A. INTRODUCTION.

The Parliament of Tanzania as well as the Headquarters of CPA Africa had the honor to welcome Hon. Emilia Monjowa Lifaka, the Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly of Cameroon and Chairperson of the Executive Committee of CPA International to the beautiful land of Dodoma, Tanzania on the 3rd April 2019. Hon. Lifaka was received at Dodoma Airport by the Speaker of the National Assembly of Tanzania, Hon. Job Yustino Ndugai, Hon. Dr. Tulia Ackson, MP and Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly of Tanzania, Members of the CPA Africa Region Executive Committee and protocol officials from the National Assembly of Tanzania.

1. Hon. Lifaka being received by the Speaker of the National Assembly of Tanzania and President of CPA Tanzania Branch Rt. Hon. Job Yustino Ndugai, MP at Dodoma airport when she landed on 3rd April 2019 at 7:00am.
After a short recess/break at the beautiful Nashera Hotel, Hon. Emilia Monjowa Lifaka had the opportunity to observe the morning Parliamentary session that is composed of Questions and Answers session and after that, she officially was introduced to the House by the Speaker of the National Assembly.

2. Hon. Lifaka being introduced to the MPs at the National Assembly of Tanzania on 4th April, 2019 after the Questions and Answers Session moments before she addressed members of the National Assembly.
After the introduction, accompanied by protocol officials, Hon. Emilia Monjowa Lifaka left the Chamber and proceeded to Msekwa Hall where she addressed Members of Parliament, Parliamentary Staff and other invited guests on the ideals of the Commonwealth and what the CPA in particular has been doing to foster democracy and rule of law within the Commonwealth and beyond.


Speaker of the National Assembly of Tanzania, Rt. Hon. Job Yustino Ndugai wound up the day by hosting Hon. Emilia Lifaka to his Official Residence for Lunch.
B. COURTESY CALLS ON OTHER LEADERS AND OFFICIAL MEETINGS

On the second day of the visit, Hon. Emilia Lifaka had the opportunity to pay a courtesy call on the Speaker of the National Assembly of Tanzania, Hon. Job Yustino Ndugai at His Private Office where they discussed a number of issues related to the ideals of the Commonwealth and areas of mutual co-operation between CPA Tanzania Branch and the CPA in general.

Hon. Lifaka thanked the Speaker of Parliament of Tanzania, Rt. Hon. Ndugai for endorsing her candidature for the post of Chairperson of Executive Committee, CPA International in July 2017 during the 16th Commonwealth Speakers and Presiding Officers Conference held in Abuja, Nigeria.

She also used this opportunity to present her report of activities for 2018 to Speaker Ndugai which reflects what she has done the past one year ever since she was elected Chairperson of the Executive Committee of the CPA.

Finally, Hon. Lifaka presented a business case on change of status to Hon. Ndugai asking the Parliament and Government of the United Republic of Tanzania to support the case presented by the CPA to the UK government on change of status of the CPA from being a charity to an International organization.
4. Hon. Lifaka paying a courtesy call on the Speaker of the National Assembly of Tanzania and President of CPA Tanzania Branch on 4th April 2019 at the Speakers’ Lounge.
5. Hon. Lifaka presenting her activity report for 2018 to the Rt. Hon. Speaker Ndugai. She also took this opportunity to present a business case to the Rt. Hon. Ndugai on change of Status which has also been presented to the British government.
Hon. Lifaka also attended a Meeting with Executive Committee Members of the CPA Tanzania Branch, where they deliberated a lot of issues regarding CPA in general such as exchange programs, study programs for Members of Parliaments and staff. Of particular importance was the issue of re-establishing a CWP chapter at CPA Tanzania Branch and a Network of Commonwealth Parliamentarians with Disabilities.

6. Hon. Lifaka meeting members of the Executive Committee of CPA Tanzania Branch on 4th April 2019 where they had reflections on areas of mutual cooperation between CPA Tanzania Branch and CPA International.
This meeting was followed by a meeting with the TWPG (Tanzania Women Parliamentary Group) where Hon. Lifaka insisted on the need to establish a CWP Chapter at the Parliament of Tanzania and called upon women Members of Parliament in Tanzania to be actively engaged in leadership activities beside men.

7. **Hon. Lifaka meeting Members of the Tanzania Women Parliamentary Group where they discussed, among other things, on the need to re-establish the CWP Chapter at the National Assembly of Tanzania.**
After the Meeting with Members of the Tanzania Women Parliamentary Group (TWPG) and a courtesy call on the Speaker of the National Assembly, Hon. Lifaka had the privilege of paying a courtesy call and meeting the Prime Minister of the United Republic of Tanzania, Hon. Kassim Majaliwa Kassim at the Prime Minister’s Office located at Mlimwa Hill in Dodoma. Hon. Lifaka used this opportunity to present a business case on change of status to the Prime Minister requesting the Government of Tanzania through it’s Foreign Affairs Ministry to engage other Commonwealth countries to push for a change of status of the CPA and request the UK government to fast track the process.

8. Hon. Lifaka paying a courtesy call on the Prime Minister of the United Republic of Tanzania Hon. Kassim Majaliwa Kassim, MP on 4th April 2019 where she also presented a Business case to the Government of Tanzania on change of Status.
9. Hon. Lifaka presenting a Business case on change of Status to the Prime Minister of the United Republic of Tanzania soliciting support from the Government of Tanzania to lobby for the change of Status of the CPA from a charity to international organization.
On the last day of the visit, Hon. Lifaka had the opportunity to pay a courtesy call on the Clerk of the National Assembly of Tanzania, Mr. Stephen Kagaigai who is also the CPA Africa Region Regional Secretary where matters of mutual concern between the CPA Africa Region and CPA International were discussed.

10. Hon. Lifaka paying a courtesy call on the Clerk of the National Assembly of Tanzania Mr. Stephen Kagaigai who is also the Regional Secretary for CPA Africa Region on 5th April 2019.
CONCLUSION

The visit by Hon. Emilia Monjowa Lifaka, MP, Deputy Speaker of Cameroon National Assembly and Chairperson of Executive Committee, CPA International was a huge success. It provided a rare opportunity where CPA Tanzania Branch Members and Staff had to share the ideals of the Commonwealth with the Chairperson of Executive Committee, CPA International and where matters of mutual interests between CPA Africa Region and CPA International were discussed.