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Building Small Developing States

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Introduction

1. The President of the Cayman Islands Branch extended an invitation letter dated February 28, 2018 to all Branch Secretaries of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association, the Caribbean, the Americas & the Atlantic (CAA) Region to participate in the 43rd Commonwealth Parliamentary Association of the Caribbean, the Americas and the Atlantic Region to be held in George Town, Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands from June 15 to 23, 2018. (See Appendix I)

2. The delegation from the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago was comprised of:

- **Hon. Bridgid Annisette-George, MP** Speaker of the House and Leader of the Delegation
- **Sen. Ronald Huggins** Government Senator
- **Sen. Anita Haynes** Opposition Senator
- **Sen. Stephen Creese** Independent Senator
- **Dr. Denise Tsoiafatt-Angus** Presiding Officer, Tobago House of Assembly (Observer)
- **Mr. Shomari Hector** Assemblyman, Tobago House of Assembly (Observer)
- **Mrs. Sharon Irvine-Combie** Clerk, Tobago House of Assembly (Observer)
- **Ms. Candice Skerrette** Procedural Clerk and Secretary to the Delegation
- **Ms. Laquesha Bailey** Youth Parliamentarian
- **Mr. Xavier Richardson** Youth Parliamentarian

3. Given the Conference Agenda (Appendix II), the delegation from the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago arrived Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands on various days, that is to say June 15, June 16, June 17 and June 19, 2018 and departed June 22 and June 23, 2018.

4. House of Representatives Standing Order 22(6) and Senate Standing Order 21(6) state, “Within 21 days of the return to Trinidad and Tobago of an officially recognized delegation composed of any Members of the House/ Senators, the head of the delegation, or any Member/Senator acting on his behalf, shall present a report to the House/Senate on the activities of the delegation”. Pursuant to this Standing Order, this Report is submitted for laying in the Parliament.
5. The Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA) connects, develops, promotes and supports parliamentarians and their staff to identify benchmarks of good governance and the implementation of enduring values of the Commonwealth. The CPA promotes its demographic deepening objectives through the holding of Annual Commonwealth Parliamentary Conferences, Regional Conferences, Parliamentary Seminars and Workshops, Parliamentary Symposiums, Parliamentary Publications and Inter-Parliamentary Visits.

6. The CPA is an international community of an estimated 180 Commonwealth Parliaments and Legislatures and is divided into nine (9) Commonwealth geographical regions of Africa, Asia, Australia, British Islands and Mediterranean, Canada, India, Pacific, South-East Asia and the Caribbean, the Americas and Atlantic.

7. Sections 3 and 9(1) of the CPA Constitution of the Caribbean, the Americas and the Atlantic Region state, “The purpose of the Association is to provide a forum to promote the aims and objectives and implement the activities of the Association and Branches in the Region” and “There shall be a Regional Conference of the Association to be hosted ordinarily each year by a Branch of the Association” respectfully.

8. The theme for the 2018 Annual Regional Conference was, “Building Small Developing States” and it focused on the issues facing the region such as deglobalization, climate change and population growth. Membership in attendance from the Caribbean, the Americas and the Atlantic Region were (See Appendix III):

- Anguilla
- Antigua and Barbuda
- Bahamas
- Barbados
- Bermuda
- British Virgin Islands
- Cayman Islands
- St. Kitts and Nevis
- Turks and Caicos

8. In addition, there were special guest speakers from Canada, Cuba, Isle of Man, Jamaica and United Kingdom.

9. The Conference incorporated several events (See Appendix II) such as:

- 11th Regional Conference of the Commonwealth Women Parliamentarians from June 16 to 17, 2018;
- 43rd Annual CPA Conference of the Caribbean, the Americas & the Atlantic Region from June 18 to 19, 2018
- Annual General Meeting of the Regional Executive Committee on June 20, 2018;
- Annual General Meeting on June 20, 2018; and
- 14th Caribbean Regional Youth Parliament on June 22, 2018.
10. The 12th Commonwealth Women Parliamentarians (CWP) Conference was held from June 16 to 17, 2018.

11. The Trinidad and Tobago Branch was represented by the Hon. Bridgid Annisette-George, MP and Sen. Anita Haynes. In addition, Dr. Denise Tsoiafatt-Angus and Mrs. Sharon Irvine-Combie attended as observers.

**DAY 1: SATURDAY JUNE 16, 2018**

**Opening Ceremony for the Commonwealth Women Parliamentary Conference**

12. Welcome remarks were given by Ms. Shirley Osborne, Chairperson, CWP and Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, Montserrat. The Chairperson shared the background of Ms. Trina Ramsey who was the facilitator for the day’s session.

13. Each CWP delegate was invited to introduce themselves.


15. The opening ceremony concluded.
The Leadership Workshop was comprised of five (5) sessions and focused on personal growth.

During session one, participants meditated on future plans in ten years, inclusive of an entire day of experiences, occupation, fun, people and location. Thereafter, participants were invited to document their reflections in writing and to debrief in pairs.

During session two (2), there was an open discussion amongst all delegates in order to share individual experiences from session one (1). This was followed by an exercise on soul/heart connections that focused on being open, vulnerable and supportive as a community of women leaders.

During session three (3), there was a group discussion amongst all delegates on the topics of failure, success, bravery, finding (and using) your voice and challenges for women in government.

Session four (4) focused on the role of a ‘superwoman’ in smaller groups amongst delegates. Each group explored the traits, expectations, kudos, cost and lessons learnt from strong women. This was followed by a full group discussion on the career impact of being a strong woman and the ways that women can be supportive of other leaders in order to build a bridge for future leaders.

During session five (5), participants were invited to complete a workbook exercise on dreams versus barriers.

Day one concluded with a powerful exercise on the value of letting go and paired conversations on expectations and plans for the future. This was followed by a full group discussion on the benefits of letting go and the support required from CWP.

Closing remarks were expressed by Ms. Shirley Osbourne and Ms. Trina Ramsey.
CWP Session: “Women and Political Parties in Small States of the Commonwealth Caribbean”
Presenter: Hon. Hazel Brandy-Williams, Minister of Health and Gender Affairs, Nevis Island

24. During the presentation of Hon. Hazel Brandy-Williams, the following issues were highlighted:

i. Twenty-three percent parliamentarians are female, due to a number of challenges such as lack of financing, traditional roles and lack of mentoring;

ii. Some women parliamentarians may lack of confidence and an inner fear of failure. In most cases political leaders are male so it is important for females to make own spaces and tracks;

iii. Women are the communicators and grassroots in the community;

iv. The recent election of Hon. Mia Mottley, QC, MP, Prime Minister in Barbados, ought to provide greater impetus for women to strive for success;

v. The need for women parliamentarians at the top to take others with them in a mentorship role;

vi. The need for grooming of the younger persons, by giving special assignments, special assignments, capacity building initiatives. This allows them to feel valued to make a contribution;

vii. The need for economic independence in terms of campaign financing and recognizing women are good negotiators and majority presence in political campaigns; and

viii. The need for both men and women need to work with women parliamentarians.
25. The following key issues were raised and discussed amongst CWP Delegates:

   i. The need for gender budgeting;
   ii. The ways that women can mobilize other women since women play a major mobilizing role for candidates;
   iii. The need to develop a sense of self and self-esteem, as women are judged twice as hard and must be twice as competent and are judged twice as harsh by the media in comparison to men;
   iv. The need for a gender approach to advance women in society;
   v. The need for women parliamentarians to ensure that they are not pigeon-holed from non-traditional male portfolios sectors such a finance;
   vi. The need to approach women at a young age with an interest in a career in politics;
   vii. The need for women parliamentarians to promote themselves by sharing stories;
   viii. The need to use the resource of past women politicians and to harness the energy of women politicians;
   ix. The power of social media;
   x. The need to document successes of women politicians;
   xi. The need to support other women politicians from opposite benches;
   xii. The need to focus on youth parliaments, to track and mentor those that have expressed an interest in pursuing a political career;
   xiii. The need for a sustainable, singular issue with incremental goals;
   xiv. The need for multiple avenues of support for young women outside of the family and suggested that women parliamentarians offer themselves to speak to women in secondary schools; and
   xv. The need to share the mandates and strategic plans from past CWPs as part of the orientation for future CWP members.

26. The delegates from the Trinidad and Tobago Branch highlighted:

   i. The importance of mentorship as a starting point due to the Caribbean history of women political leaders;
   ii. The need to focus on increasing the visibility of women in political parties, as parliamentarians and chairs of parliamentary committees;
   iii. The need to focus on gender budgeting, gender mainstreaming, cross party gender caucuses;
   iv. The need to engage in gender sensitivity assessments of our Parliaments prior to moving forward; and
   v. The importance of mentorship at the secondary school level for persons interested in a parliamentary career.
CWP Luncheon
Keynote Speaker: Ms. Faith Gealey, Cayman Islands

27. The keynote presentation focused on the meaningful ways women politicians should help their respective countries such as:

i. Health reform with respect to the cost and availability of health care as well as paid and a longer duration for maternity leave;
ii. Stricter laws to protect women and children;
iii. Community programmes;
iv. Immigration;
v. Barriers to Education;
vi. Mentorship;
vii. Traits of women leaders, leadership styles, impact of women in policies/programmes;
viii. Women in leadership roles breaks barriers; and
ix. Women in public service projects.

CWP Steering Committee Elections

28. Section 13 (B) of the CPA Constitution of the Caribbean, the Americas and the Atlantic Region states, “There shall be the establishment of the Regional Charter of Commonwealth Women Parliamentarians of the Caribbean, the Americas and the Atlantic Region whose chairperson shall sit on the Executive Committee”. The Chairperson and Secretary of CWP are elected by rotation amongst the member countries.

29. The meeting commenced and welcome remarks were expressed by Ms. Shirley Osbourne, Outgoing Chairperson.

30. In accordance with the order of rotation St. Lucia was entitled to assume the Chair and Barbados was entitled to assume the Secretary. The Committee was advised that:

i. The representative of St. Lucia will be the Hon. Jeannine Giraudy-McIntyre, President of the Senate;
ii. The representative of Barbados will be the Mr. Pedro Eastmond, Clerk of the House.

31. The following CWP challenges were raised in the post-election discussions:

i. The constant changes to CWP membership;
ii. The need to review CWP organisational structure and constitution;
iii. The lack of a locus for communication among and between members;
iv. The need to resume CWP Committees and Committee Meetings;
v. The need to advise Member Branches of its appointment to a Committee consequent on the appointment of its delegate; and
vi. The need for CWP to have a stronger international voice.
32. The following suggested solutions were proposed:
   
i. The need for reporting mechanisms to monitor the work of each Committee; and
ii. The need for formal communication to be sent by CWP to each country Branch.

Farewell remarks by Ms. Shirley Osbourne, Outgoing Chair

33. Remarks were conveyed by Hon. Jeannine Giraudy-McIntyre, Incoming Chairperson.

34. There being no further business, the CWP was declared adjourned.

L to R: Sen. Stephen Creese, Sen. Anita Haynes, Sen. Ronald Huggins, Hon. Bridgid Annisette-George, MP, Hon. Franz I. Manderson, MBE, Cert Hon., JP, His Excellency the Acting Governor, Cayman Islands, Dr. Denise Tsoiafatt-Angus and Mr. Shomari Hector

L to R: Mr. Shomari Hector, Dr. Denise Tsoiafatt-Angus and Mrs. Sharon Irvine-Combie
Official Opening Ceremony Programme

35. The Official Opening Ceremony commenced with the arrival of delegates, the national anthem of the Cayman Islands and a prayer by Reverend Mary Graham.

36. Welcome remarks were given by the Hon. Dr. W. McKeeva Bush, OBE, JP, Hon M.Sc, MLA, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, Cayman Islands.

37. Remarks were also conveyed by the Hon. Alden McLaughlin, MBE, JP, MLA, Premier of the Cayman Islands, the Hon. D. Ezzard Miller, MLA, Leader of the Opposition and Hon. Franz I. Manderson, MBE, Cert. Hon., JP, His Excellency the Acting Governor.

38. The Ceremony concluded with a vote of thanks by Councillor Austin Harris, MLA.

Plenary Session 1: Relevant Security Systems for Government Entities and including parliaments of Small Developing States

Moderator: Hon. Ingrid Moses-Scatliffe, Speaker, House of Assembly, British Virgin Islands

First Presenter: Rt. Hon. Sir Lindsay Hoyle, Deputy Speaker, House of Commons, England

Second Presenter: Hon. Bridgid Annisette-George, MP, Speaker, Trinidad and Tobago

Third Presenter: Sen. Kerensia Morrison, Jamaica

39. The presentation of Rt. Hon. Sir Lindsay Hoyle focused on securing parliamentarians in constituencies and examples were discussed:

i. Threat levels for the Manchester Arena attack on May 22, 2017, the London Bridge attack on June 3, 2017, the Finsbury Park attack on June 19, 2017 and the Parsons Green attack on September 15, 2017;

ii. Threats in constituencies such as the murder of Ms. Jo Cox, MP on June 16, 2016, the office vandalism of Ms. Angela Eagle and Westminster attach on March 22, 2017;

iii. The responsibility of the Parliamentary Security Department (PSD) and the establishment of a new team within PSD called the Member Security Support Service (MSSS) which provides support to Members and their staff when away from parliament’s precincts;

iv. The development of protocols to address the new security vulnerabilities; and

v. The learnings from the Australian, Singapore and Canadian Parliaments.
40. The Hon. Bridgid Annisette-George, MP provided a parliamentary focus on security with emphasis on (See Appendix IV):
   i. MPs and staff;
   ii. Premises, plant and equipment; and
   iii. Financial and other assets.

41. Senator Kerensia Morrison delivered a paper on behalf of the Hon. Pearnel Charles CD, MP, JP, Speaker, Jamaica on the challenges and threats which Parliaments potentially face and strategies to address them.

42. A floor discussion explored areas such as:
   i. the need to define and identify the precincts of Parliament in the absence of a definition in the Standing Orders;
   ii. the need to create contingency sites (in another location) in case of emergency or environmental attack (hurricane) and to create parliament business continuity;
   iii. the need for CPA recommendations on minimum security standards for all parliaments
   iv. the suggested security benchmarks should be included as an agenda item for the next conference; and
   v. the treatment of cybersecurity threats via social media in the nature of impersonating a deceased MP.
Plenary Session 2: Relevant Education System to Build the Economy of Small Developing States

Moderator: Hon. Alexis Jeffers, House of Assembly, Nevis
First Presenter: Mr. Raymond Ivany, Former President of Arcadia University, Nova Scotia
Second Presenter: Hon. Shirley Osborne, Speaker of the Legislative of Montserrat
Third Presenter: Hon. Alincia Williams-Grant, President of the Senate, Antigua and Barbuda

43. Mr. Raymond Ivany described the basic needs for an education system as follows:
   i. The need to improve access to education as marginalized populations still do not benefit on an equal level to non-marginalized populations;
   ii. The need to improve the quality of education and increase lower education scores;
   iii. The need to review the labour market in post-secondary education; and
   iv. The need to improve entrepreneurship and innovation within the education sector.

44. Hon. Shirley Osborne outlined the need for education systems that encourage creativity, innovation, create new things and not mimicking others as well as the need to create relevant education systems that is unique for our development.

45. Hon. Alincia Williams-Grant outlined the education benchmarks of the Global Partnership for Education, the need to invest in the teaching workforce, the need for education must become more affordable to all and the ways to strengthen the existing education systems in the region.

46. The issues discussed on this topic included the need for teachers to be equipped to teach individuals based on new ways of learning and that education should not be used as a political football were the issues.

47. The delegates from the Trinidad and Tobago Branch expressed support for the need to develop an education system that is unique to the needs of the country.
Plenary Session 3: Relevant population growth in the multinational jurisdictions of Small Developing States

Moderator: Mr. Christopher Saunders, Cayman Islands
First Presenter: Hon Juan Watterson, Speaker, Isle of Mann
Second Presenter: Hon. Alden McLaughlin, Premier, Cayman Islands

48. Hon. Juan Paul Watterson focused on policies adopted to increase the relevant population in the Isle of Man while protecting the socio-economic-cultural identity of the country and highlighted:

i. Isle of Man model;
ii. The work permits required for foreigners;
iii. The ways that local citizens benefit from growing local economy;
iv. The land policies implemented with the influx of foreigners;
v. The measures adopted in order to sustain local culture with all other foreign cultures;
vi. The methods to address the increased demand for infrastructure, housing and education; and
vii. The impact of Brexit.

49. Hon. Alden McLaughlin highlighted the following issues:

i. The Cayman Model;
ii. The population growth in Cayman Islands as a result of immigration;
iii. The infrastructural challenges (such as Road works, highways, landfill) due to population increases; and
iv. Lesson learnt from population growth and the need for planned infrastructural growth.

50. The following issues were discussed:

i. Ensuring cultural identity of a country is maintained;
ii. Ensuring economic prosperity for local citizens;
iii. Land ownership problems due to population growth; and
iv. Ways to treat with friction between nationals and foreigners.
Plenary Session 4: How should CARICOM respond to the focus of De-globalization. How will this affect the CAA Region?

Moderator: Hon. Dr. Barton Scotland, Speaker of the National Assembly, Guyana
First Presenter: Ambassador Bryon Blake, Former Assistant Secretary General, Caricom
Second Presenter: Hon. Dr. W. McKeever Bush, Speaker, Cayman Islands

51. Ambassador Bryon Blake and Hon. Dr. W. McKeever discussed the impact of de-globalization on member states.

52. De-globalization is the reversal of globalization through increased forms of trade protectionism, nationalism, market segmentation and trade declines as a proportion of gross domestic product. Recent examples of de-globalization include Brexit and the United States withdrawal from the Paris Climate Accord, the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP), the Iran nuclear deal and United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO).

53. CARICOM has been impacted by increased de-globalization as its share of world exports have declined from 0.5% in 1980 to less than 0.2% in 2012. The determinants of the Caribbean’s poor export performance were poor trade policies, inadequate infrastructure, limited maritime connectivity and limited innovation.

54. Given the possible continuation of the decline of non-preferential trade agreements in the future, de-globalization has affected the CAA Region by member states giving priority to strategic economic decisions in order to improve national economic capacity and capabilities.

55. Alternatively, some commentators view that de-globalisation has resulted in the restoration of once vibrant sectors of economies of small states which were destroyed by imports and globalisation.
DAY 3: WEDNESDAY JUNE 20, 2018

Regional Executive Committee Meeting, Marriott Resort Ballroom

Meeting of the Regional Executive Committee

Hon. Bridgid Annisette-George, MP, Vice-Chairman of the Executive Committee attends the Regional Executive Committee
56. The Hon. Bridgid Annisette-George, MP, Vice-Chairman of the Executive Committee attended the Regional Executive Committee Meeting on June 20, 2018 and the Regional Secretary reported the following matters to the Annual General Meeting:

- **Status of the CPA**
  Members were reminded that at CPA 63 a decision was taken that CPA would be reconstituted in the United Kingdom as an inter-parliamentary institution with an international vocation, with functional privileges and immunities to reflect its appropriate status, and further charge the international Executive Committee to obtain legal, financial and other advice to determine the feasibility of reconstituting the association.

  Meetings were held in light of the foregoing decision with the Minister responsible for the Commonwealth and United Nations and the Chief Legal Advisor at the Foreign Commonwealth Office. These meetings are ongoing and Members will be updated.

- **CWP – Increase in Representation on CPA Executive Committee**
  The lobby for higher number of CWP Members to sit on the CPA Executive Committee is still under consideration.

- **Members’ Fees**
  The Executive Committee took note that there were a number of Branches with outstanding annual fees. The Committee agreed that going forward, Branches in arrears will be named in the financial report. Members were being invited to ensure that their fees are paid annually to avoid embarrassment.

  It was noted that the issue was also raised at the international level. In an effort at being conciliatory, the CPA Secretariat has been encouraging Members to pay, while being less stringent in their application of the option to suspend Branches for arrears in fees.

- **64th CPC (CPA 64)**
  Members were advised that CPC64 will not be held in 2018 for lack of a Host. The Executive Committee is scheduled to meet in October or November 2018. Members were advised that the CPC 64 is scheduled to be held in Uganda in 2019 and dates to be advised.

- **New CPA Travel Policy**
  There is new policy for Members travelling to CPA events for which the CPA provides the airfare. At present, it is the lowest fare in the class of travel. Members had the option of engaging their accustomed travel service. The new arrangement is that all travel will be served by a single agent, as determined by the CPA.

- **General**
  Branches are reminded that the Host Branches of conferences have an obligation to disseminate a report.
Annual General Meeting

57. The Annual General Meeting was called to order by the Hon. W. McKeefa Bush, Chairperson. The Chairperson extended a welcome to Members.

58. The agenda was adopted and Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday June 21, 2017 were confirmed. There were no matters arising from the Minutes.

59. The Report of the Regional Executive Committee and the Statement by the Secretary/Treasurer on the Management and Financial Position of the Regional Secretariat, Business proposed by the Executive Committee were considered.

60. After much discussion on the future venues for Regional Conferences and Seminars, it was agreed that Turks and Caicos would provide feedback by December 2018 to the Executive Committee on its ability to host 2020 Conference.

61. The Election of Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson of the Association as well as the Election of Executive Committee were held.

62. St. Lucia was nominated in positions of Group B Regional Representative and CWP Regional Chairperson and nomination of Barbados (Mr. Pedro Eastmond) for the position of Regional Secretary.

Meeting with Youth Parliamentarians, Cayman Islands Legislative Assembly

63. The Trinidad and Tobago Branch was represented by Ms. Laquesha Bailey and Mr. Xavier Richardson at the meeting of the youth parliamentarians at the Cayman Islands Legislative Assembly (See Appendix V).

64. Upon entering the chamber, youth parliamentarians were invited to introduce themselves and indicate whether they were a member of the government or the opposition.

65. Three (3) prospective candidates for the position of Opposition Leader made the decision amongst themselves who would be the Opposition Leader, while all other delegates filed into their selected seats on opposite sides of the chamber. A photocopy of the parliamentary procedure was distributed to all delegates to serve as a guide.

66. A rehearsal of the entire procedure from start to finish was performed and delegates acting as the Speaker of the House, Premier, Clerks and Sergeant exited and re-entered the chamber and a division was simulated. This was followed by a question and answer session and concerns were addressed regarding the parliamentary procedure for points of information, order and elucidation, five (5) minute duration for contributions and the manner of addressing the Speaker.

67. In terms of the order of speakers, delegates were informed that after the contribution of the Premier and the Opposition Leader, any other delegate could contribute upon catching the Speaker’s eye. Thereafter, the government and the opposition benches caucused in separate conference rooms for fifteen (15) minutes.
Tour of Grand Cayman

68. The delegation attended the tour of Grand Cayman to the following locations:

- Nurse Josie’s Centre – Nurse Josie’s Senior Centre, next to the Mission House in Bodden Town, is a growing historical and cultural center run by the Bodden Town, Heritage Committee. Nurse Josie’s Seniors Centre is an old-time Caymanian house that represents hundreds of years of Cayman’s history. The center of the house is made of wattle and daub, and it sits on its original iron wood posts. It is one of the most unique buildings on the island as it truly shows the roots of our Cayman culture and it is home to hundreds of Caymanian artifacts, photos and displays. The building also has a chicken coup, pig pen, outhouse and an old-kitchen and caboose. The house saw three generations of owners before being turned into the senior citizens’ recreational facility. The naming of the home was given to Miss Josie because of her decades of medical service to the Cayman Islands.

- Pedro St. James Castle – Pedro St. James Castle, Pedro St. James, or Pedro’s Castle is the oldest existing building in the Cayman Islands. The manor is a reconstruction of an original 1780 house, and the home of plantation owner William Eden. In 1831, it served as a rendezvous point for the first elected parliament in the Cayman Islands; the location has since been known as the birth-place of democracy in Cayman. Delegates experienced the 3-D, multi-sensory theatre on the colorful past of Cayman, the hardships of early settlers, the danger of marauders, the lives of the slaves who built and maintained the property, and the vision of the Caymanians of 1831 who introduced democracy to the Cayman Islands within the walls of the imposing Great House.

- Cayman Turtle Centre – The Cayman Turtle Centre was established in 1968 as Mariculture Ltd. By a group of investors from the United States and Great Britain as a facility to raise the green sea turtle, Chelonia mydas, for commercial purposes. The intention was to supply the market with a source of product that did not deplete the wild populations further. By releasing turtles and facilitating research, any harm created by removing turtles and eggs from the wild would be mitigated. After much work was put into pioneering the requirements of domesticating this wild animal, regulations designed to protect the sea turtle prevented the sale of even the farmed turtle product in the US and many other countries. Besides providing a safe place for these turtles, tourists and locals also get the opportunity to interact with these turtles, swim with them and learn about their habitat in a safe and friendly environment.
69. Upon arrival to the Cayman Islands Legislative Assembly, youth parliamentarians were instructed to wait outside the parliament chamber for pictures to be taken of each country’s delegates and thereafter filed into the chamber to be seated.

70. The Order Paper for the Regional Youth Parliament included:

   i. Prayer
      Delivered by the Honourable Elected Member from the Cayman Islands

   ii. Reading of Messages and Announcements by the Speaker

   iii. Government Business
        Government Motion No. 1 of 2018 – Affirmation of the United Kingdom’s Decision to Exit the European Union moved by the Honourable Member from the Cayman Islands and seconded by the Honourable Member for Turks & Caicos (See Appendix VI)

   iv. Adjournment
       The 14th Regional Youth Parliament stood adjourned sine die. Upon question put, the motion was approved.
The Hon. Dr. McKeeva Bush, OBE, JP, MLA, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly and President of the CPA Cayman Islands Branch expressed opening remarks, prior to the commencement of the youth parliament debate.

L to R: Dr. Denise Tsoifatt-Angus, Ms. Laquesha Bailey, Sen. Ronald Huggins, Mrs. Sharon Irvine-Combie and Mr. Xavier Richardson
The key points of Mr. Xavier Richardson, Member of the Government were:

i. The concerns of the fellow small Commonwealth states should not be neglected, but rather should provide objective and proactive thinking, encourage members to examine all eventualities and not just the negative ones. Mr. Richardson sought to dispel the Opposition’s uncertainty and hysteria which aided in the propagation of misinformation, panic and pessimism surrounding next dialogue and its implications for the Commonwealth;

ii. The hypocrisy of the small Commonwealth states in criticizing the UK for acting in its own perceived self-interest, when they too were concerned about the interests of their own states in this move; and

iii. Mr. Richardson echoed the sentiments of the Commonwealth Secretary General, the Honourable Patricia Scotland of Dominica, that despite the UK’s decision causing a great amount of worry and concern, it “may be the most phenomenal opportunity to strengthen and widen trading relations”. This sentiment was supported by statistics from the Commonwealth Trade Policy Brief on Brexit and Commonwealth Trade 2016 which showed significant earnings to be made in the Commonwealth even in the absence of any coordinated policy measures. He also asserted that there were numerous existing quirk programs within the Commonwealth which could be easily adapted to help states mitigate any negative economic shocks from Brexit if need be.
72. The contribution of Ms. Laquesha Bailey, Member of the Opposition earned her a notable mention by the judges. The key points in her contribution were:

i. The UK’s plan to exit the EU, in spite of the way it has been marketed, is destined to unravel the progress made over its membership in the EU;

ii. The majority of UK exports and imports since its induction in the EU have been to other EU countries in comparison to its meager exports to the Commonwealth and its steadily declining imports from the region. Likewise, the UK’s net contribution to the EU pales in comparison to its net benefit which ultimately favors Commonwealth LDCs in the form of aid and preferential trade agreements; and

iii. The UK’s stance on migration control is latently xenophobic and leaves the fate of commonwealth immigrants in doubt. The UK’s plan for migration and workers’ rights has been nothing more than one liners and promises with no real plan of execution irregardless of the fact that the UK’s decisions affect not only their residents but all of the EU and the Commonwealth.

Respectfully submitted,

Hon. Bridgid Annisette-George, MP  
Speaker of the House  
Leader of the Delegation
28th February, 2018

TO ALL BRANCH SECRETARIES
COMMONWEALTH PARLIAMENTARY ASSOCIATION
THE CARIBBEAN, THE AMERICAS & THE ATLANTIC REGION

Dear Branch Secretaries,

43rd Regional Conference of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association, Caribbean, the Americas and the Atlantic Region, Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands, 15th June – 23rd June 2018.

It is my pleasure as the President of the Cayman Islands Branch to invite your Branch to participate in the 43rd Commonwealth Parliamentary Association of the Caribbean, the Americas and the Atlantic Region which is slated to be held in the George Town, Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands 15th – 23rd June 2018.

The Regional Executive Committee Meeting, the Annual General Meeting, the 43th Regional Conference, the 11th Regional Conference of Commonwealth Women Parliamentarians and the 14th Regional Youth Parliament will be held on dates set out in the attached documentation.

The theme for this year’s Conference is “Building Small Developing States” Topics will be selected to reflect this theme. We are therefore asking for your assistance in suggesting topics and encouraging Members to volunteer as presenters on the topic of their choice.

Attached are the relevant forms to facilitate the registration process with the timelines for submission. In addition, the delegation entitlement is also included.

- Form 1 - Acceptance of Invitation by Friday, 30th March, 2018.
- Form 2 - Biographical Details form by Friday, 27th April, 2018.
- Form 3 - Travel details Form by Monday 7th May, 2018.
- Information Circular No. 1
- Delegation entitlement
Please be advised that, additional information will be communicated to you in due course.

Please return all forms on or before the respective due dates to the conference coordinator, Mrs Zena Merren-Chin at cicpa@gov.ky or call 1-345 949 4236 or 1-345 244 5608 for more information.

We look forward to welcoming you and your delegates to the Cayman Islands.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]

Dr. Hon W McKeeva Bush, OBE, JP, Hon Msc., MLA
Speaker of the Legislative Assembly
Conference Chairman
43rd Annual Conference of the Caribbean, the Americas, and the Atlantic Region of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association George Town, Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands June 15 to 23, 2018

THEME: Building Small Developing States
VENUE: Marriott Beach Resort, George Town, Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday June 15, 2018

ALL DAY
Arrival of all delegates to the 12th Commonwealth Women Parliamentarians (CWP) Conference, CPA Executive Committee Chairperson, Regional Secretary etc.

Delegates will be met at the Airport by Conference Staff and transported to the Mariott Beach Resort

REGISTRATION
Registration Desk, Lobby Area Marriott Beach Resort
6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
CWP Discussion Dinner – Marriot Resort

Saturday June 16, 2018

ALL DAY
Arrival of Regional Executive Committee Members

Delegates will be met at the Airport and transported to Marriott Beach Resort for check-in

REGISTRATION
Registration Desk, Lobby Area Marriott Beach Resort
7:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.
Breakfast – Anchor & Den Restaurant, Marriot

12th COMMONWEALTH WOMEN PARLIAMENTARIANS CONFERENCE

Venue
The Marriot Beach Resort, Ballroom

9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.
Opening Ceremony for the Commonwealth Women Parliamentary Conference
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<td>Welcome Dinner for CWP Delegates hosted by the Cayman Islands Women Parliamentarians</td>
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**Sunday June 17, 2018**

**CONTINUATION OF THE 12th COMMONWEALTH WOMEN PARLIAMENTARIANS CONFERENCE**

**ALL DAY**

Arrival of all Delegates/Observers and Accompanying Persons of the CPA to the 43rd Regional Conference

Delegates will be met at the Airport by Conference Staff and transported to Mariott Beach Resort

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<td>CWP Session: “Women and Political Parties in Small States of the Commonwealth Caribbean” Moderator: TBC</td>
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First Presenter: Hon. Hazel Brandy-Williams, Minister of Health and Gender Affairs, Nevis Island

Second Presenter: TBC

12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. CWP Luncheon with Key Note Speaker

1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. CWP Steering Committee Elections

6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Dinner for CWP and Regional Executive Committee Members at Anchor & Den Restaurant, Marriot Beach Resort

**Monday June 18, 2018**

**ALL DAY** Departure – CWP Attendees

**PLENARY SESSIONS**

**Venue** The Marriot Beach Resort Ballroom

7:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. Breakfast – Anchor & Den Restaurant

9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. **OFFICIAL OPENING CEREMONY OF THE 43rd ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE CARIBBEAN, THE AMERICAS AND THE ATLANTIC REGION OF THE COMMONWEALTH PARLIAMENTARY ASSOCIATION**

10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Official Photo and Coffee Break

10:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Plenary Session 1: “Relevant Security Systems for Government Entities and including parliaments of Small Developing States”

Moderator: Hon. Ingrid Moses-Scatliffe, Speaker of the House of Assembly, BVI

First Presenter: Rt. Hon. Sir Lindsay Hoyle, Deputy Speaker, House of Commons, England

Second Presenter: Hon. Bridgid Annisette-George, Speaker, Trinidad and Tobago

Third Presenter: Sen. Kerensia Morrison, Jamaica

1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. Lunch
2:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. Plenary Session 2: “Relevant Education System to Build the Economy of Small Developing States”

Moderator: Hon. Alexis Jeffers, House of Assembly, Nevis

First Presenter: Mr. Raymond Ivany, Former President of Arcadia University, Nova Scotia

Second Presenter: Hon. Shirley Osborne, Speaker of the Legislative of Montserrat

Third Presenter: Hon. Alincia Williams-Grant, President of the Senate, Antigua and Barbuda

3:15 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. Coffee Break

6:15 p.m. Depart for the Governor’s House

6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Welcome Reception, Government House hosted by His Excellency the Acting Governor, Mr. Franz Manderson, MBE, Cert Hon, JP, Governor of the Cayman Islands

Tuesday June 18, 2018

ALL DAY Arrival of Delegates for the Youth Parliament

Delegates will be met at the Airport by Conference Staff and transported to Marriott Beach Resort

REGISTRATION Registration Desk, Lobby Area Marriott Beach Resort

7:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. Breakfast – Marriott Resort Ballroom

9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Plenary Session 3: “Relevant population growth in the multinational jurisdictions of Small Developing States”

Moderator: Mr. Christopher Saunders, Cayman Islands

First Presenter: Hon. Juan Paul Watterson, Speaker of the House of Keys, Isle of Man

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Second Presenter: Hon. Alden McLaughlin, Premier, Cayman Islands
Third Presenter: TBC

11:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.  Coffee Break

11:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.  Plenary Session 4: “How should CARICOM respond to the focus of De-globalization. How will this affect the CAA Region?”

Moderator: Hon. Dr. Barton Scotland, Speaker of the National Assembly, Guyana

First Presenter: Ambassador Bryon Blake, Former Assistant Secretary General, CARICOM

Second Presenter: Hon. Dr. W. McKeeva Bush, Speaker, Legislative Assembly, Cayman Islands

1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.  Lunch

2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.  Plenary Session 4: “How should CARICOM respond to the focus of De-globalization. How will this affect the CAA Region?” (Continued)

6:15 p.m.  Bus departs hotel for Dinner Reception at Camana Bay

6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.  Dinner Reception at The Crescent, Camana Bay hosted by the Hon. Dr. W. McKeeva Bush, OBE, JP, Hon MSc, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly

**Wednesday June 19, 2018**

7:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.  Breakfast – Marriott Beach Resort Ballroom

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  Regional Executive Committee Meeting – Marriott Resort Ballroom

11:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.  Coffee Break

12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.  Lunch – Ballroom

1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.  Meeting with Youth Parliamentarians – Marriott Resort Ballroom

6:15 p.m.  Bus leaves hotel for Caribbean Plaza
6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. Latin Night at Havana Club, Caribbean Plaza

Thursday June 20, 2018

7:00 a.m. – 8:15 a.m. Breakfast – Marriot Resort Ballroom
8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Tour of Grand Cayman
6:15 p.m. Bus leaves hotel for Pedro Castle
6:30 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. Evening of Cultural Pedro St. James hosted by the Hon. Dr. W. Mckeeva Bush, OBE, JP, Hon MSc, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly and the Executive Committee of the CPA Cayman Islands Branch

Friday June 21, 2018

7:00 a.m. – 8:15 a.m. Breakfast – Marriot Resort Ballroom
8:30 a.m. Bus departs for the Cayman Islands Legislative Assembly
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. YOUTH PARLIAMENT Cayman Islands Legislative Assembly Chambers
12:30 p.m. Official photograph of Youth Parliamentarians
1:00 p.m. Bus departs for Marriott
1:15 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. Lunch at Marriott – Ballroom
(free afternoon)
6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Cocktail Reception hosted by the Hon. Alden Mc Laughlin, MBE, JP, MLA, Premier of the Cayman Islands

Saturday June 22, 2018

ALL DAY Official Departure of all Delegates, Executive Committee Members & Youth Parliamentarians
7:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. Breakfast Anchor & Den Restaurant
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**LIST OF CPA SPECIAL GUESTS/DELEGATES**

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PLENARY 1 PRESENTATION BY THE
HON. BRIDGID ANNISETTE-GEORGE, MP

Relevant Security Systems for Government entities, including Parliaments of Small Island Developing States

A Parliamentary Focus

Hon. Bridgid Annisette-George, MP,
Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Parliament of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago

Design of Security System
Source of Authority to the PPU

Section 18(1) of the Special Reserve Police Act, Chapter 15:03

‘Every member of the Special Reserve Police “shall have exercise and enjoy all the powers, authorities, privileges and immunities and shall perform all the duties and have all the responsibilities of a member of the Police Service constituted under the Police Service Act.”

Source of Authority to the PPU

Section 45 of the Police Service Act, Chap. 15:01

Empowers all officers to:
• Preserve the peace and detect crime and other infractions of the law.
• Serve and execute all process which he is directed to serve or execute.
• Keep order in and within the precincts of all courts.
• Repress internal disturbances.
• Do and perform all duties appertaining to a constable.
Parliamentary Privilege and the PPU

Section 4(1) of the House of Representatives (Powers and Privileges) Act, Chap 2:02

“No member shall be liable to arrest for any civil debt, except a debt the contraction of which constitutes a criminal offence, whilst going to, attending at, or returning from a sitting of the House or any committee”.

Exercise of Authority by the PPU
Collaboration between PPU and National Police Service

Office of the Speaker

Sections 5 to 7 of the House of Representatives
Powers and Privileges Act, Chap. 2:02

Admittance of ‘strangers’ to the House is regulated as follows:

• No stranger is entitled, as of right, to enter or to remain within the precincts of the House
• The Speaker can authorise ‘orders’ in his discretion for the regulation of the admittance of strangers to the precincts of the House.
• Copies of ‘orders’ are exhibited in a conspicuous position in the precincts of the House.
• The Speaker may at any time order any ‘stranger’ to withdraw from the precincts of the House.
Example of ‘Order’

Order for the Regulation...

of the Admittance of Visitors to Certain Specified Areas of the Parliament

In an effort to uphold the rights and privileges of each Member of Parliament, the following order for the regulation of the admittance of visitors to certain specified areas is made.

This order is subject and without prejudice to Standing Order 119 (1) which states that a ‘Visitor may be present in the House Chamber in the places set apart for them, under such rules as the Speaker may make from time to time for that purpose’.

A visitor is herein defined as a person other than a Member or employee of the Office of the Parliament who is required to work directly with the House.

Example of ‘Order’

It is hereby ordered that:

1) No visitor shall be entitled, as of right, to enter or to remain in the following defined areas that are reserved exclusively for use by Members of the Parliament:
   a) The floor of the Chamber when the House is sitting or otherwise
   b) The Members’ entrance to the Chamber
   c) Members’ staircase outside the Chamber Entrance on the Mezzanine floor leading to the Dining Room on the 2nd floor
   d) The Elevator between the Mezzanine floor and the 2nd floor
   e) The Members’ Lounge and Dining Lounge on the 2nd floor
   f) The Corridors leading to the Offices of the Presiding Officers
   g) The Presiding Officers entrance to the Chamber.

2) The Marshal of the Parliament or a Police Officer employed by the Office of the Parliament and in duty is hereby empowered to order the withdrawal of a visitor from the abovementioned areas and to ensure compliance with this order.

Speaker of the House
November 13, 2013
Office of the Speaker

Standing Order 123 of the House of Representatives

*The Speaker shall be responsible for the general direction and control and precincts of the Parliament.*

Example of Gross Disorder

In **October 2017**, at a Sitting of the Senate there was an incident of gross disrespect which led the Speaker of the House of Representatives to invoke the cited authorities to ban two citizens, that is, Ms. Maxine Gonzales and Mr. Robert Sagrumsingh from the precincts of the Parliament and the Chamber.
Example of ‘Order’


1. It is hereby ordered that, until further notice, the persons permitted below shall public order into the premises of the Parliament, including the Chamber in which the House of Representatives sit, to facilitate the operation of the House and to ensure the maintenance of public order and security.

2. Any breach of this order shall be handled in accordance with the Standing Orders of the Parliament.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE

监督管理机制

确保议会资产的安全

库存控制

✓ 物理检查家具和设备
✓ 库存清单
✓ 库存标签
✓ 未来计划
Administrative Mechanisms
Securing Parliament’s Assets

Internal Audit
Security of Assets including Funds from wastage, corruption and mismanagement

- Parliament Building – 41 constituency offices and numerous sub-offices
  - Production of constituency operational manuals and policy guidelines
  - Standardization of operational processes
  - Routine checks of activities – quarterly for constituency offices and bi-annually at parliament building, quarterly for vouchers/schedules/votebook/overpayment registers
  - Continuous review of internal control systems to measure effectiveness
  - Internal Audit checks performed at least twice a year as well as random checks

Information Communications Technology
Securing Members and Personnel

CAMERA MONITORING SYSTEM

- The external and internal camera monitoring system is strategically placed throughout the Parliament building and the immediate Parliament precincts
- Managed by the PPU and the ICT Department
**Information Communications Technology**
Securing Members and Personnel

**PARLIAMENTARY PERSONNEL DATABASE**
For all Staff

Shared with:

- PPU – security info, Proximity ID Cards
- HR - File Information
- ISU - Computer log on, Parliament Apple iPad, Parliament Rotunda Access, Parnet (Intranet), ParCloud (Parliament Private Cloud)

**USE OF ELECTRONIC ID CARDS – PROXIMITY CARDS**

- All staff and Members of Parliament must log into the building on entry and log out when leaving
- PPU can know the number of persons in the building in case of an emergency
- All Cards can be placed into groups to control access to particular floors or access to special doors (storage)
- PPU is able to see where persons are located (track route of persons throughout the building)
Information Communications Technology
Securing Members and Personnel

USE OF ELECTRONIC SCREENING TO ENTER PARLIAMENT

✓ Members
✓ Personnel
✓ Members of the Public
✓ Goods, mail and baggage

Summary of Securing the Parliament
Questions?
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Thank you!
APPENDIX V

LIST OF PARTICIPANTS FOR 14TH CARIBBEAN REGIONAL YOUTH PARLIAMENT

1. Hon. Chauntae Martinez Speaker of the Youth Parliament
2. Ms. Ashleigh Chin Clerk
3. Ms. Kiarilyn Reyes Deputy Clerk
4. Ms. Zariah Truman Serjeant-at-Arms

Government Members

5. Mr. Richard Webber Cayman Islands
6. Mr. Xavier Richardson Trinidad and Tobago
7. Mr. Rol-J Williams Nevis
8. Ms. Alicia Paul Antigua and Barbuda
9. Ms. Ryesha Higgs Turks and Caicos Islands
10. Ms. Tierra Tull Bermuda
11. Mr. Nicholas Braithwaite Barbados
12. Ms. Charlyn Myers Nevis
13. Ms. Celestine Hanley Nevis
14. Ms. Sky George Dominica
15. Mr. Zavia Walker Jamaica

Opposition Members

16. Mr. Dia Parris Barbados
17. Ms. Laquesha Bailey Trinidad and Tobago
18. Mr. Taj Donville-Outerbridge Bermuda
19. Mr. Reon King Antigua and Barbuda
20. Mr. Layton Lewis Turks and Caicos
21. Mr. Ade O’Neal Barbados
22. Ms. Lauren Nia Lawrence Nevis
23. Ms. Jenae Whittaker Cayman Islands
APPENDIX VI

14th REGIONAL YOUTH PARLIAMENT
GOVERNMENT MOTION

WHEREAS the United Kingdom BREXIT referendum results announced on the morning of June 24, 2016, showed that 51.9% of those who voted were in favour of the United Kingdom leaving the European Union;

AND WHEREAS on the March 26, 2017, the Prime Minister of the United Kingdom in a letter to the President of the European Council, in accordance with article 50(2) of the Treaty on European Union (Treaty of Lisbon), announced the United Kingdoms’ intention to withdraw from the European Union;

AND WHEREAS there is much speculation with regard to what the long-term implications of BREXIT will be for the Commonwealth nations, with many of the Small Island Developing States of the Commonwealth Caribbean, Americas and Atlantic Region finding themselves unable to offer very little assurance to their residents and citizens that their partnership with the other Commonwealth nations, in particular the United Kingdom, will guarantee that their concerns regarding BREXIT will be given equal priority to those of the United Kingdom;

AND WHEREAS the Commonwealth is a global organization of states which share common histories, cultures, values, beliefs and languages and are largely unified as partners who wish to continue to work together to increase the cooperation and global positioning of their member states, ensuring sustainable economic, social and political development;

AND WHEREAS the Commonwealth Heads of Government meetings provided an opportunity for the Commonwealth to redefine its relationships between member states promoting trade, finance, tourism, agriculture, education and other mutually beneficial partnerships; reinvigorating the Commonwealth and ensuring that talent, goods and capital can move unhindered between Commonwealth nations;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Regional Youth Parliament calls upon the Governments of the States and Territories of the Commonwealth Caribbean, Americas and Atlantic Region to affirm the United Kingdom’s decision to withdraw from the European Union.