

## Press Release

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### Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA) Mid-Year Executive Committee Meetings take place in London, United Kingdom

The **Executive Committee of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA) Mid-Year Meetings** have been held from 27 to 29 April 2016 in London, United Kingdom. The **CPA Chairperson, Hon. Dr Shirin Sharmin Chaudhury MP, Speaker of the Parliament of Bangladesh** chaired the CPA Executive Committee meetings in London with the Executive Committee Members representing the nine regions of the CPA – **Africa; Asia; Australia; British Islands & Mediterranean; Canada; Caribbean, Americas & Atlantic; India; Pacific; and South East Asia.**



Executive Committee Members attended various meetings including the Coordinating Committee, Finance Subcommittee and Planning and Review Subcommittee to review the CPA's Annual Reports, Audited Accounts and Budget Planning and the work of the CPA.

The **CPA Vice-Chairperson, Hon. Shirley M. Osborne MLA, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of Montserrat** and Regional Representative for the Caribbean,

Americas and Atlantic Region; the **CPA Treasurer, Hon. Request Muntanga MP from Zambia**; and the **Commonwealth Women Parliamentarians (CWP) Chairperson, Rt Hon. Rebecca Kadaga MP, Speaker of the Parliament of Uganda** also attended the meetings.

The **Secretary-General of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA), Mr Akbar Khan** welcomed the Members of the Executive Committee to the Mid-Year Meeting.



The **Commonwealth Parliamentary Association** connects, develops, promotes and supports Parliamentarians and their staff to identify benchmarks of good governance and the implementation of the enduring values of the Commonwealth.

The **Members of the CPA Executive Committee** in attendance are:

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Hon. Dr Shirin Sharmin Chaudhury MP – CPA Chairperson (Bangladesh); Hon. Shirley M. Osborne MLA, Vice Chairperson (Montserrat); Hon. Request Muntanga MP – CPA Treasurer (Zambia); Rt Hon. Rebecca Kadaga MP – Commonwealth Women Parliamentarians (CWP) Chairperson (Uganda).

**Africa Region:** Hon. Thandi Modise MP (South Africa); Hon. Machana Ronald Shamukuni MP (Botswana); Hon. Mutimura Zeno MP (Rwanda); Hon. Themba Msibi MP (Swaziland); Hon. Emilia Monjowa Lifaka MP (Cameroon); Rt Hon. Umar Buba Jibril MP (Nigeria).

**Asia Region:** Hon. Mian Tariq Mehmood MPA (Punjab, Pakistan); Hon. Imran Ahmad MP (Bangladesh); Hon. Thilanga Sumathipala MP (Sri Lanka).

**Australia Region:** Hon. Kezia Purick MLA (Northern Territory, Australia); Hon. Russell Paul Wortley MLC (South Australia); Mrs. Vicki Dunne MLA (Australian Capital Territory).

**British Islands & Mediterranean Region:** Hon. Derek Thomas MLC (St Helena); Rt. Hon Sir Alan Haselhurst MP (United Kingdom); Hon. Carmelo Abela MP (Malta).

**Canada Region:** Hon. Alexandra Mendes MP (Canada Federal); Hon. George Qulaut MLA (Nunavut, Canada).

**Caribbean, Americas & Atlantic Region:** Hon. Farrel Smithen (Nevis); Hon. Michael Peyrefitte MP (Belize).

**India Region:** Dr Charnjit Singh Atwal MLA (Punjab, India); Shri P. P. Chaudhary MP (Lok Sabha, India); Dr Sitasaran Sharma MLA (Madhya Pradesh, India).

**Pacific Region:** Mr Paul Foster-Bell MP (New Zealand); Hon. Tutai Tura MP (Cook Islands); Mr Nafotoa Talaimanu Ketu MP (Samoa).

**South East Asia Region:** Hon. Datuk S. K. Devamany MP (Perak, Malaysia); Mr Lim Biow Chuan MP (Singapore); Hon. Dato' Noraini Ahmad MP (Malaysia).

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## Notes to Editors

The **Commonwealth Parliamentary Association** (CPA), now in its 105<sup>th</sup> year with HM The Queen, Head of the Commonwealth as its Patron, exists to develop, promote and support Parliamentarians and their staff to identify benchmarks of good governance and to implement the enduring values of the Commonwealth.

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