



Society of Clerks-at-the-Table (SoCATT) Africa Region
An organ of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association Africa Region

We, the Society of Clerks -at-the Table (SoCATT), Africa Region, gathered at the meeting of the Society held on 2nd and 3rd September 2019, in Zanzibar

1. Notes that the issue of the transformation of CPA both Africa Region and International is long overdue;
2. Concerned that the pace of transformation of the Association at international level is either slow or has stalled as a result of the Headquarters and possible technicalities in British law;
3. Further, concerned that there appears to be no proper systems and process to communicate the activities of the Association at international level;
4. Also concerned that this lack of proper systems and processes encourages the condescending, unprofessional and unstructured manner in which the CPA International communicates with branches of the CPA in particular in the Africa Region regarding the programs and activities of the CPA;

5. Noting that the position of the Secretary-General of the Association at international level requires a person who has knowledge of international law, parliamentary law, conventions, systems and processes;
6. Also noting that there is a need for all the regions of the Association to have an opportunity to occupy the position of the Secretary-General on a rotational basis; and
7. Further supports the proposals by CPA Ghana and Canada Branches to host the 2020 and 2021CPCs, respectively.

Therefore, recommends as follows

1. that the rate of transformation of the Association both at regional and international level be accelerated and be debated in Uganda in 2019;
2. that the issue of transformation be a permanent agenda item both at regional and international level;
3. that there should be a structured way in which the Headquarters at international level communicates with branches, particularly in the Africa Region;
4. that the appointment to the position of Secretary General should follow the normal recruitment processes, including advertisement;
5. that the requirements for the position include knowledge of international law, parliamentary law, conventions, systems and processes; and

6. that this be considered as part of the transformation process of the Association at international level.

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