

## 23RD MULTIPLE DISTRICT 411 CONVENTION, DAR ES SALAAM, TANZANIA MESSAGE FROM THE MD411 COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON

It gives me great joy to warmly welcome all delegates to the 23rd Multiple District 411 Convention, taking place in the beautiful City of Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, from Wednesday 29th April to Saturday 2nd May 2026. This annual Lions extravaganza brings together members from the three districts that make up our Multiple District - D411A (Kenya, Ethiopia, Seychelles), D411B (Uganda), and D411C (Tanzania) - in a unique celebration of fellowship and service.

Dar es Salaam, fondly known as the “abode of peace,” is Tanzania's economic hub and a vibrant city where East African coastal culture blends seamlessly with modern enterprise and rich historical heritage. It provides an ideal backdrop for our Convention. It has been ten years since we last gathered here for the 13th MD411 Convention in April 2016, and Lions have eagerly anticipated this return.

This Convention offers a valuable opportunity for Lions across our five countries:

- To meet, reconnect, build friendships, and share experiences as we celebrate the joy and spirit of togetherness.
- To learn from the diverse seminars, workshops, and keynote addresses scheduled throughout the plenary sessions.
- To reflect on our past—embracing lessons from both successes and shortcomings—as we chart a stronger and more impactful future.
- To exercise our democratic responsibilities by electing leaders who will guide our districts in serving the less fortunate during the 2026–2027 Lionistic year.
- To celebrate the endorsement of PCC Rajinder “Pape” Sembi by the Africa Lions Forum in Kigali, Rwanda, for the position of International Director representing CA8 Africa for 2026–2028.

I extend my heartfelt appreciation to the Organizing Committee, led by Convention Chairperson PCC Rizwan Qadri, and to the dedicated Lions of District 411C Tanzania. Their tireless commitment, time, and energy have been instrumental in preparing what promises to be one of the finest Multiple District Conventions ever.

As we immerse ourselves in the activities ahead, I urge all Lions to stay true to our calling of service and, in particular, to reaffirm our commitment to the Lions International Mission 1.5. Growing our global membership to 1.5 million by July 2027 is essential if we are to meet the rising needs of our communities and extend our service to more people than ever before.

Thank you all for your attendance, participation, and continued dedication. I wish each of you a fulfilling Convention experience and look forward to another wonderful year of impactful service and unity.

**Yours in Service**

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