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ADDRESS BY THE CHAIRPERSON OF CPA
INTERNATIONAL**



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- **Your Excellency Dr. Ali Mohamed Shein, President of the Revolutionary Government of Zanzibar;**
- **The President Designate of CPA International, the Right Honourable Rebecca Kadaga, Speaker of the Parliament of Uganda;**
- **The Rt. Hon. Chairperson of CPA Africa Region, the Right Honourable Justin Muturi, Speaker of the Parliament of Kenya ;**
- **Right Honourable Speakers and Heads of Delegations;**
- **Honourable Members of Government;**
- **Your Excellencies, Ambassadors and Representatives of International Organisations;**
- **Dear Colleagues;**
- **Distinguished Delegates;**
- **Ladies and Gentlemen;**

I am delighted to be present at this history-making event taking place in Zanzibar and wish to thank the Right Honourable Chair of this Conference, Right Honourable Justin Muturi, for inviting me as the Chairperson of CPA International to this occasion.

Honour to whom honour is due. Let me seize this opportunity given to speak at this Opening Ceremony to thank **His Excellency Dr. Ali Mohamed Shein, President of the Revolutionary Government of Zanzibar** for taking time off his busy schedule to be present to chair this Opening Ceremony. Your Excellency, your presence in our midst with a cream of your Cabinet Members is undoubtedly proof of the importance you attach to the CPA and its values. Your Personal Involvement in the organisation of this conference has resulted to the huge success we are witnessing today Mr. President, we say thank you.

The United Republic of Tanzania is a very important member of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association and its nationals have served the Organisation in several capacities including the important Post of Secretary-General. The CPA is glad to note that the United Republic of Tanzania is serving as the seat of the CPA Africa Region and continues to put its structures and human resources at the service of the Organisation (not to forget it's beautiful landscapes which are sight to behold. From the Stone Town and Prison Island to the Dolphins and Jozani Forest not excluding the Spice and Stone Town). Reason why there couldn't have been any better place for us to converge as Africa Region for the 50th Commonwealth Parliamentary Association Africa Regional Conference than in

Tanzania, Zanzibar. The CPA is grateful for such a commitment and service to the Organisation. **Asante sana!**

Your Excellency, I bring you greetings from the Right Honourable Speaker

Cavaye Yeguie Djibril, Speaker of the National Assembly of Cameroon and its members.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Permit me now to equally thank the Right Honourable Speaker of the Parliament of Tanzania, Rt. Hon. Job Ndugai, his Colleagues and Parliamentary Staff for the excellent organisation of this Conference. I wish to thank you all for the wonderful reception given me as the Chairperson of CPA International right from my arrival at the airport.

Dear Colleagues,

Distinguished Delegates,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have noted from the programme made available to us that this Conference will address very vital issues under the main theme **“E-PARLIAMENT: SEAMLESS PLATFORM FOR FACILITATING DEMOCRACY”**.

With the advent of technology and its presence in our daily lives, I can only agree that the E-Parliament will be an effective and YES a seamless platform for the promotion of democracy which is one of the pillars of the Commonwealth.

The CPA Executive Committee which I represent is anxiously waiting for the conclusions and recommendations that will emanate from the deliberations of this Conference. It is important to recall that this Conference is holding in prelude to the 64th Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference International that will hold in Kampala, Uganda by the end of this month and during which important issues including the election of the Chairperson of CWP International, Small Branches Chair, the Treasurer and the Vice President of the Association will be addressed. I urge the Africa Region to massively attend the upcoming International Conference and play its role in moving the CPA forward.

I therefore wish you fruitful deliberations during this Conference and look forward to seeing you in your numbers in Uganda.

- **Long live the Revolutionary Government of Zanzibar.**
- **Long live the United Republic of Tanzania!**
- **Long live the CPA Africa Region!**

- **Long live the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association!**

Thank you for your kind attention.