

PARLIAMENT
OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE ON WOMEN, YOUTH, CHILDREN AND PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

Briefing and Information Session

Research Unit
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INTRODUCTION & BACKGROUND

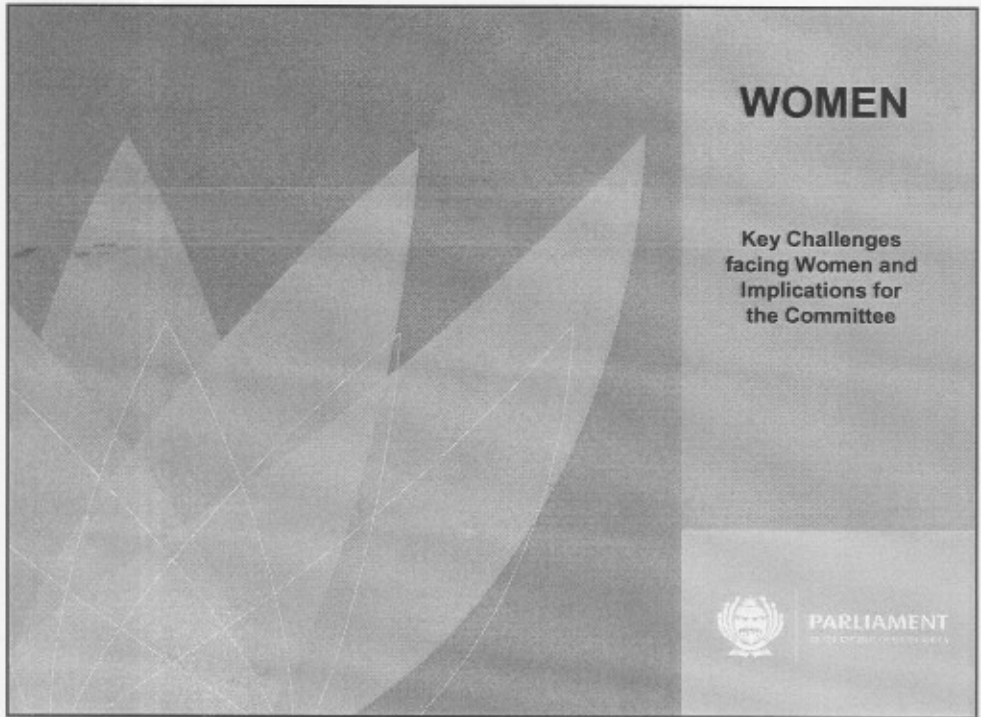
Delivery Priorities for Committee

- Monitor and ensure that relative policies and programmes are implemented in all Ministries and Departments,
- Monitor all legislation including the Budget for compliance with international commitments,
- Monitor all Ministries and Departments to ensure that they have mainstreamed gender/child/disability/youth in all their programmes and budgets.



Oversight, Monitoring and Evaluation Role of committee is important:

- To ensure that the rights of socially vulnerable groups are considered and prioritised in all legislation, policies and programmes
- Appropriate budgets are allocated for the implementation, monitoring and evaluation of legislation, policies and programmes
- To improve the quality of life and status of socially vulnerable groups across the social and racial spectrum in South Africa



POLICY AND LEGISLATION			
Key Policy and Legislation Issues for the Committee to engage with:			
POLICY	LEGISLATION		
	Passed (Implementation, Monitoring & Evaluation needed)	In Process	To be considered
National Gender Policy Framework ↓ NB – LLo concept paper for Ministry it has been proposed that policy framework be elevated to an Act.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Criminal Law (Sexual Offences and Related Matters Amendment Act) [No.32 of 2007] •Domestic Violence Act [No. 116 of 1998] 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Traditional Courts Bill [B15-2008] ↓ NB – JMC on Women has made submission to PC on Justice and there will possibly be a joint venture between the 2 committees i.e. public hearings. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Reform of Customary Law of Succession and Regulation of Related Matters Bill [B10-2008] •Draft Domestic Partnerships Bill •Prevention and Combating of Trafficking in Persons Bill

INTERNATIONAL COMMITMENTS

SA is signatory to and has ratified a number of international tools promoting gender equality and the protection of women's rights

International Commitment	Key Provisions/ Targets	Status & Prioritisation
Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Ensuring and facilitating women's political, social and economic equality in society 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Combined 2nd, 3rd & 4th Country Report submitted 2006 -Next Country Report due 2013 <p style="text-align: right;">Urgent Priority</p>
SADC Protocol on Gender and Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Ensuring that provisions for gender equality are contained in all constitutions -Halving gender violence -Abolishing the legal minority status of women -Achieving 50% representation of women in decision-making positions by 2015 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Country progress report due end 2010 <p style="text-align: right;">Urgent Priority</p> <p>SA has signed in Sept. 2008 but not ratified as it was recommended to wait for 4th Parliament to ratify.</p>
Millennium Development Goals (MDGs)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Framework for monitoring human socio-economic development and progress – gender equality vital to development & progress -Goal 3: Promoting gender equality -Goal 5: Improving maternal health 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Targets to be met by 2014
Beijing Platform for Action (BPFA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Institutional Mechanisms for the Advancement of Women -Create or strengthen national machineries and other govt. bodies -Integration of gender perspectives in legislation, public policies, programmes and projects -Generation and dissemination of gender-disaggregated data and information for planning and evaluation 	

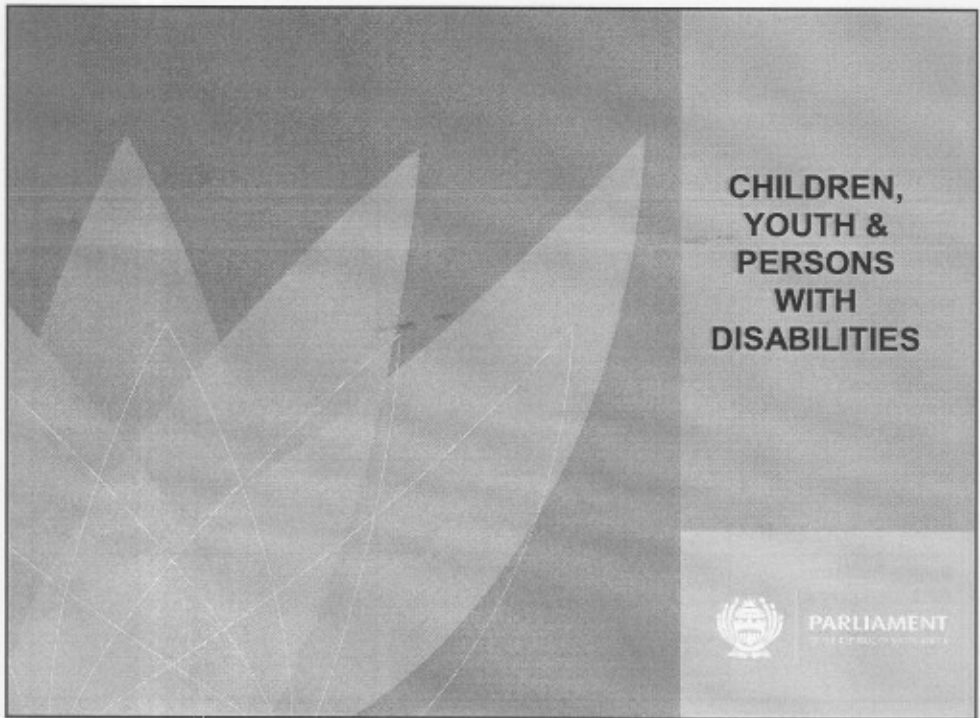
KEY ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE COMMITTEE DURING THE 4TH PARLIAMENT

INSTITUTIONAL MECHANISMS

- Creation and Functioning of Ministry on Women, Youth, Children and Persons with disabilities
- Monitoring the implementation of legislation and monitoring and evaluation of targeted policies and strategies
- National Gender Machinery
- Reporting and implementation

VITAL ISSUES AFFECTING WOMEN IN SOUTH AFRICA

- Violence against Women
- Economic Empowerment and Skills Development
- Access to Services
- Poverty eradication
- HIV and AIDS



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	To be considered	In process	Passed <small>(Implementation, Monitoring & Evaluation needed)</small>
National Programme of Action for Children	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prevention & Combating of Trafficking in Persons Bill (urgent) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Film & Publication Bill • Soc. Assistance Amend. Bill • Refugees Amendment Bill 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children's Act • Child Justice Act • Sex. Off. Rel. Matters Act • National Youth Development Agency Act
National Youth Policy			
INDS Nat. Dis. Policy Framework & Guidelines Public Service Policy			

Ministry on Women, Youth, Children and People with Disabilities

TREATIES & COMMITMENTS

	TREATIES		BINDING COMMITMENTS
CHILDREN	United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC)	(2009 - URGENT) • Second and third country report • Shadow reports • UN recommendations	Millennium Development Goals MDG 1-8 • M & E until target date – 2014
	African Charter Rights Welfare of Child (ACRWC)	?	
YOUTH	African Youth Charter	• Monitoring and reporting on progress	
PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES	United Nations Convention on Rights of Persons with Disabilities & Optional Protocol	• Monitoring and reporting on progress • Meeting with of experts in SA in 2009 • Initial country report due 2010	

REPORTING ← → FOLLOW-UP OF RECOMMENDATIONS

ISSUES (CHILDREN)

Child protection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gender based violence, abuse & neglect, child pornography, trafficking, missing children, school based violence • Access to social services and health care
Child survival and maternal mortality	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preventable causes of child deaths, HIV and AIDS, vital registration • Access to health services & social services • Malnutrition – food security
Social security	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Uptake of CSG, FCG, CDG
Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early childhood development (ECD) • Access, quality, attrition (drop out rates)
Children in conflict with the law	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implementation of Child Justice Act
Provision of basic services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Housing, water and sanitation, electricity, roads, transport
MDG monitoring	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Poverty, education, gender equality, child survival, maternal health

DISAGGREGATED DATA, BUDGET, M & E

ISSUES (YOUTH)

Economic empowerment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Addressing youth unemployment, learnerships, entrepreneurial opportunities
Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access, bursaries, SETAs
Gender based violence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rape, femocide, trafficking
Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HIV and AIDS, access to services, health status, drug abuse, mental health
Poverty alleviation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social security, food security
Youth in conflict with the law	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youth awaiting trial, rehabilitation and community reintegration

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ISSUES (PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES)

Health care	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access to rehabilitation, assistive devices
Transport & accessibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Taxi recapitalisation, BRT system
Social security	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monitoring and evaluation of grants (DG, CDG) • Worker's compensation
Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access, transition between secondary and tertiary, drop out rates, LSEN, Inclusive education, ECD, SETA
Employment Equity Target	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Holding Government Department's to account for not attaining to the 2% target - employment of persons with disabilities, Commission for EE
Economic Empowerment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High rates of unemployment (AsgiSA, JIPSA) • Access to SMMEs and finance
Basic services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access to housing, water and sanitation, electricity, roads
Accessible media	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pan-South African Language Board, SABC

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FUNCTIONING OF COMMITTEE

Issues for consideration by the Committee:

- Strategic planning
- Workshops – Rights, Mainstreaming, Budget
- Sub-group structure – Joint Rules (122)
- Timing
- Conferral
- Members statements
- Engagement with media and civil society
- Sectoral Parliament – Children, Youth, Disability, Women (Review, Follow-up of Resolutions)

INSTITUTIONAL MECHANISMS

New Ministry	Children's Machinery	Youth Machinery	National Disability Machinery
Review of machinery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monitoring and evaluation • ORC, child rights focal points, review of NPA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monitoring and evaluation • National Youth Development Agency • National Youth Commission, Provincial Youth Commissions, Umsobomvu Youth Fund 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monitoring and evaluation • South African Disability Alliance • Africa Decade Secretariat
Mainstreaming	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developing a model for mainstreaming children's rights into the core business of Parliament • Child participation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developing a model for mainstreaming youth issues within core business of Parliament • Active participation of youth 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review the propose model for mainstreaming disability within core business of Parliament • Active participation of persons with disabilities
Sectoral Parliament	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children's Day in Parliament – review & follow-up of resolutions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of sectoral Parliament • Follow-up of resolutions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consideration of Disability Parliament

PROPOSED THEMES

2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Violence & socially vulnerable groups	Survival & Development	Poverty & Economic Empowerment	Education & Skills Development	Ministry, Machineries, Government Programme of Action
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Abuse & neglect • School based violence • Child abuse images (pornography) • Trafficking • Shelters, child & youth care centres • Access to appropriate social & health services • Children & youth in conflict with the law • Legislation – enforcement & oversight 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child survival • Maternal health • HIV and AIDS • Access to health care & social services • Food security • Basic services (water, sanitation, housing, electricity, roads, transport) • Vital registration • Child maintenance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Poverty line • Social security • Poverty eradication strategies • Unemployment strategies • SMME & access to finance • Employment Equity Targets 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access to & quality education (primary, secondary, tertiary) • Special needs schools • SETA • Funding (bursaries) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of new Ministry, • Nat. Disability Machinery, disability desks • Children's machinery, child rights focal points • Nat. Gender Machinery, gender focal points • Review - Nat. Dis. Policy Framework, NYDA, Nat. Gender Policy Framework

Thank You



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