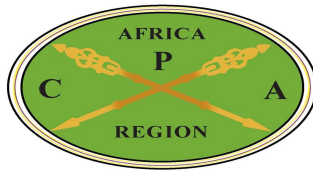


CPA AFRICA REGION



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1.0 ATTENDANCE

The Annual General Meeting was attended by delegates from the following National and Sub-National branches:

1.1 National Branches

1. Botswana;
2. Kenya;
3. Mauritius;
4. Ghana;
5. Lesotho;
6. Malawi;
7. Mozambique;
8. Namibia;
9. Nigeria;
10. Rwanda;
11. South Africa;
12. Eswatini;
13. Tanzania;
14. Uganda; and
15. Zambia;
16. Cameroon;
17. Seychelles; and
18. Sierra Leone.

1.2 Sub-National Branches

1.2.1 Nigeria

1. Adamawa;
2. Akwa Ibom;
3. Nasarawa; and
4. Lagos;

1.2.2 South Africa

1. Eastern Cape;
2. Free State;
3. Gauteng;
4. KwaZulu Natal;
5. Limpopo;
6. Mpumalanga;
7. North West;
8. Northern Cape; and
9. Western Cape.

1.2.3 Tanzania

Zanzibar

The attendance list is attached hereto as Annexure I.

2.0 APOLOGIES:

2.1 32 Sub- National Branches from Nigeria

1. Abia;
2. Anambra;
3. Bauchi;
4. Bayelsa;
5. Benue;
6. Borno;
7. Cross River;
8. Delta;
9. Ebonyi;
10. Edo;
11. Ekiti;
12. Enugu;
13. Gombe;
14. Imo;
15. Jigawa;
16. Kano;
17. Kaduna;
18. Katsina;
19. Kebbi;

- 20. Koggi;
- 21. Kwara;
- 22. Niger;
- 23. Ogun;
- 24. Ondo;
- 25. Osun;
- 26. Oyo;
- 27. Plateau;
- 28. Rivers;
- 29. Sokoto;
- 30. Taraba;
- 31. Yobe; and
- 32. Zamfara

3.0 OPENING REMARKS BY THE CPA (AFRICA REGION) PRESIDENT

Rt. Hon. Gladys Kokorwe, MP. President of the CPA Africa Region and Speaker of National Assembly of Botswana, welcomed the delegates to the 49th Regional Conference in Gaborone, Botswana. The President thanked participants for their response to the invitations she sent and finally attending the meeting.

The President informed members that, the people of Botswana warmly welcomed all the delegates and wished them all a good stay.

4.0 CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The meeting considered the agenda and adopted it on a motion proposed by **South Africa** and seconded by **Malawi**. The agenda as adopted included the following items:

A: 19TH AUGUST, 2018

1. Opening and welcoming Remarks by the President of the Association and Host Speaker;
2. Consideration and Adoption of the Agenda;

3. Consideration and Adoption of the Minutes of the 48th Annual General Meeting;
4. Matters Arising from the Minutes of the 48th Annual General Meeting;
5. Consideration and adoption of Reports:
 - 5.1 Report of the 75th Executive Committee by ExCO Chairperson;
 - 5.2 Report of the CWP Business Meeting by the CWP Chairperson;
 - 5.3 Report of the Regional Representatives by the Senior Regional Representative; and
 - 5.4 SoCATT report by the Chairperson; and
 - 5.5 Programme, Planning & Finance Sub-Committee by the Treasurer;
6. Consideration and Adoption of Proposed Budget for the Year Ending 31st December, 2019;
7. Report of the Chairperson of the Executive Committee: 2015 - 2018;
8. Consideration and Adoption of proposed Amendments to the CPA Constitution;
9. Proposed Roster for the Top Leadership position;

B: 21ST AUGUST, 2018

10. Conference Resolutions:
 - a. Consideration and adoption of Resolutions of the 49th Plenary Session by the Chairperson, Resolutions Committee.
 - b. Consideration and adoption of the Resolutions of the 4th CPA Africa Region Youth Parliament.
11. Offer and Acceptance for hosting of future Regional Conferences and other events:-
 - 9.1 50th Regional Conference and subsequent ones;
 - 9.2 76th Meeting of the Executive Committee; and
 - 9.3 6th Youth Parliament and subsequent ones.
12. Election of Office Bearers:
 - 10.1 President;
 - 10.2 Vice-president;
 - 10.3 Chairperson of the Executive Committee; and

10.4 Vice Treasurer.

13. Proposed Roster for hosting Regional Conferences;
14. Presentation of a plaques; and
15. Closing Remarks

5.0 CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE 48TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD IN OWERRI, IMO STATE ,NIGERIA FROM 23RD TO 25TH OCTOBER,2017

The Minutes of the 48th CPA Africa Region Annual General meeting (AGM) held on the 23rd to 25th October, 2017, IMO Investment and Trade Conference Centre, OWERI, IMO State, Nigeria, were considered by the Meeting.

The Chairperson Hon. Lindiwe Maseko,MP took members through the Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting held in Owerri, Imo State, Nigeria . It was noted that there were errors on the list of delegates who attended the Annual General Meeting held in Oweri,Imo State Nigeria.The Secretariat was directed to update the list and rectify the errors noted.

On a proposal by Nasarawa seconded by Namibia the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held in Owerri, Imo State,Nigeria in October,2019 were adopted as amended.

6.0 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

The Assistant Regional Secretary Mr. Demetrius Mgalami took members through Matters Arising from the Minutes of the 48th Annual General Meeting held in Oweri, Imo State Nigeria in October,2019.

Matters Arising from the above Minutes included the following :

6.1 Hosting of the 4th Youth Parliament-

The Meeting was informed that the 4th Youth Parliament was scheduled to take place in October 2017 in Kigali, Rwanda due to poor confirmations the event was therefore postponed. Since Rwanda confirmed being unable to host it neither in 2017 nor 2018; therefore CPA-Uganda Branch, which offered to host the 5th Youth Parliament offered to host the 4th Youth Parliament in 2018 and the 5th Youth parliament will be hosted by Rwanda Branch in 2019.

The Meeting was informed that the 1st Meeting of Youth Parliament was successfully hosted by CPA Uganda Branch in April,2019. The Meeting commended CPA Uganda Branch for hosting the 4th Youth Parliament and called upon other CPA Branches to follow suit.

6.2 Hosting of the 74th Executive Committee Meeting of the CPA Africa Region.

The Meeting was informed that during the 47th Regional Conference held in Imo State, Nigeria; Bayelsa State House of Assembly offered to host the 74th Executive Committee Meeting of the Region in March, 2018. The Secretariat was therefore directed to write a letter to the Speaker of Bayelsa requesting him on the confirmation of the offer. It was further directed that, the inspection visit by the Secretariat be made before the meeting in March, 2018.

It was reported that the inspection Visit to Bayelsa State was held in January,2019 and the 74th Executive Committee Meeting was successfully held in Bayelsa State,Nigeria from 4th-11 March,2019.

Members commended CPA Bayelsa Branch for hosting the 74th Executive Meeting in Yenagoa,Bayelsa State in March,2019.

6.3 Hosting of CPA Africa Region Conferences

The Meeting was informed that during the 47th Regional Conference the Speaker of Botswana Parliament offered to host the 48th Regional Conference in August, 2018; and therefore the Rt. Hon. Speaker was elected President of the Association.

Furthermore, members were informed that no branch offered to host the 50th Regional Conference, it was therefore resolved that, hosting of the Regional Conference should be in rotational (In alphabetical order). It was also resolved that Branches which hosted the Annual Regional Conference recently should be removed from the top list.

Accordingly, the Secretariat was therefore tasked to prepare the roster and circulate to all 18 Branches and 44 Sub National Branches.

It was further reported that the Roster was prepared and tabled for consideration during the 74th Executive Committee Meeting held in Bayelsa,Nigeria in March, 2019.

6.4 Amendment of Regional Constitution

The Meeting was informed that CPA Nigeria Branch submitted a Motion to amend Article 46 of the Regional Constitution to provide for modalities that would ensure gender and regional representation in the leadership of the Association and guidelines for conducting contested elections.

In light of this, the Meeting was informed that an Adhoc Constitutional Committee was formed by the Annual General Meeting to consider proposed amendments to the CPA Africa Region Constitution and consolidate the same for tabling before the next Annual General Meeting in Botswana, August, 2018.

In this regard the Secretariat was tasked to prepare proposed amendments of the Constitution which would be tabled for consideration by the Committee.

Furthermore, the Secretariat was tasked to convene a Meeting of the Sub Committee of the Constitutional Amendments before the next Executive Committee Meeting.

Members were informed that the First Meeting of the Constitutional Amendments Committee was held in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania on 4th May, 2018.

6.5 Change of the CPA Status

The Meeting was informed that the Working Group on Change of Status was going to table its report in the 63rd Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference to be held in Dhaka, Bangladesh in November, 2019.

In light of this, the Chairperson of the Executive Committee (Africa Region) was advised to write to the Secretariat of CPA (International) to list the issue of Change of Status of CPA from being a Charitable entity to a fully fledged International organization on the agenda of the 63rd CPC in Dhaka, Bangladesh.

6.6 Measures to Increase the Number of Women in Legislatures

Members were informed that some Commonwealth States were going to conduct their Presidential and Parliamentary elections in 2018 including Nigeria and Sierra Leone.

In light of these, the Meeting resolved to send delegates to Sierra Leone to engage the government and Parliament of Sierra Leone on the need to empower women candidates in those elections.

The Meeting was however informed that due to logistical challenges the delegation was not sent to Sierra Leone.

7.0 CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF REPORTS:

7.1 Report of the 75th Executive Committee by ExCo Chairperson:

The report of the 75th Executive Committee by ExCo Chairperson, Hon Lindiwe Maseko, MP (South Africa) was presented and successfully adopted. The report included the following issues; Report of the Budget Committee on the Financial Performance of the Association, an update on International Issues, Goodwill Missions to Zimbabwe and The Gambia, Reports from Sub-Committees (Commonwealth Women Parliamentarians Steering Committee, Regional Representatives Sub-Committee, Society of Clerks at the Table, Constitutional Amendments Adhoc Sub-Committee and Report of the Regional Secretary.

On a proposal by Zambia seconded by Namibia the Report of the Executive Committee Chairperson was adopted.

7.2 Report of the CWP Business Meeting by the CWP Chairperson:

The Chairperson of CWP Hon. Angela Didiza submitted a report of the CWP Business Meeting that was held on 18th August, 2019 in Gaborone, Botswana.

The Report included a number of items including consideration and adoption of Minutes and Matters arising from the previous Business Meeting held in Owerri, Imo State, Nigeria; consideration and adoption of Annual Report of the CWP Steering Committee, proposed Budget and Action plan for CWP for 2019, proposed

restructuring and co-ordination of CWP activities within Sub-regions. The Report also included reports from CWP sub-regions. On a proposal by Tanzania seconded by Ghana the Report of the CWP Chairperson and recommendations thereof were adopted by members.

7.3 Report of the Regional Representatives by the Senior Regional Representative:

The Senior Regional Representative Hon. Benard Sibalatani submitted a report of the Regional Representatives for consideration and adoption by members of the General Meeting. The Report covered a number of items including the following; reports from sub-regions on activities undertaken by the Regional representatives, status on payment of Subscription fees by Branches and updates on International issues which included the issue of change of status and request by the Gambia to rejoin the Association.

On a proposal by Lesotho seconded Zambia The Report of the Senior Regional Representative and recommendations thereof were considered and adopted by members.

7.4 SoCATT report by the Chairperson:

Advocate Erick Phindela, outgoing SOCATT Chairperson, submitted a report on SOCATT which covered activities undertaken by SOCATT since the last SOCATT Business Meeting held in Owerri, Imo State, Nigeria.

The Report of SOCATT covered a number of items including consideration and adoption of Minutes of previous SOCATT Annual General Meeting held on 23-24 October, 2017 in Owerri, Imo State Nigeria, Matters arising from the Minutes, consideration and adoption of report of Steering Committee, SOCATT Strategic Plan and Action Plan and Sub-regional reports. The report also included matters related to SOCATT Budget and Financial Performance and

strengthening relations with other Regional bodies and parliaments including SOCATT International, Pan African Parliament, SADC Parliamentary Forum, East African Legislative Assembly and ECOWAS Parliament.

SOCATT Chairperson also reported on the election of Office Bearers within SOCATT Africa Region for a term of three years which included Mrs. Cecilia Mbewe, Clerk of the National Assembly of Zambia who was elected SOCATT Africa Region Chairperson for a term of three years (2018 - 2021) and New members of the SOCATT Steering Committee.

The Report of the SOCATT Chairperson and its recommendations were adopted by the Annual General Meeting.

7.5 Programme, Planning and Finance Sub - Committee by the Treasurer:

The Regional Treasurer Hon. Samuel Ikon submitted a report of the Financial position of the Region as at 31st July, 2018. The report covered a number of items including the status of payment of Subscription fee for CPA Africa Region and SOCATT for 2018, Voluntary contributions and activities undertaken in the Region since the last Annual General Meeting held in Oweri, Imo State, Nigeria.

On a proposal by Namibia seconded by Tanzania the Report of the Programme Planning and Finance Committee of the Region on the Financial position of the Region as at 31st July, 2018 was adopted.

8.0 CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF THE PROPOSED BUDGET FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER, 2019

The Regional Treasurer Hon. Samuel Ikon, MP, presented the proposed budget of the Region for the year ending 31st December, 2019 to members. On a proposal by Uganda and seconded by South Africa the proposed budget for the year ending 31st December, 2019 was adopted by the Annual General Meeting.

9.0 REPORT OF THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 2015 – 2018:

The Outgoing Chairperson Hon. Lindiwe Maseko presented her performance report as Chairperson of the Executive Committee which covered all activities she undertook, achievements and challenges that she encountered during her tenure as chairperson (2015-2018). She thanked all Members of the CPA Africa Region and the Secretariat for giving her maximum co-operation during her tenure and wished the Association a successful transition to a new leadership that was due to be elected.

The report of the Outgoing Chairperson of the Executive Committee was adopted by Members of the General Assembly.

10.0 CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS OF THE CPA CONSTITUTION:

The newly appointed Chairperson of Constitutional Amendments Adhoc Committee Hon. Osei Mensah Bonsou submitted a Report of the Constitutional Amendments Committee on the Proposed Amendments. The Report of the committee covered a number of areas including the Main Motion by CPA Nigeria Branch to amend Article 46 of the CPA Africa Region, Consequential and Other Miscellaneous Provisions that were to follow.

After lengthy discussions on the proposed amendments, the General Assembly resolved to further amend the provision by introducing a new Sub-Article (d) which would now read "Rotation of branch representation within the Sub-regions".

The General Meeting therefore agreed that the Provision would now read as follows:-

In electing Officers of the Association, special consideration shall be given to:

- (a) gender representation;
- (b) Sub-regional representation.
- (c) **rotation of offices among the sub-regions and;**
- (d) Rotation of branch representation within the Sub-regions".

The General Meeting further agreed that the adopted amendments would take effect after the next Annual General Meeting and that

elections that were to be held during the 49th General Meeting should not be affected by the proposed amendments.

11.0 PROPOSED ROSTER FOR THE TOP LEADERSHIP POSITION:

The proposed Roster for top leadership positions in the Region was not tabled for consideration by members pending decision of the Assembly on the proposed constitutional amendments in the Region which might have a huge impact on the proposed roster. The Draft roster would therefore be tabled in the next (50th AGM) Annual General Meeting of the Association.

12.0 CONFERENCE RESOLUTIONS:

The Chairperson of Resolutions Committee Hon. Sara Adjoa Sarfo, MP, Ghana, presented Resolutions of the 49th Annual General Meeting of the Region.

The Resolutions were considered and adopted by the Members accordingly.

The Speaker of the 4th Youth Parliament Rt. Hon. Timothy Kadaga from Uganda and the Deputy Speaker Hon. Mary Namaya from Malawi presented the Resolutions of the 4th Youth Parliament that was held in Kampala, Uganda in April, 2019. The Resolutions of the 4th Youth Parliament were adopted by members.

13.0 OFFER AND ACCEPTANCE TO HOST FUTURE REGIONAL EVENTS

13.1 50TH REGIONAL CONFERENCE

The Meeting was informed that the Vice President of the Region Rt. Hon. Benson Konbowei had not attended any governance Meeting of the CPA Africa Region since Bayelsa offered to host the 50th Annual Regional Conference in March, 2018 during the 74th Executive Committee Meeting of the Region. In light of this, the Meeting directed the Regional Secretariat to write to CPA Bayelsa

Branch and ascertain their readiness to host the 50th Annual Regional Conference in 2019.

13.2 76TH MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Meeting was informed that there was no host for the 76th Executive Committee of the Region and Branches were called upon to offer to host the Meeting as per the norm.

13.3 4TH YOUTH PARLIAMENT

The Meeting was informed that the Second Meeting of the CPA Africa Region 4th Youth Parliament will be held in 2019 by CPA Rwanda Branch and that the Host Branch will advise on dates and other relevant information for the Parliament. Member Branches were called upon to ensure increased Youth delegate participation in the Regional Youth Parliament as it was in Uganda in April,2019.

14.0 ELECTION OF THE OFFICE BEARERS

14.1 CHAIRPERSON OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Assistant Regional Secretary Mr. Demetrius Mgalami who was the Chief Returning Officer informed members that there was only one candidate for the vacant post of Chairperson of Executive Committee of CPA Africa Region.

Rt. Hon. Justin B.N. Muturi,EGH,MP and Speaker of the National Assembly of Kenya was elected Chairperson of the Executive Committee for a term of three years (2018 - 2021)

14.2 VICE TREASURER

Members were informed that two candidates,Hon. Elijah Okupa,MP(Uganda) and Hon. Vedasingham Baloomody,MP(Mauritius) had applied to vie for the post of Vice Treasurer of CPA Africa Region for a term of three years. However,the candidate from Mauritius Hon. Vedasingam Baloomody withdrew his candidature in the eleventh hour. In light

of this, Hon. Elijah Okupa was elected Vice Treasurer of the Region for a term of three years (2018 - 2021).

15.0 PRESENTATION OF PLAQUES

Further to the Resolution of the 45th CPA Africa Region AGM and first implementation in Balaclava, Mauritius, to honour former Officers of the Association by giving plaques, the Meeting therefore witnessed the provision of the Plaque to the Immediate Past President of the Association and Speaker of Botswana Parliament Rt. Hon. Gladys T. Kokorwe.

The newly elected Excom Chairperson also presented a Plaque to Dr. Thomas D. Kashillilah in recognition of his dedicated services and contribution to the development of CPA Africa Africa Region as Regional Secretary from 2008 to 2017. The Plaque was received by Mr. Demetrius Mgalami, the Assistant Regional Secretary, on behalf of Dr. Thomas Kashillilah.

16.0 CLOSING REMARKS

The newly elected Chairperson of the Executive Committee Rt. Hon. Muturi thanked delegates for attending the Annual General Meeting and for their full participation in all the Meetings. He also thanked the Parliament of Botswana for successfully hosting the Meeting and urged them to offer hosting other governance Meetings of the Region in the near future. He finally wished all delegates journey mercies as they travel back to their respective destinations.

The Meeting was adjourned at 1630 hrs by the Chairperson.

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Demetrius Mgalami
Assistant Regional Secretary

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Rt. Hon. Justin B.N. Muturi, EGH,MP
Chairperson Executive Committee

4th September, 2019

ANNEXURE I

ATTENDANCE LIST

MEMBERS PRESENT

(I) Officers of the Association

1. Rt. Hon. Gladys Kokorwe, MP (Botswana), President;
2. Rt. Hon. Justin Muturi, MP (Kenya), Chairperson of Executive Committee;
3. Hon. Lindiwe Maseko, MP. (South Africa) ,Immediate Past ExCO Chairperson;
4. Hon. Angela T. Didiza, MP. (South Africa) CWP Chairperson;
5. Rt. Hon. Samuel Ikon, MP (Nigeria), Regional Treasurer; and
6. Hon. Benard Sibalatani, MP, Senior Regional Representative

(II) Regional Representatives

1. Rt. Hon. Sephiri Motanyane (Lesotho)-Southern Africa;
2. Hon. Dr. Makali Mulla, MP. (Kenya) – East Africa;
3. Hon. Lazarus Chungu Bwalya, MP. (Zambia) – Central Africa; and
4. Hon. Osei Mensah Bonsu, MP. (Ghana) – West Africa.

(III) CWP Sub-regional Representation

1. Hon. Daveena Boygah, MP. (Mauritius) – Eastern Africa;
2. Hon. Telmina Pereira, MP (Mozambique) and
3. Hon. Dorcus Makgoti, MP (Botswana) – Convener.

(IV) National Branches

1. Hon. W.B . Mmolotsi, MP. (Botswana)
2. Hon. H.G. Nkaigwa, MP. Botswana
3. Hon. K.M Segokgo, MP. Botswana
4. Hon. Mary Muyali Meboka, MP. Cameroon
5. Hon. Senator Tabenando Ndied Nso, MP. Cameroon
6. Rt. Hon. A.M Oquaye, MP. Ghana
7. Hon. Haruna Idrissu, MP. Ghana
8. Hon. Sara Adjoa Safo, MP. Ghana
9. Hon. Dr. MakaliMulu, MP. Kenya
10. Hon. Aramat Lemanken, MP. Kenya
11. Hon. Janet Sitienei, MP. Kenya,
12. Hon. Momonaheng Mokitimi, MP. Lesotho
13. Rt. Hon. Thato Mako Mohale, MP. Lesotho
14. Hon. Dr. Pontsho Sekatle, MP. Lesotho
15. Hon. Lineo Tlali, MP. Lesotho
16. Hon. Beatrice Malawi, MP. Malawi
17. Hon. Lobin Lowe, MP. Malawi
18. Hon. ShaibuKaliati, MP. Malawi
19. Hon. Noel Masangwi, MP. Malawi
20. Rt. Hon. Santi Bai Hanoomanjee, MP. Mauritius
21. Hon. Vedasingam Baloomoody, MP. Mauritius
22. Hon. M. A. Speville, MP. (Mauritius).
23. Hon. GaniaAly A Mussagy, MP. Mozambique
24. Hon. Telmina Pereira, MP. Mozambique
25. Hon. Ana Dimitri, MP. Mozambique
26. Rt. Hon. Margareth Mensah-Williams, MP. Namibia
27. Hon. Gothard Kasuto, MP. Namibia
28. Hon. V. Muharukua, MP. Namibia
29. Hon. N. Mungenga, MP. Namibia
30. Hon. F.N. Caley, MP. Namibia
31. Hon. Sen. Binta Masi Garba, MP. Nigeria
32. Hon. Sen. Mohamed S. Lafiagi, MP. Nigera
33. Hon. Sen. Bayero Usman Nafada, MP. Nigeria
34. Hon. Wilbert Herminie, MP. Seychelles.
35. Hon. Wavel J. Woodcock, MP. Seychelles.
36. Hon. Gervais Henrie, MP. Seychelles.

37. Rt. Hon. Sheku B. B. Dumbuya, MP. Sierra Leone
38. Hon. Lecheso Tsenoli, MP. South Africa
39. Hon. Richard Majola, MP. South Africa
40. Hon. Thapelo D. Chiloane, MP. South Africa
41. Rt. Hon. Themba Msibi, MP. Swaziland
42. Hon. Dr. Raphael Masunga Chegeni, MP. Tanzania
43. Hon. Maria Ndilla Kangoye, MP. Tanzania
44. Rt. Hon. Rebecca Kadaga, Speaker, Uganda
45. Hon. Akello Judith Franca, MP. Uganda
46. Hon. Bintu Jalia Ngonzi, MP. Uganda
47. Hon. Elijah Okupa, MP. Uganda
48. Hon. Nsaba Oshabe Patrick, MP. Uganda.
49. Hon. Margareth Nyagahura, MP. (Rwanda)
50. Hon. Catherine Namugala, MP. (Zambia)
51. Hon. Pilila M.G. Gere, MP. (Zambia)
52. Hon. Aaron Mwansa Mbulakulima, MP. (Zambia).

(V) SUB-NATIONAL BRANCHES

- Rt. Hon. Kabiru Mijinyawa, MPL. Adamawa
- Hon. Emanuel P. Tsamdu, MPL. Adamawa
- Hon. Justina Nkom, MPL. Adamawa
- Hon. Noxolo Kiviet, MPL. Eastern Cape
- Hon. Mzuyunda Sokuyika, MPL. Eastern Cape.
- Hon. Sizwe Mbalu, MPL. Free State
- Hon. Mosalla M. Makota, MPL. Free State.
- Hon. Lentheng N. Mekgwe, MPL. Gauteng
- Hon. Thokozile Magagula, MPL. Gauteng.
- Hon. Lydia Johnson, MPL. Kwazulu Natal
- Hon. Nonhlanhla Midred Khoza, MPL. Kwazulu Natal.
- Hon. Sheila P. Boshielo, MPL. Limpopo
- Hon. Matjie Lehlogonolo Alfred Masoga, MPL. Limpopo
- Hon. Duduzile P. Manana, MPL. Mpumalanga
- Hon. Moloko C. Shilakwe, MPL. Mpumalanga.
- Hon. Jane Mongonye, MPL. North West.
- Hon. G.V. Tlhapi, MPL. North West
- Hon. Mosimanegare K. Mmoiemang, MPL. Northern Cape
- Hon. Gail D. Parker, MPL. Northern Cape
- Hon. Sharna Geil Fernandes, MPL. Western Cape

Hon. Ricardo Denver Mackenzie.MPL.Western Cape
Hon. Idemogu E. Jude,MPL. Lagos
Hon. Sokunle O. Hakeem,MPL.Lagos
Rt. Hon. Onofiok A. Luke,MPL.Akwa Ibom
Hon. Felicia Basse,MPL. Akwa Ibom.
Hon. Maikefi Abashe, MPL. Nasarawa.
Hon. Mgeni H. Juma, MHR.Zanzibar.
Hon. Simai M. Saidi, MHR.Zanzibar.

(VI) REGIONAL SECRETARIAT

1. Mr. Demetrius Mgalami, Assistant Regional Secretary, Tanzania;
2. Mr. Layson Mwanjisi, Regional Accountant;
3. Mr. Dunford George Mpelumbe, Secretariat Official, Tanzania;
4. Mr. Ephraim Jane, Secretariat Official, Namibia;
5. Mr Camillo Pwamang, Secretariat Official, Ghana;
6. Mr Christopher Ashiekaa, Secretariat Official, Nigeria;
7. Ms. Amina Magina, Secretariat Official, Tanzania;
8. Ms Aziza Makwai, Secretariat Official, Tanzania;
9. Mr Jeffrey J Mumbi, Secretariat Official, Zambia;
10. Mr Bello Avidime, Secretariat Official, Nigeria;
11. Ms Beatrice Geria, Secretariat Official, Uganda;
12. Ms. Anna Musandu, Secretariat Official, Kenya;
13. Ms. Theresa Philemon, Secretariat Official, Namibia; and
14. Ms. Nwabisa Kale,Secretariat Official, South Africa

ANNEXURE II



THE 49TH COMMONWEALTH PARLIAMENTARY ASSOCIATION (CPA) AFRICA REGION CONFERENCE HELD IN GABORONE, BOTSWANA FROM 13TH TO 22ND AUGUST, 2018 RESOLUTIONS

The 49th Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA) Africa Region Conference, comprising of Parliamentarians from national and sub-national branches, committed to the ideals of the African Union and the Commonwealth, held in Gaborone International Convention Centre, Gaborone, Botswana from 13th to 22nd August, 2018, having examined the theme “The Role of African Parliaments in fostering National and Regional Security”;

noted that thesecurity and protection of lives and property constitute a fundamental objective of state policy in all African countries;

further noted that African Union's Agenda 2063 is a visionary plan which also emphasizes peace building, the development of a new security architecture and the defense of the territorial integrity of African nations;

acknowledged that African Parliaments have a role to play in containing old and emerging security threats by adopting robust legislative frameworks such as enhanced security budgets and effective oversight of security plans, programmes and policies;

emphasized that human trafficking, forced prostitution, child labour, child pornography and modern day slavery constitute gross violation of the fundamental rights of the victims;

concerned that climate and demographic changes have driven increased competition for resources between farmers and pastoralists in Africa, leading to intermittent conflicts between the two groups;

also concerned that widespread outsourcing of military and security functions to Vigilante Groups, Private Security and Military companies has occasioned grave human rights violations, unaccountable movement of large quantities of arms, military equipment and ammunitions;

noting that defective electoral systems constitute a veritable threat to regional peace and security in Africa;

also noting that lack of food security constitutes causes of armed conflicts in Africa;

Accordingly **RESOLVED** to:

(a) A Parliamentary Agenda for combating human trafficking and modern day slavery in Africa and the promotion of human rights

- (i) **encourage** African governments to sign or accede to international conventions, treaties and protocols relating to combating human trafficking;
- (ii) **advise** African Parliaments to ratify and domesticate treaties, protocols and international conventions such as the 1926 Slavery Convention, the ILO Forced Labour Convention of 1957, CEDAW 1979, the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child 1989 and the Protocol to protect, prevent, suppress and punish trafficking in persons especially women and children 2000;
- (iii) **urge** African Parliaments to enact laws and adopt legislative frameworks aimed at preventing and combating trafficking in persons, modern forms of slavery, child labour and sexual exploitation;

- (iv) **urge** African governments to establish facilities for proper counselling, treatment, care and rehabilitation of victims of these exploitative acts;
- (v) **encourage** African governments to ensure just and effective investigation, prosecution and punishment of offenders and perpetrators of these crimes;
- (vi) **further advise** African governments to target Immigration Services, Police Departments for capacity building and provide sufficient resources to enable them combat the menace;
- (vii) **call upon** African Parliaments to enact legislation that will regulate the activities of International Employment Agencies that recruit workers from Africa;
- (viii) **further call upon** African Parliaments to intervene through youth-friendly budgeting, poverty reduction programmes and legislative measures aimed at skills-training, in order to proactively deal with the challenge of unemployment and the vulnerability of our youths;
- (ix) **urge** government and non-governmental organisations to sensitize the public on the dangers of human trafficking and modern day slavery;

b) Understanding the nexus between climate change and the incidence of farmers/herders conflicts in Africa

- (x) **urge** African governments to mitigate against the causes of environmental degradation by promoting ranching of cattle and water-efficient agricultural practices;
- (xi) **encourage** African Parliaments to emulate the examples in Burkina Faso, Ivory Coast and parts of Nigeria by passing legislations outlawing open grazing, pastoral nomadism, allocating grazing corridors for herders as well as afforestation;
- (xii) **urge** African governments to support Pastoralists through weather insurance schemes, improved access to markets and support for destocking and restocking process in times of drought and extreme climate shocks;
- (xiii) **implore** African Parliaments to make budgetary allocations towards Agricultural Science and Technological innovations;

- (xiv) **further implore** African Parliaments to enact legislations prohibiting unlawful mining, charcoal burning and deforestation, silting of rivers leading to floodings and archaic farming practices;
- (xv) **request** African Parliaments to commit at least ten per cent (10 %) of their national budgets in funding the agricultural sector, in line with the AU 2003 Maputo Declaration on Agriculture and Food Security;
- (xvi) **appeal to** industrial countries that are yet to commit to the 1997 Global Climate Treaty (Kyoto Protocol) to sign and ratify the Protocol and desist from further environmental pollution through greenhouse gas emissions;

c) **Election in the Context of the Promotion of Regional Peace and Security**

- (xvi) **urge** African Parliaments to enact electoral laws that promote free, fair and transparent electoral administration, equitable political inclusivity and accessibility;
- (xvii) encourage African Parliaments to allocate sufficient funds to the Electoral Commissions and such allocations should be made on time;
- (xviii) **advise** Political Parties, Candidates and all stakeholders to comply with the legal framework, discourage the culture of intolerance and political animosity and eschew the use of intimidation, coercion and violence as tools for achieving political advantage;
- (xix) **urge** the Electoral Commissions to be independent, impartial and always strive to provide a level playing field for all contestants and to encourage dialogue when differences arise;
- (xx) **call upon** the Judiciary to be independent, impartial, fair and transparent in adjudicating and resolving electoral disputes;
- (xxi) **further call upon** African governments to ensure that media (both electronic and print) comply with laws regulating their practice and prevent the filtration of fake news capable of triggering polarization and electoral violence;
- (xxii) **encourage** International Organizations, the Media and Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) to intensify Election Observation Missions

(EOMs) with a view to detecting and reporting opportunistic and fraudulent electoral practices;

(d) A Legislative Framework for the Regulation of Vigilante Groups, Private Security and Military Companies in Africa: Country Experiences

(xxii) **enjoin** Africa Parliaments to establish legislative frameworks for registration, licensing, regulation and monitoring the activities of Vigilante Groups, Private Military and Security Companies (PSMCs);

(xxiii) **encourage** African Parliaments to exercise effective oversight on Private Security and Military Companies(PSMCs);

(xxiv) **urge** African Governments to take appropriate measures to prevent, investigate, prosecute and punish the misconduct of PSMCs and their personnel;

(xxv) **call upon** African Governments to reaffirm and strengthen state responsibility for monopoly of legitimate use of force as well as identify this as a state function that should not be outsourced;

(xxvi) **further call upon** African governments to invest in recruiting, training, equipping and resourcing their national standing armies and security agencies instead of outsourcing this important state function;

(xxvii) **urge** African governments and Parliaments that are yet to sign and ratify the 1977 OAU Convention on the Elimination of Mercenaries in Africa, to do so;

(e) Food Security and Sustainable growth: The role of Agricultural Revolution in Triggering Economic Development in Africa

(xxviii) **urge** African Governments to formulate national policies on food security which targets transition from food importation to food sufficiency and exportation;

(xxix) **encourage** African Governments to promote agriculture as the cornerstone for African development through a mix of factors, including innovations in natural resource management practices, the deployment of emerging agro-technologies, bio-safety systems, land reforms and value addition to our agricultural produce;

- (xxx) **also encourage** small scale farmers to organize themselves into Cooperative Societies to take advantage of loans, government support and cost-sharing;
- (xxxi) **call upon** African governments to subsidize farming activities through the provision of grants, extension services, market for produce, silos and storage facilities, etc;
- (xxxii) **call upon** African Entrepreneurs to continue establishing a variety of agro-processing industries to enhance agro-value chain; and
- (xxxiii) **urge** governments in Africa to embark on land reforms that will encourage modern commercial agriculture instead of peasant subsistence farming.

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