



Parliament of Sint Maarten

Staten van Sint Maarten

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Meeting Week Public Holiday IPO

MEETINGS OF THE WEEK

DECEMBER 16 - 20, 2024

Wednesday, December 18, 2024 – CC 11 – 10.00 hrs.
The agenda points are:

1. Advice regarding the installation and composition of the Permanent and Ad hoc Committees of Parliament
2. Advice regarding the installation and composition of the Committees of the Latin American Parliament (Parlatino)
3. Ontwerplandsverordening tot vaststelling van de Begroting van het Land Sint Maarten voor het dienstjaar 2025 (Landsverordening begroting 2025) (Zittingsjaar 2024-2025-182) (IS/371/2024-2025 d.d. 11 december 2025)

(Draft National Ordinance stipulating the Budget for Country Sint Maarten for the service year 2025 (National Ordinance Budget 2025) (Parliamentary Year 2024-2025-182) (IS/371/2024-2025 dated December 11, 2024)

The Council of Ministers will be present for agenda point 3.

Thursday, December 19, 2024 – Cont. CC 11 – 10.00 hrs.
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MEETING WEEK RECAP

NOVEMBER 18 - 22, 2024

Tuesday, November 19, 2024 – CJ 03

Meeting of the Justice Committee of Parliament regarding a proposal from MP S.D.M. Roseburg for a roundtable addressing the rise in crime, suicides and increasing violence within our schools.

Status: Meeting closed.

Wednesday, November 20, 2024 – CAZ 02

Meeting of the Committee of General Affairs regarding the report auditing public sector travel and Parlatino Membership and discussion with the Minister of General Affairs on the changes in granting the Dutch nationality on Sint Maarten.

Status: Meeting adjourned.

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 are possible, in accordance with rules issued by or pursuant to a Kingdom Law or national ordinance.

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.

The Parliament of Sint Maarten will begin with the handling of the draft National Ordinance Budget 2025 on December 18, 2024, at 10.00 hrs. in a Central Committee meeting of Parliament. The Public meeting regarding the 2025 Country Budget is scheduled to begin on January 13, 2025, at 10.00 hrs.



Parliament of Sint Maarten will like to invite
the general public to our

Festive Christmas Lunch

Tuesday, December 17, 2024
11:30 AM until 1:00 PM

Infront of the Parliament Building
Wilhelminastraat 1, Philipsburg



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