



Parliament of Sint Maarten

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MEETINGS OF THE WEEK

MEETING WEEK

MARCH 18 - 22, 2024

Monday, March 18, 2024 – Cont. OV 13 – 9.30 hrs.

The agenda points is:

3. Advice regarding the installation and composition of Committees of the Latin American Parliament (Parlatino)

Monday, March 18, 2024 – CC 14 – 10.00 hrs.

The agenda point is:

Approval of travel schedule for the 1st Semester of the year 2024 in connection with Committee, General Assembly (Assamblea), Board of Directors (Junta Directiva) and Eurolat meetings of Parlatino (IS/376/2023-2024 dated February 6, 2024)

Monday, March 18, 2024 – Cont. OV 03 (urgent) – 11.00 hrs.

The agenda point is:

Deliberations on NV GEBE (IS/060/2023-2024 dated September 29, 2023)

This meeting was requested by MP S.A. Wescot-Williams, MP G.S. Heyliger-Marten,

and MP C.T. Emmanuel.

The Minister of General Affairs and representatives of NV GEBE will be present.

Monday, March 18, 2024 – Cont. CC 02 – 15.00 hrs.

The agenda point is:

Detailed outline of the ongoing ENNIA situation, the proposed ENNIA loan mentioned in the media by State Secretary Van Huffelen, the impact to the national budget, and Government's intentions towards the situation in light of the September 30, 2023, deadline (IS/025/2023-2024 dated September 20, 2023)

This meeting was requested by MP M.D. Gumbs, MP. R.A. Peterson and MP L.N.L. de Weever.

The Minister of Finance will be present.

Tuesday, March 19, 2024 – CC 15 – 10.00 hrs.

The agenda point is:

Ontwerplandsverordening tot vaststelling van de Begroting van het land Sint Maarten voor het dienstjaar 2024 (Landsverordening begroting 2024) (Zittingsjaar 2023-2024-175) (IS/487/2023-2024 dated March 7, 2024)

The Council of Ministers will be present.

Wednesday, March 20, 2024 – Cont. CC 15 – 10.00 hrs.

The agenda point is:

Ontwerplandsverordening tot vaststelling van de Begroting van het land Sint Maarten voor het dienstjaar 2024 (Landsverordening begroting 2024) (Zittingsjaar 2023-2024-175) (IS/487/2023-2024 dated March 7, 2024)

The Council of Ministers will be present.

Thursday, March 21, 2024 – Cont. CC 15 – 10.00 hrs.

The agenda point is:

Ontwerplandsverordening tot vaststelling van de Begroting van het land Sint Maarten voor het dienstjaar 2024 (Landsverordening begroting 2024) (Zittingsjaar 2023-2024-175) (IS/487/2023-2024 dated March 7, 2024)

The Council of Ministers will be present.

Friday, March 22, 2024 – Cont. CC 15 – 10.00 hrs.

The agenda point is:

Ontwerplandsverordening tot vaststelling van de Begroting van het land Sint Maarten voor het dienstjaar 2024 (Landsverordening begroting 2024) (Zittingsjaar 2023-2024-175) (IS/487/2023-2024 dated March 7, 2024)

The Council of Ministers will be present.

MEETING WEEK RECAP

MARCH 4 - 8, 2024

Monday, March 4, 2024 – CC 13

Central Committee meeting of Parliament handling the advice regarding the installation and composition of the Permanent and Ad Hoc Committees of Parliament and the Committees of the Latin American Parliament (Parlatino)

Status: Meeting closed.

Wednesday, March 6, 2024 – OV 13

Public meeting of Parliament regarding incoming documents and handling the advice regarding the installation and composition of the Permanent and Ad Hoc Committees of Parliament and the Committees of the Latin American Parliament (Parlatino)

Status: Meeting adjourned at agenda point 3.

Thursday, March 7, 2024 – Cont. OV 03 (urgent)

Continuation of an urgent Public meeting of Parliament with the Minister of General Affairs and representatives of NV GEBE, for deliberations on NV GEBE.

Status: Meeting adjourned.

Friday, March 8, 2024 – Committee meetings

Meetings of the seventeen committees of Parliament for the appointment of a chairman and vice-chairman of the committees.

Status: Meetings closed.

RIGHT TO AMEND AND APPROVE THE BUDGET (BUDGET RIGHT)



ARTICLE 100 CONSTITUTION

1. The budget for the Country's revenues and expenditures shall be enacted by national ordinance.
2. The annual budget and the long-term budget shall be balanced. If necessary, in connection with the recovery of damages caused by exceptional events, including natural disasters, exceptions from the first sentence
3. The government shall submit one or more drafts of the budget to Parliament each year, no later than September 1st.
4. Account for the revenues and expenditures of the Country shall be rendered to Parliament in accordance with the national

ordinance. The accounts examined by the General Audit Chamber shall be submitted to Parliament each year.

5. By national ordinance rules shall be laid down concerning the management of the Country's finances.

In accordance with article 100 of our Constitution, Government has to prepare a budget each year in order to be able to make expenses (and enter into new loans). This budget needs to reflect both the income as the expenditures that Government intends to make and needs to be balanced. It has become customary that one budget is drafted for the entire collective sector which includes the budget for Government, Parliament, and the High Councils of State (such as the Council of Advice, Ombudsman and General Audit Chamber). This budget, which is

a national ordinance, goes through the regular legislative process and ends up by Parliament for debate and approval. This process is repetitive, includes several key moments and is therefore called the budget cycle.

The national ordinance containing the budget for the next year must be presented no later than September 1st of the previous year.

A financial account of the revenues and expenditures is examined by the General Audit Chamber and submitted thereafter to Parliament for approval in order for Parliament to scrutinize if the monies were spent by the collective sector, as approved in the budget.

The budget right is one of the oldest rights of parliaments around the world where legislation and supervision come together.



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