



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CWP STEERING COMMITTEE HELD ON
7th MARCH, 2019, AVANI VICTORIA FALLS HOTEL,
LIVINGSTONE, ZAMBIA**

MARCH, 2019

Preamble

The CWP Steering Committee uses modern electronic means to hold its meetings due to non - availability of its members. In the physical absence of the Steering Committee Members, the modern electronic means is a convenient platform for the members to deliberate and update one another on issues of the CWP.

In light of the above, on the 7th March, 2019, members used the modern electronic means to discuss all the agenda set before them. The meeting took place electronically as Hon. Daveena Boygah, MP was the only Steering Committee Member who attended the 76th Exco meeting in Livingstone, Zambia.

All documents were shared electronically on the 6th March, 2019 and the documents were discussed on the 7th March, 2019. Four Steering Members acknowledged to have received the Documents and approved them.

1.0 MEMBERS WHO TOOK PART

- 1.1 **Hon. Angela T. Didiza**, MP, (South Africa) – CWP Chairperson;
- 1.2 **Hon. Daveena Boygah, MP** (Mauritius) – East Africa Sub-Regional Representative.
- 1.3 **Hon. Telmina Pereira**, MP, (Mozambique) - Central Africa Sub-Regional Representative.

2.0 APOLOGIES

- 2.1 **Hon. Thulisile Dladla**, MP, (Swaziland) – Southern Africa Sub-Regional Representative;
- 2.2 **Hon. Fatima Binta Bello, MP** (Nigeria) – CWP Vice Chairperson and West Africa Sub-Regional Representative;

3.0 SECRETARIAT IN ATTENDANCE

- 3.1 **Mr. Saidi Yakubu** (Tanzania)
- 3.2 **Mr. Layson Mwanjisi** (Tanzania)
- 3.3 **Mr. Emmanuel Mpanda** (Tanzania)
- 3.4 **Ms. Nwabisa Kale** (South Africa)
- 3.5 **Ms. Theresa S. Philemon** (Namibia)
- 3.6 **Grace Bidya** (Tanzania)

4.0 MIN. 1 ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The Agenda was adopted as moved by Hon. Pereira, MP (**Mozambique**) and seconded by Hon. Daveena Boygah, MP (**Mauritius**); as follows:

AGENDA

1. Opening Remarks by the Chairperson
2. Consideration and adoption of Minutes of the Steering Committee Meeting held in Gaborone, Botswana in August, 2018
3. Matters Arising from the minutes of the Steering Committee Meeting held in Gaborone, Botswana in August, 2018
4. Consideration and Adoption of the Report of the CWP Business Meeting in Botswana
5. International Women's Day Statement
6. Proposed Gender Sensitization Workshop in Arusha
7. Preparation for International CPA Gender Topic
8. Closure

5.0 MIN. 2 OPENING AND WELCOME BY THE CHAIRPERSON

Hon. Angela Didiza, MP Chairperson of the CWP Africa Region, opened the meeting by thanking all Members for taking their time to read all the Documents which were shared to them. Hon. Didiza, MP also mentioned that, due to ongoing elections campaigns in Nigeria and South Africa, Members could not physically attend the 76th Exco Meeting.

6.0 MIN. 3 CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN GABORONE IN AUGUST 2018

The minutes were adopted as moved by Hon. Daveena Boygah, MP (**Mauritius**) and seconded by Hon. Pereira, MP (**Mozambique**).

7.0 MIN 4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN GABORONE IN AUGUST 2018 CWP MISSIONS TO MEMBER STATES WITH ELECTIONS IN 2019

It was agreed that CWP should send sensitization Missions to aspiring women candidates in Botswana and Nigeria prior to the election. However, it was noted that, due to primary elections in Botswana and Nigeria in August and December, 2018 respectively, both countries were unable to provide suitable dates for CWP to send missions.

Reporting of the activities by CWP chapters

It was noted that, CWP Chapters do not adequately report their activities especially the work done by the National Women's Caucuses. Reminder letters were sent out to CWP Chapters. However, no reports on the CWP chapters on local activities were received.

8.0 MIN 5. CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF REPORT OF THE CWP BUSINESS MEETING IN BOTSWANA

The report was adopted as moved by Hon. Daveena Boygah, MP (**Mauritius**) and seconded by Hon. Pereira, MP (**Mozambique**).

9.0 MIN. 6 INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY STATEMENT

The CWP Chairperson prepared a statement on behalf of the CWP Steering Committee under theme “**#Balance for Better**”. The theme was a call of action for driving gender balance across the world.

10.0 MIN. 7 PROPOSED GENDER SENSITIZATION WORKSHOP IN ARUSHA

Members were notified and agreed on the proposed Sensitization workshop to be held in Arusha in April, 2019. The proposed theme was “**ENHANCING WOMEN'S PARTICIPATION IN ELECTORAL PROCESSES**”.

11.0 MIN. 8 PREPARATION FOR INTERNATIONAL CPA GENDER TOPIC

Members were informed and agreed on the potential topics and theme considered for the 64th Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference (CPC) for the CWP Triennial Conference. The Themes and topics are:

Theme: -

**“CWP at 30 years: Achievements and Unfinished Business –
Looking forward to the next 30 years”**

Topics: -

Session 1: Empowering Women as Effective Legislators in the 21st Century

Session 2: Combatting Bullying and Harassment Within Parliaments

Session 3: Promoting Women to Leadership Positions and Senior

Portfolios

Session 4: The Importance of Mentoring for New Parliamentarians

16.0 CLOSURE

The Chairperson reiterated her gratitude towards members for their valuable contributions as well as the support staff from the CPA Secretariat for making sure that the meeting is conducted despite the physical absence of the Members.

Saidi Yakubu

for: **REGIONAL SECRETARY**

Angela T. Didiza

CWP CHAIRPERSON

March, 2019

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