



5th CPA ASIA REGIONAL CONFERENCE - 2019

Islamabad - Pakistan

July 29 - August 2, 2019

“Envisioning Parliamentary Paths towards a Diverse and Developed South Asia”

TENTATIVE PROGRAMME

29 th July, 2019	Arrival of All Delegates
30 th July, 2019 0900-1030hrs	Meeting Of The Branch Secretaries Venue: Gilgit Board Room(Serena Hotel)
1000-1100hrs	Meeting of The Executive Committee Venue: Quetta Board Room(Serena Hotel)
1115-1300hrs	Opening Ceremony “Envisioning Parliamentary Paths towards a Diverse and Developed South Asia” Venue: Shamadan hall I, II & III (Serena Hotel)
1315hrs	Group Photograph Venue: TBC
1330-1430hrs	Lunch Hosted By The Speaker of National Assembly Venue: Shamadan hall II (Serena Hotel)
1500-1700hrs	Plenary Session 1: Topic: “The Challenges for Poverty Eradication in South Asia” <i>Areas of Discussion shall include:</i>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Poverty in South Asia – What has gone wrong?</i> • <i>Social Safety Nets – From Grameen Model to Samurdhi Programme and BISP</i> • <i>Role of International Financial Organizations in the region</i> • <i>Impediments in Joint Action against Poverty</i> • <i>Role of Parliaments in partnering and implementing poverty reduction strategies</i> <p><i>Venue: Shamadan hall I, Lobby Area and Dawat Restaurant</i></p> <p><i>Ending poverty in all its forms is the first Sustainable Development Goal. As of now, around 600 million people across the world are living under extreme poverty. Freeing the South Asian region from poverty and boosting shared prosperity will require addressing the barriers to intra-regional trade in goods, services, labor, and capital. The key to sustained poverty reduction is economic growth. In this regard, promoting dialogue, transforming governance and establishing partnerships can be pivotal in turning around the dismal situation for the poor in South Asia.</i></p>
1930hrs	<p>Dinner & Cultural evening</p> <p>Venue: PNCA</p>
<p>31st July,2019</p> <p>0900-1300hrs</p>	<p>The CWP Seminar: <i>Challenges and Impediments Against Women in Politics</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Male dominant Party Structure • The Push towards Backbenches in the House • The “General Seat” versus “Reserved Seat” Bias • Prioritizing Women Issues as National Issues <p>Venue: Shamadan hall II (Serena Hotel)</p> <p><i>The evolution of modern democracy and political system has sadly witnessed political isolation and exclusion for women. From party nominations to key leadership roles, women around the world face gender based discrimination and are viewed through gender-biased glass. Parliament is the right place to start and lead the way to change in other workplaces. Gender based discrimination in Parliaments and political parties need to be identified, challenged and reconstructed. Parliaments, being representative of the entire populace, have to adopt a certain level of gender sensitivity as gold standard for other institutions to follow.</i></p>
0900-1300hrs	<p>Youth Round Table: <i>Making Democracy Relevant; Why is it Important to Recognize Young Voices?</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youth as the Building Blocks of Inclusive Democracy • Alarming inclination of Youth towards Vigilantism

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youth movements and platforms as a stepping stone to Parliament • How to open up politics and Parliament to young people? The win-win scenario • Young Parliamentarians’ Strategies to advance common peace and prosperity • Role of Young Parliamentarians’ Forum in opening up Parliaments for Youth. <p>Venue: Shamadan hall III (Serena Hotel)</p> <p><i>Young people can contribute more positively to social uplift because they are more innovative and creative in thinking. Youth participation in democracy guarantees active citizenship strengthens social responsibility and can enhance democratic processes and institutions. Unfortunately, the opportunities for youth engagement on socio-economic, political and democratic front world over are scarce or non-existent. Young people are often well-placed to help tackle the challenges they face but frequently have limited opportunities to meaningfully participate in democratic action. There is a dire need of investing in youth, particularly by increasing their active civic engagement in socio-economic and political affairs.</i></p>
1300hrs	<p>Lunch</p> <p>Venue: Shamadan hall II (Serena Hotel)</p>
1500-1700hrs	<p>SDG’s Panel Discussion: Parliamentary Partnerships For SDGs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Sustainable Development Agenda and priorities of the States in the region • Parliamentary Oversight and Sustainable Development Agenda <p>Venue: Sheesh Mahel(Serena Hotel)</p> <p><i>Global discourse on achieving sustainable progress has placed people at the heart of the development agenda. With an increased commitment of the democratically elected government to development, the time is right for Parliaments to review and develop inclusive sustainable mechanisms that would help design, own and commit the parliamentarians to jointly deliver a collective set of social and economic priorities. It will enable us to break the cycle of perceived apathy towards the South Asian region at international level. Parliamentary taskforces in this regard can play a key role in devising, advocating and supervising country’s welfare agenda.</i></p>
<p>1ST August,2019</p> <p>0900-1100hrs</p>	<p>Closing Plenary & Ceremony: The Asian Dream of Inclusive, Participatory and Peaceful Democracy</p> <p>Venue: Shamadan hall I, II & III (Serena Hotel)</p>

	<p><i>Democracy in the West was established years before the Asian Region opened its eyes to this system of Governance. Genuinely democratic nations thrive on diversity and difference, through which they build on their collective wisdom and strengths. Commonwealth countries are tied together by the bond of shared belief in democracy and deep rooted respect for inclusivity and pluralism. The South Asian region needs to establish truly participative democracies, sharing common goals and believing in reciprocal learning based on our common values and principles. For this, governance systems need to be withdrawn from their former shadows into the gleam of systems truly representative of the will of the people.</i></p>
	<p>Free Day</p>
<p>2nd August,2019</p>	<p>All Day - Departure of Delegates</p>

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