

63rd COMMONWEALTH PARLIAMENTARY CONFERENCE (CPC)
DHAKA, BANGLADESH
1-8 NOVEMBER 2017

THEME: Continuing to enhance high standards of performance of Parliamentarians

DRAFT OUTLINE PROGRAMME (as at 22 October 2017)

(DAY 1) WEDNESDAY 1 November	Arrival of the CWP Steering Committee, Co-ordinating Committee Members, Small Branches Conference Delegates and Executive Committee Regional Advisors and/or Secretaries	
(DAY 2) THURSDAY 2 November	Arrival of Executive Committee CWP Steering Committee meeting and Small Branches Conference	
0800 - 0930	Meeting of Regional Secretaries <i>Venue: Radisson Blu (Madhabi Floor 2)</i>	
1000 - 1230	Meeting: CWP Steering Committee <i>Venue: Radisson Blu (Mallika, Floor 2)</i> CWP Steering Committee Group Photograph <i>Venue: Radisson Blu</i> Morning Tea/Coffee break: <i>Inside the meeting room</i>	Official Opening Ceremony of the 36 th Small Branches Conference: <i>Venue: Utshab Banquet Hall, Ground floor, Radisson Blu</i> Group Photograph: <i>Utshab Banquet Hall, Radisson Blu</i> Small Branches Conference <i>Venue: Utshab Banquet Hall</i> Small Branches Strategy Morning Tea/Coffee break: <i>Pre-function area of Utshab Banquet Hall</i>
1230 - 1330	LUNCH <i>Venue: Radisson Blu, Restaurant</i>	
1330 - 1700	CWP Steering Committee meeting cont'd	Small Branches Conference cont'd Small Branches Strategy cont'd 1st Plenary: Critical Mass: Small Jurisdictions and big problems – Logistics and Infrastructure challenges to meet small jurisdiction expectations to achieve the same service levels as larger ones
1500 - 1515	Afternoon Tea/Coffee break <i>Venue: Inside the meeting room</i>	Afternoon Tea/Coffee break <i>Venue: Pre-function area of Utshab Banquet Hall</i>
1600 - 1800	Co-ordinating Committee Meeting followed by Performance and Review Subcommittee meeting <i>Venue: Business Class Lounge Board room (8th floor), Radisson Blu</i>	
1800	CLOSE	

(DAY 3) FRIDAY 3 November	Meetings: Executive Committee and Small Branches Conference		
0900 - 1030	Meeting: Main Executive Committee Meeting <i>Venue: Antara (Lobby Floor), Radisson Blu</i> Group Photograph: <i>Utshab Banquet Hall (Ground Floor) Radisson Blu</i>	Small Branches Conference cont'd <i>Venue: Utshab Banquet Hall, Ground Level, Radisson Blu</i> 1st Plenary cont'd: Critical Mass: Small Jurisdictions and big problems – Logistics and Infrastructure challenges to meet small jurisdiction expectations to achieve the same service levels as larger ones	
1030 - 1045	Morning Tea/Coffee break <i>Venue: Inside the Meeting Room</i>	Morning Tea/Coffee break <i>Venue: Utshab Banquet Hall - Pre-function Area</i>	
1045 - 1300	Finance Subcommittee Meeting <i>Venue: Mallika, Level 2, Radisson Blu</i>	Planning & Review Subcommittee Meeting <i>Venue: Antara (Lobby Floor), Radisson Blu</i>	Small Branches Conference cont'd <i>Venue: Utshab Banquet Hall, Ground Level, Radisson Blu</i> 2nd Plenary: Parliamentary innovations in small jurisdictions in the face of financial and human resource challenges 3rd Plenary: The role of Parliament in Combating Corruption
1300 - 1400	BUFFET LUNCH <i>Venue: Grand Ballroom Lohori (Lobby Floor) Radisson Blu</i>		
1400 - 1730	Finance Subcommittee Meeting <i>Venue: Mallika, Level 2, Radisson Blu (TBC)</i>	Planning & Review Subcommittee Meeting <i>Venue: Antara (Lobby Floor), Radisson Blu</i>	Small Branches Conference cont'd <i>Venue: Utshab Banquet Hall, Ground Level, Radisson Blu</i> 4th Plenary: The role of Parliament in meeting the challenges of protecting territorial waters
1530 - 1545	Afternoon Tea/Coffee <i>Venue: Mahua Floor 2, Radisson Blu</i>	Afternoon Tea/Coffee <i>Venue: Inside the Meeting Room</i>	Afternoon Tea/Coffee <i>Venue: Utshab Banquet Hall - Pre-function Area</i>
1730	CLOSE		
1930	Dinner for Executive Committee Members, Small Branches Conference Delegates, CWP Steering Committee – hosted by Chairperson of the Executive Committee, Hon. Dr Shirin Sharmin Chaudhury, MP, Speaker of the Parliament of Bangladesh. <i>Pool side of Hotel Radisson Blu</i>		

(DAY 4) SATURDAY 4 November	Arrival of all Delegates, Observers, Accompanying Persons and Society of Clerks-at-the-Table and other participants	
0900 - 1300	Main Executive Committee Meeting cont'd <i>Venue: Antara , Lobby Floor, Radisson Blu</i>	Filming of promotional CWP video <i>Venue: Mallika, Floor 2, Radisson Blu</i>
1030 - 1045	Morning Tea/Coffee <i>Venue: Inside the meeting room (Antara)</i>	
1300 - 1400	BUFFET LUNCH <i>Venue: Grand Ballroom Lohori (Lobby Floor) Radisson Blu</i>	
1400-1700	Main Executive Committee Meeting cont'd <i>Venue: Antara , Lobby Floor, Radisson Blu</i>	
1530 - 1545	Afternoon Tea/Coffee <i>Venue: Inside the meeting room</i>	
1700	CLOSE	
	Dinner at respective hotels	

(DAY 5) SUNDAY 5 November	Official Opening of the 63rd Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference	
0630-0830	Breakfast at respective hotels	
0845	Assemble in Hotel Lobby for departure to Parliament of Bangladesh	
1000 - 1230	Official Opening of the 63rd Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference <i>Venue: South Plaza, Bangladesh Parliament</i> Official Photograph <i>Venue: Bangladesh Parliament (on the steps)</i>	
1230-1245	Movement of Members to Bangladesh International Conference Centre (BICC)	
1300-1400	BUFFET LUNCH <i>Venue: TBC</i>	
1400-1500	Briefing for delegates, observers and secretaries followed by briefing for workshop moderators, discussion leaders, rapporteurs and session secretaries: <i>Venue: Hall of Fame, Bangabandhu International Conference Centre (BICC)</i> Briefing for spouses/partners accredited to the conference: <i>Venue: Windy Town, BICC</i>	
1500-1645	Regional Group Meetings: <i>Venue: Bangabandhu International Conference Centre</i> 1. Africa: <i>Room Carnival</i> 2. Asia: <i>Room Legendary</i> 3. Australia: <i>Room Eternity</i> 4. British Islands and Mediterranean: <i>Windy Town</i>	5. Canada: <i>Room Elegant</i> 6. Caribbean, Americas and Atlantic: <i>Room Green View 2</i> 7. India: <i>Room Harmony</i> 8. Pacific: <i>Room Green View 1</i> 9. South-East Asia: <i>Room Milestone</i>
1645-1700	Afternoon Tea/Coffee <i>Venue: In the Foyer outside Hall of Fame, BICC</i>	
1715	Delegates depart BICC for respective hotels	
1745-1900	CPA Secretary-General's reception for Clerks, Secretaries to Delegations and their spouses/partners and Accompanying Officials Venue: BICC	
1900	ALL Participants depart respective hotels for Parliament of Bangladesh	
1930-2130	Dinner hosted by the Speaker of the Parliament of Bangladesh for ALL Participants South Plaza, Bangladesh Parliament.	

DAY 6 MONDAY 6 November	Workshops, Meeting and Parallel Session					
0800 - 1045	CWP Business Meeting and Session including the Session on the Role of male Parliamentarians in Championing gender equality <i>Venue: Carnival, Ground Floor, BICC</i>					
1045 - 1100	Morning Tea/Coffee <i>Venue: Inside the meeting room</i>					
1100 - 1330	Workshop A Democracy must Deliver: Role of Parliament in addressing the Challenges (Host Branch Topic) <i>Venue: Room Carnival, BICC</i>	Workshop B The role of Parliamentarians in building stronger ties within the Commonwealth: including new trade issues, visa issues, travel restrictions, non-tariff restrictions etc. <i>Venue: Windy Town BICC</i>	Workshop C <i>Venue: Media Bazar, BICC</i> The Climate Change Debate: A challenge for the Commonwealth?	Youth Roundtable Venue: <i>Room Green View 1</i>	Workshop D Sustainable Development Goals (SDG's): How can CPA Members work with their own governments in ensuring that the SDG goals have a proper gender lens to ensure success in the areas of alleviating poverty and women's empowerment? (Gender-related Topic) <i>Venue: Executive Lounge, BICC</i>	Meeting of Society of Clerks at-the-Table <i>Venue: Room Harmony, BICC</i>
1330 - 1430	BUFFET LUNCH <i>Venue: Celebrity Hall BICC</i>					
1430 - 1700	Workshop E Critical Mass: Small jurisdictions and big problems -Logistics and infrastructure challenges (Small Branches Topic) <i>Venue: Room Carnival BICC</i>	Workshop F CPA Benchmarks for Democratic Legislatures: Progress in the past 10 years <i>Windy Town, BICC</i>	Workshop G Giving voice to the youth: Mechanisms for ensuring effective participation of youth in the governance process <i>Venue: Media Bazar, BICC</i>	Workshop H What factors fuel the rise of different kinds of nationalism? <i>Venue: Executive Lounge, BICC</i>	Meeting of Society of Clerks at-the-Table <i>Breakout Rooms: Legendary, Elegant & Eternity, BICC</i>	
1530-1545	Afternoon Tea/Coffee <i>Venue: Foyer in Front of Hall of Fame, BICC</i>					
1800-1900	CPA Lecture <i>Venue: Hall of Fame, BICC</i>					
	Dinner at respective hotels					

(DAY 7) TUESDAY 7 November	General Assembly and Election of Chairperson of the Executive Committee
0630-0800	Breakfast at respective hotels
0810	Assemble in Hotel Lobby for departure to BICC
0900 - 1300	General Assembly, Election of Chairperson of the Executive Committee <i>Venue: Hall of Fame, Bangabandhu International Conference Centre (BICC)</i> Closing Ceremony including presentation of Plaques to retiring Officers and Regional Representatives
1030 - 1045	Morning Tea/Coffee
1300 - 1400	BUFFET LUNCH <i>Venue: Celebrity Hall, BICC</i>
1715	Delegates depart BICC for respective hotels
1400 - 1530	Meeting of the new Executive Committee <i>Venue : Windy Town, Bangabandhu International Conference Centre (BICC)</i>
1400-1730	SOCATT Meeting <i>Venue: Room Harmony, BICC</i>
1500	Refreshments: <i>Foyer in Front of Hall of Fame, BICC</i>
1830	<i>Call on Hon'ble Prime Minister Heads of Delegation and Executive Committee Members only</i>
1930	Dinner at Bangabhavan (Official Residence of the President) hosted by Hon'ble President of the People's Republic of Bangladesh for Heads of Delegation and Executive Committee Members only For all other Conference participants dinner in respective hotels.
(DAY 8) WEDNESDAY 8 November	OPTIONAL TOUR ALL DAY DEPARTURES