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Program and Conference Guide

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THE GOVERNOR GENERAL · LA GOUVERNEURE GÉNÉRALE

I am pleased to extend my warmest greetings and salutations to all those attending the 65th Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference in Halifax, Nova Scotia. On behalf of all Canadians, I wish to welcome all parliamentarians, officials and delegates to our beloved country to finally meet in person following more than two years of virtual meetings.

Today, our Commonwealth of Nations is as important as ever. In these times of global unrest, the necessity for diplomatic co-operation and strong multilateral ties is paramount. Our family of nations is a testament to the benefits of diplomacy and friendship, the rewards of which make us all stronger. By coming together in discussion, setting common goals, identifying challenges and seeking solutions to mitigate them, we lead by example and act as an influential force for good in our world.

This year's theme of "Inclusive, Accessible, Accountable and Strong Parliaments: the Cornerstone of Democracy and Essential for Development" reaffirms the values that have defined the Commonwealth throughout the decades. Among them, a shared commitment to democracy, open and tolerant societies, fundamental human freedoms, and equality for all. As representatives of the people, it is our duty to ensure that our pursuit of these common goals does not abate. I know that together, we can achieve a brighter tomorrow for all.

I wish you all a successful and engaging conference.

Mary Simon

MESSAGE FROM THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF COMMONS AND PRESIDENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH PARLIAMENTARY ASSOCIATION

On behalf of the Canadian Region of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association, I am pleased to welcome you to Halifax, Nova Scotia, for the 65th Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference. This conference brings together parliamentarians from across the Commonwealth in one of the largest gatherings of its kind. We are especially pleased to be hosting the conference in person, providing us with a much-needed opportunity to meet in this beautiful city of the Canadian East coast after more than two years of virtual gatherings. I am confident that it will result in a deeper and richer networking experience for everyone.

This year's conference theme, "Inclusive, Accessible, Accountable and Strong Parliaments: the Cornerstone of Democracy and Essential for Development" is relevant to all of our parliaments. Workshops on topics ranging from accessibility to building gender sensitive parliaments will provide us all with the opportunity to share best practices, learn from our colleagues and build closer relationships.

I truly hope that you enjoy your time in our charming city of Halifax. I encourage you to take the time to explore all the city and its surroundings has to offer and to immerse yourself in Canadian culture.

I wish you success in your deliberations and I hope that your time in Halifax will be both productive and enjoyable.



Anthony Rota

OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE COMMONWEALTH PARLIAMENARY ASSOCIATION (CPA)

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Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II
Head of the Commonwealth

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Her Excellency the Right Honourable Mary Simon
Governor General of Canada

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Speaker of the House of Commons of
Canada

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Speaker of the Parliament of Ghana

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Member of the Parliament of the United Kingdom

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The Honourable Joy Burch, MLA
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REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVES

CPA AFRICA REGION

South Africa

The Honourable Lechesa Soloman Tsenoli, M.P.
Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly

Zambia

The Honourable Dr. Christopher Kalila, M.P.

Kenya

The Honourable Dr. Makali Mulu, M.P.

Lesotho

The Right Honourable Sephiri Enoch Montanyane, M.P.
Speaker of the National Assembly

Ghana

The Honourable Osei Kyei Mensah Bonsu, M.P.
Acting Vice-Chairperson

Sierra Leone

The Right Honourable Dr. Abbas Bundu, M.P.
Speaker of the Parliament

CPA ASIA REGION

Pakistan

The Honourable Dr. Fehmida Mirza, M.P.

Sindh

The Honourable Dr. Lal Chand Ukrani, MPA

Sri Lanka

The Honourable Mahinda Yapa Abeywardana, M.P.
Speaker of the Parliament

CPA AUSTRALIA REGION

New South Wales

The Honourable Jonathan O’Dea, MLA
Speaker of the Legislative Assembly

Victoria

The Honourable Bruce Atkinson, MLC

Australia Federal

The Honourable Sue Lines, Senator
President of the Senate

CPA BRITISH ISLANDS AND MEDITERRANEAN REGION

Scotland

The Honourable Stuart McMillan, M.P.

Falkland Islands

The Honourable Leona Roberts, MLA

United Kingdom

The Honourable Julie Elliott, M.P.

CPA CANADA REGION

Quebec

The Honourable Maryse Gaudreault, MNA
Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly

Saskatchewan

The Honourable Randy Weekes, MLA
Speaker of the Legislative Assembly

Canada Federal

The Honourable Terry Duguid, M.P.
Member of the House of Commons

CPA CARIBBEAN, THE AMERICAS AND THE ATLANTIC REGION

Barbados

The Honourable Arthur Holder, M.P.
Speaker of the House of Assembly

St. Lucia

The Honourable Claudius J. Francis, MHA
Speaker of the House of Assembly

Turks and Caicos

The Honourable Gordon J. Burton, MHA
Speaker of the House of Assembly

CPA INDIA REGION

Uttarakhand

The Honourable Speaker Ritu Khanduri Bhusan, MLA
Speaker of the Legislative Assembly

Assam

Shri Biswajit Daimary, MLA
Speaker of the Legislative Assembly

India Union

Shri Anurag Sharma, M.P.
Lok Sabha

CPA PACIFIC REGION

Bougainville

The Honourable Therese Kaetavara, MHR
Deputy Speaker of the House of Representatives

Fiji

His Excellency The Honourable Ratu Epeli Nailatikau, M.P.
Speaker of the Parliament

New Zealand

The Honourable Gerry Brownlee, M.P.
Member of Parliament

CPA SOUTH-EAST ASIA REGION

Johor

The Honourable Datuk Dr Mohd Puad Zarkashi, MLA
Speaker of the Legislative Assembly

Singapore

The Honourable Lim Biow Chuan, M.P.
Member of Parliament

Malaysia

The Honourable Datuk Wira Dr. Mohd Hatta Md Ramli, M.P.
Member of Parliament

CANADIAN HOSTS

Parliament of Canada

The Honourable George J. Furey, Senator
Speaker of the Senate

The Honourable Anthony Rota, M.P.
Speaker of the House of Commons
President of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association

Ms. Alexandra Mendès, M.P.
Chair of the Canadian Branch

Mr. Terry Duguid, M.P.
Regional Representative, Canadian Branch, CPA

Mr. Gérald Lafrenière
Interim Clerk of the Senate and Clerk of the Parliaments

Mr. Charles Robert
Clerk of the House of Commons

Alberta

The Honourable Nathan Cooper, MLA
Speaker of the Legislative Assembly

Ms. Shannon Dean
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

British Columbia

The Honourable Raj Chouhan, MLA
Speaker of the Legislative Assembly

Ms. Kate Ryan-Lloyd
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

Manitoba

The Honourable Myrna Driedger, MLA
Speaker of the Legislative Assembly

Ms. Patricia Chaychuk
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

New Brunswick

The Honourable Bill Oliver, MLA
Speaker of the Legislative Assembly

Ms. Shayne Davies
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

Newfoundland and Labrador

The Honourable Derek Bennett, MHA
Speaker of the House of Assembly

Ms. Sandra Barnes
Clerk of the House of Assembly

Northwest Territories

The Honourable Frederick Blake Jr., MLA
Speaker of the Legislative Assembly

Mr. Tim Mercer
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

Nova Scotia

The Honourable Keith Bain, MLA
Speaker of the House of Assembly

Mr. James Charlton
Chief Clerk of the House of Assembly

Nunavut

The Honourable Tony Akoak, MLA
Speaker of the Legislative Assembly

Mr. John Quirke
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

Ontario

The Honourable Ted Arnott, MPP
Speaker of the Legislative Assembly

Mr. Todd Decker
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

Prince Edward Island

The Honourable Colin LaVie, MLA
Speaker of the Legislative Assembly

Mr. Joseph Jeffrey
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

Quebec

Mr. François Paradis, MNA
President of the National Assembly

Mr. Siegfried Peters
Secretary-General of the National Assembly

Saskatchewan

The Honourable Randy Weekes, MLA
Speaker of the Legislative Assembly

Mr. Gregory A. Putz
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

Yukon

The Honourable Jeremy Harper, MLA
Speaker of the Legislative Assembly

Mr. Dan Cable
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

COMMONWEALTH PARLIAMENTARY ASSOCIATION SECRETARIAT

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Secretary-General

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Deputy Secretary-General and Director of Operations

Mr. Paul Townley
Finance Director

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Mr. Matthew Salik
Head of Programmes

Mr. Chinonso Orekie
Head of IT and Digital Services

Ms. Sharon Moses
Head of Human Resources

CANADIAN CONFERENCE SECRETARIAT

Steering Committee

Mr. Michel Patrice
Deputy Clerk, Administration, House of Commons – Parliament of
Canada – Canadian Regional Secretary

Mr. Rémi Bourgault
Executive Secretary, Canadian Branch – Parliament of Canada

Ms. Jubilee Jackson
Deputy Principal Clerk, Parliamentary Associations, Conferences
and Logistics – Parliament of Canada

Ms. Nancy Anctil
Chief of Protocol and Events Management – Parliament of Canada

Mr. Martin Champagne
Conferences and Logistics Coordinator – Parliament of Canada

CPA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING PROGRAM

Saturday, August 20, 2022

Arrival of delegates

Sunday, August 21, 2022

- 8:00 – 9:00 Working Group on Governance
Room 614, Summit Level
- 9:00 – 11:00 Co-ordinating Committee and Audit
Subcommittee
Room 614, Summit Level
- 13:00 – 14:00 Lunch for EXCO, SB Steering Committee and
Regional Secretaries
Room B1, Ballroom Level
- 14:00 – 16:00 CPA Executive Committee Day 1
Room A1/A2/A3, Argyle Level
- 16:00 – 18:00 EXCO Finance Subcommittee
Room 202, Argyle Level
- 16:00 – 18:00 EXCO Planning and Review Subcommittee
Room A1/A2/A3, Argyle Level

Monday, August 22, 2022

- 9:00 – 13:00 CPA Executive Committee Day 2
Room A1/A2/A3, Argyle Level
- 13:00 – 14:00 Lunch EXCO, CWP and Small Branches
Room B1, Ballroom Level
- 14:00 – 18:00 CPA Executive Committee Day 2 Overflow
Room A1/A2/A3, Argyle Level
- 19:00 – 21:00 Dinner for EXCO Members hosted by
the Honourable Keith Bain, Speaker of the
Nova Scotia House of Assembly and
the Honourable Anthony Rota, President of the
Commonwealth Parliamentary Association
(by invitation only)
Province House

Tuesday, August 23, 2022

- 8:00 – 14:00 Various Excursions/Tours and Lunch
- 17:30 Official Opening of the 65th Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference by
Her Excellency the Right Honourable Mary Simon,
Governor General of Canada and Vice-Patron of
the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association
Room B3, Ballroom Level
- 18:30 Reception and dinner on the occasion of the
65th Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference
Room B1/B2, Ballroom Level

Wednesday, August 24, 2022

- 12:30 – 13:30 Lunch
Room B1, Ballroom Level
- 18:00 – 21:00 Dinner reception for all participants hosted by
the Honourable Anthony Rota, President of the
Commonwealth Parliamentary Association and by
the Speakers of the Canadian Region
Canadian Museum of Immigration at Pier 21

Thursday, August 25, 2022

- 9:00 – 12:00 CPA General Assembly (and Election)
Room B2/B3, Ballroom Level
- 12:00 – 13:30 Lunch
Room B1, Ballroom Level
- 13:30 – 16:00 Continuation of General CPA Assembly
(and Election)
Room B2/B3, Ballroom Level
- 16:00 – 18:00 Meeting of the new CPA Executive Committee
Room A1/A2/A3, Argyle Level

CPA SMALL BRANCHES CONFERENCE PROGRAM

Saturday, August 20, 2022

Arrival of delegates

Sunday, August 21, 2022

- 11:30 – 13:00 CPA Small Branches Steering Committee
Room 611, Summit Level
- 13:00 – 14:00 Lunch for CPA EXCO, Small Branches Steering Committee and Regional Secretaries
Room B1, Ballroom Level
- 15:00 – 17:00 CPA Small Branches Conference Opening and Election of Small Branches Chairperson
Room B2, Ballroom Level
CPA Small Branches Conference Workshops
Workshop A: Disaster Risk Preparedness for Small Jurisdictions
Room B2, Ballroom Level

Monday, August 22, 2022

- 9:00 – 13:00 **Workshop B:** Building Sustainable Economies in Small Branches (Talkshow)
Room B2, Ballroom Level
Workshop C: Financial Scrutiny and Oversight: How can Small Parliaments ensure effective accountability? (Mentoring Session)
Room B2, Ballroom Level
Workshop D: Wellbeing Indicators for CPA Small Branches (Talkshow)
Room B2, Ballroom Level
- 13:00 – 14:00 Lunch CPA EXCO, CWP and Small Branches
Room B1, Ballroom Level
- 14:00 – 17:00 CPA Small Branches Conference Business Meeting
Room B2, Ballroom Level

Tuesday, August 23, 2022

- 8:00 – 14:00 Various Excursions/Tours and Lunch
- 17:30 Official Opening of the 65th Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference by
Her Excellency the Right Honourable Mary Simon,
Governor General of Canada and Vice-Patron of
the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association
Room B3, Ballroom Level
- 18:30 Reception and dinner on the occasion of the
65th Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference
Room B1/B2, Ballroom Level

Wednesday, August 24, 2022

- 12:30 – 13:30 Lunch
Room B1, Ballroom Level
- 18:00 – 21:00 Dinner reception for all participants hosted by
the Honourable Anthony Rota, President of the
Commonwealth Parliamentary Association and by
the Speakers of the Canadian Region
Canadian Museum of Immigration at Pier 21

Thursday, August 25, 2022

- 9:00 – 12:00 CPA General Assembly (and Election)
Room B2/B3, Ballroom Level
- 12:00 – 13:30 Lunch
Room B1, Ballroom Level
- 13:30 – 16:00 Continuation of CPA General Assembly
(and Election)
Room B2/B3, Ballroom Level

COMMONWEALTH WOMEN PARLIAMENTARIANS STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING (CWP) PROGRAM

Saturday, August 20, 2022

Arrival of delegates

Sunday, August 21, 2022

- 11:00 – 12:00 CWP Steering Committee
Room 609, Summit Level
- 12:00 – 13:00 Lunch for CWP Steering Committee
Room B1, Ballroom Level
- 13:00 – 15:00 CWP Conference Business Meeting
and Election of CWP Chairperson
Room B3, Ballroom Level
- 15:00 – 17:00 CWP Conference Opening and Workshop
Workshop A: Empowering Women
Parliamentarians and Promoting Diversity/
Intersectionality
Room B3, Ballroom Level

Monday, August 22, 2022

- 9:00 – 12:00 CWP Conference
Workshop B: Effectively Combating all forms of
Abuse and Harassment in Parliament
Room B3, Ballroom Level
- 13:00 – 14:00 Lunch CPA EXCO, CWP and Small Branches
Room B1, Ballroom Level
- 14:00 – 17:00 CWP Conference Workshops
Workshop C: Financial Empowerment of Women
and Gender-Sensitive Budgeting
Room B3, Ballroom Level
Workshop D: Promoting Gender-Sensitive
Parliaments Post-Pandemic
Room B3, Ballroom Level

Tuesday, August 23, 2022

- 8:00 – 14:00 Various Excursions/Tours and Lunch
- 17:30 Official Opening of the 65th Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference by
Her Excellency the Right Honourable Mary Simon,
Governor General of Canada and Vice-Patron of
the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association
Room B3, Ballroom Level
- 18:30 Reception and dinner on the occasion of the
65th Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference
Room B1/B2, Ballroom Level

Wednesday, August 24, 2022

- 12:30 – 13:30 Lunch
Room B1, Ballroom Level
- 18:00 – 21:00 Dinner reception for all participants hosted by
the Honourable Anthony Rota, President of the
Commonwealth Parliamentary Association and by
the Speakers of the Canadian Region
Canadian Museum of Immigration at Pier 21

Thursday, August 25, 2022

- 9:00 – 12:00 CPA General Assembly (and Election)
Room B2/B3, Ballroom Level
- 12:00 – 13:30 Lunch
Room B1, Ballroom Level
- 13:30 – 16:00 Continuation of CPA General Assembly
(and Election)
Room B2/B3, Ballroom Level

65TH COMMONWEALTH PARLIAMENTARY CONFERENCE – MAIN PROGRAM

Saturday, August 20, 2022

Arrival of CPA Co-ordinating Committee Members, Executive Committee Members (EXCO), CWP Steering Committee, CWP Conference Delegates, Small Branches Steering Committee, Small Branches Conference Delegates and Regional Advisors and/or Secretaries

Sunday, August 21, 2022

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| 8:00 – 9:00 | Working Group on Governance
Room 614, Summit Level |
| 9:00 – 11:00 | Co-ordinating Committee and
Audit Subcommittee
Room 614, Summit Level |
| 11:00 – 12:00 | CWP Steering Committee
Room 609, Summit Level |
| 11:30 – 13:00 | Small Branches Steering Committee
Room 611, Summit Level |
| 11:30 – 13:00 | Regional Secretaries Meeting
Room 608, Summit Level |
| 12:00 – 13:00 | Lunch for CWP Steering Committee
Room B1, Ballroom Level |
| 13:00 – 14:00 | Lunch for EXCO, Small Branches Steering
Committee and Regional Secretaries
Room B1, Ballroom Level |
| 13:00 – 15:00 | CWP Conference Business Meeting
and Election of CWP Chairperson
Room B3, Ballroom Level |
| 14:00 – 16:00 | CPA Executive Committee Day 1
Room A1/A2/A3, Argyle Level |

- 15:00 – 17:00 CWP Conference Opening and Workshop
Workshop A: Empowering Women
Parliamentarians and Promoting Diversity/
Intersectionality
Room B3, Ballroom Level
- 15:00 – 17:00 CPA Small Branches Conference Opening and
Election of Small Branches Chairperson
Room B2, Ballroom Level
CPA Small Branches Conference Workshops
Workshop A: Disaster Risk Preparedness for
Small Jurisdictions
Room B2, Ballroom Level
- 16:00 – 18:00 EXCO Finance Subcommittee
Room 202, Argyle Level
- 16:00 – 18:00 EXCO Planning and Review Subcommittee
Room A1/A2/A3, Argyle Level

Monday, August 22, 2022

Arrival of all CPC Delegates, Observers, Accompanying Persons and Society of Clerks-at-the-Table (SoCATT) and other participants.

- 9:00 – 12:00 CWP Conference Workshop
Workshop B: Effectively Combating all forms of
Abuse and Harassment in Parliament
Room B3, Ballroom Level
- 9:00 – 13:00 Executive Committee Day 2
Room A1/A2/A3, Argyle Level
- 9:00 – 13:00 CPA Small Branches Conference Workshops
Workshop B: Building Sustainable Economies in
Small Branches (Talkshow)
Room B2, Ballroom Level
Workshop C: Financial Scrutiny and Oversight:
How can Small Parliaments ensure effective
accountability? (Mentoring Session)
Room B2, Ballroom Level
Workshop D: Wellbeing Indicators for CPA Small
Branches (Talkshow)
Room B2, Ballroom Level

- 13:00 – 14:00 CPA Lunch EXCO, CWP and Small Branches
Room B1, Ballroom Level
- 14:00 – 17:00 CWP Conference Workshops
Workshop C: Financial Empowerment of Women and Gender-Sensitive Budgeting
Room B3, Ballroom Level
Workshop D: Promoting Gender-Sensitive Parliaments Post-Pandemic
Room B3, Ballroom Level
- 14:00 – 17:00 Small Branches Conference Business Meeting
Room B2, Ballroom Level
- 14:00 – 18:00 Executive Committee Day 2 Overflow
Room A1/A2/A3, Argyle Level
- 19:00 – 21:00 Dinner for EXCO Members hosted by the Honourable Keith Bain, Speaker of the Nova Scotia House of Assembly and the Honourable Anthony Rota, President of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (by invitation only)
Province House

Tuesday, August 23, 2022

- 8:00 – 14:00 Various Excursions/Tours and Lunch
- 14:30 – 16:00 CPwD Regional Champions Meeting
Room 201, Argyle Level
- 15:30 – 17:00 Briefing for delegates, observers, and secretaries
Room A1/A2/A3, Argyle Level
- 17:30 Official Opening of the 65th Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference by Her Excellency the Right Honourable Mary Simon, Governor General of Canada and Vice-Patron of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association
Room B3, Ballroom Level
- 18:30 Reception and dinner on the occasion of the 65th Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference
Room B1/B2, Ballroom Level

Wednesday, August 24, 2022

- 9:00 – 10:00 Launch of Transitioning to Life after Parliament
(CPA Victoria Branch, Australia)
Room A1, Argyle Level
- 10:00 – 12:30 **CPC-Workshop A:** Remaining Relevant in
Response to a Pandemic: The Role and
Responsibilities of Parliament (Talkshow) –
Host Topic
Room 608-609, Summit Level
CPC-Workshop B: Role of Parliaments in
Achieving Sustainable Development
Room 611, Summit Level
CPC-Workshop C: A People’s Parliament:
Accessibility through Innovation
Room 201, Argyle Level
CPC-Workshop D: Professional Development for
Parliamentarians – Opportunities and Challenges
for Small Parliaments
Room 202, Argyle Level
- 10:00 – 12:30 **SoCATT: Session 1**
Room A2/A3, Argyle Level
- 12:30 – 13:30 Lunch
Room B1, Ballroom Level
- 13:30 – 16:00 **CPC-Workshop E:** Access to Assistive
Technologies: Implementation of Standards
Across the Commonwealth Parliaments
Room 611, Summit Level
CPC-Workshop F: Building Gender Sensitive
Parliaments
Room 608/609, Summit Level
CPC-Workshop G: Youth Roundtable –
Cyberbullying: Youth, Trolling and Mental Health
Room 201, Argyle Level
CPC-Workshop H: The Climate Emergency: Are
Parliaments Holding Governments to Account?
Room 202, Argyle Level

- 13:30 – 16:00 **SoCATT: Session 2**
Room A2/A3, Argyle Level
- 18:00 – 21:00 Dinner reception for all participants hosted by
the Honourable Anthony Rota, President of the
Commonwealth Parliamentary Association and by
the Speakers of the Canadian Region
Canadian Museum of Immigration at Pier 21

Thursday, August 25, 2022

- 9:00 – 12:00 CPA General Assembly (and Election)
Room B2/B3, Ballroom Level
- 9:00 – 12:00 **SoCATT: Session 3**
Room 608/609, Summit Level
- 12:00 – 13:30 Lunch
Room B1, Ballroom Level
- 13:30 – 16:00 Continuation of CPA General Assembly
(and Election)
Room B2/B3, Ballroom Level
- 16:00 – 18:00 Meeting of the new CPA Executive Committee
Room A1/A2/A3, Argyle Level
- 18:00 – 21:00 Reception for Clerks-at-the-Table and Secretaries
of delegations hosted by
CPA Secretary General and dinner reception
hosted by the Clerks of the Canadian Region
(by invitation only)
Alexander Keith’s Brewery

Friday, August 26, 2022

Departure of participants

SOCIETY OF CLERKS-AT-THE-TABLE PROGRAM

Saturday, August 20, 2022

Arrival of delegates

Tuesday, August 23, 2022

8:00 – 14:00 Various Excursions/Tours and Lunch

17:30 Official Opening of the 65th Commonwealth
Parliamentary Conference by
Her Excellency the Right Honourable Mary Simon,
Governor General of Canada and Vice-Patron of
the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association
Room B3, Ballroom Level

18:30 Reception and dinner on the occasion of the
65th Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference
Room B1/B2, Ballroom Level

Wednesday, August 24, 2022

10:00 – 12:30 **SoCATT: Session 1**
Room A2/A3, Argyle Level

12:30 – 13:30 Lunch
Room B1, Ballroom Level

13:30 – 16:00 **SoCATT: Session 2**
Room A2/A3, Argyle Level

18:00 – 21:00 Dinner reception for all participants hosted by
the Honourable Anthony Rota, President of the
Commonwealth Parliamentary Association and by
the Speakers of the CPA Canadian Region
Canadian Museum of Immigration at Pier 21

Thursday, August 25, 2022

9:00 – 12:00 CPA General Assembly (and Election)
Room B2/B3, Ballroom Level

- 9:00 – 12:00 **SoCATT: Session 3**
Room 608/609, Summit Level
Breakout Group 1: The E.Parliament, a novel digital approach
Room 611, Summit Level
Breakout Group 2: Victoria’s gender equality action plan
Room 612/613, Summit Level
Breakout Group 3: Major Parliamentary Projects
Room 506/507, Ballroom Level
Continuation of **SoCATT: Session 3**
Room 608/609, Summit Level
- 12:00 – 13:30 Lunch
Room B1, Ballroom Level
- 13:30 – 16:00 Continuation of CPA General Assembly
(and Election)
Room B2/B3, Ballroom Level
- 18:00 – 21:00 Reception for Clerks-at-the-Table and Secretaries
of delegations hosted by
CPA Secretary General and dinner reception
hosted by the Clerks of the Canadian Region
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Alexander Keith’s Brewery

GENERAL INFORMATION

CONFERENCE VENUE

The **65th Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference (CPC)** and associated Meetings – including the 38th CPA Small Branches Conference, 7th Triennial Commonwealth Women Parliamentarians (CWP) Conference, 65th CPA General Assembly, meetings of the CPA Executive Committee and the 56th General Meeting of the Society of Clerks at the Table (SoCATT) – will be held in **Halifax, Canada from August 20-26, 2022.**

Halifax Convention Centre

1650 Argyle Street
Halifax, NS B3J 0E6
Canada

PUBLIC HEALTH MEASURES

Please refer to the following <https://travel.gc.ca/travel-covid> for current advice and information on travel to and within Canada.

It is also helpful to consult

<https://travel.gc.ca/travelling/advisories/faq> page and <https://www.nshealth.ca/coronavirus> for additional information.

It is recommended to wear a mask or face covering during the conference. Masks/face covering should only be removed temporarily to speak at a microphone or to consume food or drink.

ARRIVAL/DEPARTURE OF DELEGATES

Halifax Stanfield International Airport:

Halifax Stanfield International Airport is located within a 40-minute drive from the conference hotels, depending on traffic. A reception desk displaying the conference logo will be located at the airport during the official arrival and departure dates to assist participants.

GROUND TRANSPORTATION

A shuttle bus service will be provided to transport delegates from the Halifax Stanfield International Airport to the conference hotels.

Transportation will be provided from all conference hotels to all meetings and official social events during the official conference dates.

Further information will be available at the information desks located in the Halifax Convention Centre and at the conference hotels.

Transportation to the Halifax Stanfield International Airport for departures will be provided from the conference hotels **all day on Friday August 26, 2022**. You must confirm your departure date and time with staff at the information desks in the Halifax Convention Centre.

OTHER MEANS OF TRANSPORT FROM HALIFAX STANFIELD INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

Taxi

A taxi ride from the Halifax Stanfield International Airport to downtown Halifax takes approximately 30 to 40 minutes and costs around CAD \$60-70 (USD \$45-50). The exact price and duration of the journey depend on the hotel location and traffic. It is advised to agree on the payment method (cash/card) before getting in the taxi. Only Canadian dollars will be accepted by the driver.

Bus

The MetroX bus service operates between Halifax Stanfield International Airport and downtown Halifax. Please consult the following website for more information:

<https://www.halifax.ca/transportation/halifax-transit/routes-schedules/metrox-service>.

CURRENCY

The official currency in Canada is the Canadian dollar (CAD).

REGISTRATION

On arrival, all conference participants are requested to report to the CPC registration desk to check in. Upon presentation of photographic identification (a passport or identity card), participants will be given their conference badge and the delegate bag.

The CPC registration desk will be located at the main entrance level of the Halifax Convention Centre. The desk will be open on **Saturday August 20, 2022**, and for the duration of the conference (hours of operation will be provided at a later time).

CONFERENCE BADGE AND SECURITY

For security reasons, **all participants, including accompanying persons, observers and members of the press, will be required to wear their conference badge at all meetings and social functions, as well as for all transport organized for the conference.** It is not recommended to wear the badge outside of conference activities; however, delegates are advised to have their badge with them at all times as well as official photo identification (i.e., passport or identity card) in the event of identity checks.

The conference badge will feature a photograph of the participant.

Please note that on-site photography for badges will not be available.

ACCOMPANYING PERSONS, OBSERVERS AND SOCATT MEMBERS

Guests of Delegates and Secretaries; Observers (including accompanying persons), and unregistered Members of Society of Clerks-at-the-Table (SoCATT) are welcome to participate in the conference provided they pay to cover the cost of meals, ground transportation, tours and social functions. They will be responsible for the costs of their travel and accommodation.

No provision will be made for children of any age.

PROGRAM FOR ACCOMPANYING PERSONS

There will be no accompanying persons programme organized for this conference.

Please note that Discover Halifax will have a booth set up at the Halifax Convention Centre to assist the delegates and their guests with information on sightseeing and tourist attractions within the area.

SOCIAL EVENTS AND DRESS CODE

Business attire or national dress is appropriate for meetings and evening events.

WEATHER

Daytime temperatures usually reach 22°C in Halifax in August, falling to 14°C at night. Rain can be expected in August but it's still a great period to visit Halifax with very warm, summer temperatures. Summer clothes are suggested, as well as a sweater or jacket for evenings. It is also recommended to bring a waterproof rain jacket for rainy days.

OTHER SERVICES

Tourist material, travel information, medical services, a cloakroom, wired internet connections and Wi-Fi will all be available in the Halifax Convention Centre. Smoking is not permitted in the Halifax Convention Centre.

USEFUL NUMBERS

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Cambridge Suites Hotel

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Lord Nelson Hotel

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