</i> ▪ <i>Information and Research</i>
12:30 – 01:30 p.m.	<p>Brunch break</p>

5 June 2008 – Session III: Information and Communication Technologies

09:30 – 10:30 a.m.	<p>e-Parliament: Governance & Management Working towards a self-sustaining ICT environment</p> <p>Interventions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ <i>Leadership beyond the “ICT department”</i> – Gordon Oyomno, Consultant - Southern African Development Community (SADC)▪ <i>Implementing the Vision</i> – Jeffrey Griffith, Senior Advisor, Global Centre for ICT in Parliament <p><i>Open discussion</i></p>
10:30 – 11:30 a.m.	<p>Professional Development: APKN On-Demand Learning Presenting a Framework for Developing Learning Strategies</p> <p>Interventions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ ICT Skills Self-Assessment Tools – Avinash Bikha, Programme Officer, Global Centre for ICT in Parliament▪ ICT Skills in African Parliaments: First Indicators of the current situation – Cecilia Matanga, Programme Officer, ICT Managers Network, Southern African Development Community Parliamentary Forum (SADC PF) <p><i>Open discussion</i></p>
11:30 – 12:30 p.m.	<p>Consolidation of Action Plan</p> <p>Chair: Higiros Prosper, Deputy Speaker of the Senate of Rwanda</p> <p>Moderator: Cecilia Matanga, Programme Officer, ICT Managers Network, Southern African Development Community Parliamentary Forum (SADC PF)</p>
12:30 – 01:30 p.m.	Brunch break



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5 June 2008 – Closing Plenary

01:30 – 02:30 p.m.	<p>Reporting on technical sessions and adoption of the Charter and Action Plan</p> <p>Chair: Ahmed Fathy Sorour, Speaker of the People's Assembly of Egypt</p> <p>Co-Chair: Ebenezer Begyina Sekyina Hughes, Speaker of the Parliament of Ghana</p> <p>Introduction: Flavio Zeni, Chief, Africa i-Parliament Action Plan, United Nations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Legislation Process▪ Information and Research▪ Information and communication technologies
02:30 – 03:00 p.m.	<p>Official closing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Gherardo Casini, Executive Coordinator of the Global Centre for ICT in Parliament▪ Gertrude Mongella, President of the Pan-African Parliament▪ Ahmed Fathy Sorour, Speaker of the People's Assembly of Egypt