



**HIS EXCELLENCY THE RT. HONOURABLE PRIME MINISTER CLEOPAS S. DLAMINI'S KEY NOTE
ADDRESS AT THE LAUNCH OF A PARLIAMENT WEBSITE AND STRATEGIC PLAN 2022-2026,
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Parliamentary Service Board
Clerk to Parliament and the Parliamentary Service
Captains of Industries
Senior Government Officials,
Members of the Fourth Estate
Ladies and Gentlemen

Good Morning,

1. Appreciation

I am most pleased to extend my appreciation to all of you for joining us for this morning, as we mark a very significant milestone during the Eleventh Parliament of the Kingdom of Eswatini.

2. His Majesty's vision

Today, we meet to fulfil His Majesty's wish when he officially opened the 4th Session of the Eleventh Parliament, where he encouraged Parliament to continue placing the country in the forefront when executing their Constitutional Mandate. This was taken into serious consideration during the process of formulating the two Parliament tools we are launching this morning. The Parliament Website and Strategic Plan, signify the commitment and passion that Parliament and all Strategic Partners have, to do Parliamentary work with integrity, transparency and accountability, which is what our system of government promotes.

3. Website

Hon. Parliamentarians, ladies and gentlemen, as we embark on the journey of digitizing the way we do business in Parliament, our work will now be known, not only in the Chambers but globally. This is in the spirit of good governance in demonstration. The Government of the Kingdom of Eswatini, through the Ministry of ICT and the Royal Science Technology Park, has invested in ICTs, to ensure this possibility and that every Liswati has access to information through the use of ICTs.

4. Strategic Plan

Similarly, the Strategic Plan is a major success for Parliament in that, it is not only aligned to the National Strategy, but it also provides crucial content that will be instrumental in achieving its objectives. It is a Roadmap that will bring about change, both internal and external. Internal, because we believe that implementation of this Plan will start with addressing administrative Parliament systems as well procedural systems, which need constant revisiting. The Plan also focuses on tackling external factors that inform how Parliament works, such as the ever-evolving economic, political and social environment. We commend the Parliamentary Service Board for being in the fore-front and for their active involvement in developing the Strategic Plan. I am confident that the extensive consultation during the formulation of the Strategic Plan, will yield a positive long lasting Parliament transformation, within the remaining time of Office of the Eleventh Parliament.

5. Vision, Mission and Values

During the formulation exercise, Parliamentarians, the Parliamentary Service and Stakeholders were brought together, to show that, as a nation, we are all working towards ensuring that the resources we have are spent and distributed wisely through proper execution of the Parliament constitutional mandate of Representation, Legislation and Oversight. The Vision, Mission and Values articulated in the Plan are a promise to deliver on the mandate and we will, individual, check ourselves against them, as we conduct business.

6. Implementation (Parliamentary Service Board)

The forward momentum exhibited by the Parliamentary Service Board and the Parliamentary Service during formulation of the Plan, which was done at the hype of the COVID-19 Pandemic, must also be equally demonstrated in its implementation. Its success is dependent on unity, good relations and working toward a common course.

7. Strategic Partners

Hon. Parliamentarians and distinguished guests, we would not have succeeded in coming-up with this clear roadmap without the support we received through our partnership with UNDP. We want to extend our sincere appreciation to them for always availing themselves to support government initiatives, which they have done over many years. To all our strategic partners, we thank you for your contribution and technical support towards this achievement. We will continue to count on your co-operation during implementation.

8. Conclusion

As I conclude, I wish to recognize the University of Eswatini for providing Consultancy for development of the Strategic Plan. I also want to congratulate the Parliamentary Service Board, the Clerk to Parliament and the Staff of the Parliamentary Service for this achievement. May I now invite the Co-Chairpersons of the Parliamentary Service Board, Senate President and Hon. Speaker of the House of Assembly and Board Members to receive the Parliament of the Kingdom of Eswatini Strategic Plan 2002-2026 document, as I declare the Parliament Website and the Strategic Plan officially launched!!!

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