

PRESS RELEASE

Lesotho will participate in the Meeting of the SADC Ministerial Committee of the Organ on Politics, Defence and Security Cooperation which will be held in Swakopmund, Namibia from 24–25 July 2014.

Some of the issues that will be brought to light during the deliberations are as follows:

- Political and Security situation in the region;
- Consolidation of Democracy in the region;
- Progress towards the hosting of Exercise AMANI Africa II; and
- Progress Report on the Implementation of UNIVISA.

The Ministerial Committee of the Organ (MCO) will be attended by ministers and senior government officials of foreign affairs, defence and security from all 15 SADC member states from 21 to 22 July 2014. The MCO will be preceded by the SADC-United Nations Department of Political Affairs (UNDPA) Interactive Dialogue from July 18 to 19 July 2014.

Meanwhile, Lesotho is expected to assume Chairmanship of the SADC Organ on Defence and Security Cooperation at the forthcoming summit to be held in Zimbabwe in August 2014.

The Lesotho delegation to the meeting will be led by the Hon Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Relations, Mr Mohlabi Tsekoa accompanied by PS Foreign Affairs Mr Tebello Metsing, PS Defence Mr Thato Mohasoa, Commander LDF Lt. General T. Kamoli, Brigadier LDF, Brig. R. Mokaloba, Director of Political Affairs Ms T. Lehloenya, and other senior government officials in the Ministry of Defence.

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