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*CPA Regional Representatives terms run for three consecutive Commonwealth Parliamentary Conferences (CPCs)/General Assemblies. No CPC/General Assembly held in 2018, 2020 and 2021.

**CPA Officers (CPA Chairperson, Treasurer, CWP Chairperson and CPA Small Branches Chairperson) terms run for three years until the next available CPC/GA.

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Recent Commonwealth Parliamentary Conferences (CPC):
- 62\textsuperscript{nd} CPC in London, UK in 2016
- 63\textsuperscript{rd} CPC in Dhaka, Bangladesh in 2017
- 64\textsuperscript{th} CPC in Kampala, Uganda in 2019
- 65\textsuperscript{th} CPC due in Halifax, Canada in 2022
- 66\textsuperscript{th} CPC due in Accra, Ghana in 2023
- 67\textsuperscript{th} CPC - TBC due in 2024

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Hon. Anthony Rota, MP

CANADA

Present Role: Speaker of the House of Commons, Canada Federal
Year of Birth: 1961
Year First Elected to Parliament: 2004
Political Party: Liberal Party

Career Summary: Elected as the 37th Speaker of the House of Commons for the 43rd Parliament of Canada on 5 December 2019. He is the Member for the electoral district of Nipissing—Timiskaming and served in the 38th Parliament as Chair of the Subcommittee on Veterans Affairs of the Standing Committee on National Defence.

Re-elected in 2006, he served as the Liberal Party caucus chair from 2007 to 2011. During that time, he also served as critic for the Federal Economic Development Initiative for Northern Ontario. In 2011, he joined Nipissing University in North Bay, Ontario, where he served as Director of Government Relations. He ran for re-election in 2015 and won his seat for the 42nd Parliament. In 2015, he was appointed Assistant Deputy Speaker and Assistant Deputy Chair of Committees of the Whole. In April 2020, he was also appointed Chair of the Special Committee on the COVID-19 Pandemic (COVI).

Prior to his election to the House of Commons in 2004, he worked in the field of international technology transfer and in the financial and real estate sector. He was also elected to city council for the City of North Bay.

He holds a bachelor’s degree in Political Science and a Master of Business Administration. He is fluent in English, French, Italian and Spanish.

CPA positions: Nominated as CPA President in 2019 following the 64th CPC.

CPA activities: 2020: Virtual Executive Committee Meeting; 2019: Mid-Year Executive Committee Meeting, Ottawa, Canada.

Rt Hon. Alban Bagbin, MP

GHANA

Present Role: Speaker of the Parliament
Year of Birth: 1957
Year First Elected to Parliament: 1993
Political Party: National Democratic Congress

Career Summary: He is the Speaker of the Parliament of Ghana (Speaker of 8th Parliament of the Fourth Republic) since 7 January 2021. He was previously the Second Deputy Speaker of Parliament (2017-2021).

He was elected as the Member of Parliament for Nadowli North Constituency (1993-2005) and subsequently for Nadowli West Constituency (2005-2021). He also held the position of Minister for Health (2012-2013) and Minister for Water Resources, Works and Housing (2010-2012).

Prior to his election, he worked as a lawyer and was the acting Secretary to the Statistical Service Board at the Bureau of Statistics and Statistical Service. He also taught English in Libya.

Education: Bachelor of Arts degree in Law and English at the University of Ghana; Executive Masters in Governance and Leadership from the Ghana Institute of Management and Public Administration (GIMPA).

Recent CPA activities:
Member of the CPA Executive Committee as Acting Regional Representative for the CPA Africa Region (2012-2015).

Hon. Emilia Monjowa Lifaka, MP

CAMEROON

Present Portfolio or Office: Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly

Year of Birth: 1959

Year First Elected to Parliament: 2002

Political Party: CPDM

Career Summary: 2008 to present: Deputy Speaker of National Assembly; 2007–2008: Deputy Group Leader CPDM Parliamentary Group (Majority), National Assembly; 2009 to present: Member of the National Commission on Human Rights and Freedoms; 2007 to present: Member of the Constitutional Laws Committee; 2002-2007: Member of the Committee on Budget and Finance; 2002 to present: Member of the Executive Committee of Good Governance; 2002 to present: Member of National Assembly; 2007 to present: Member of the National Decentralization Council; 2002 to present: Member of the National Commission on Human Rights and Freedoms; 2009 to present: Member of the National Commission on Human Rights and Freedoms; 2007 to present: Director, Intensive Vocational Training Centre Buea; Administrative Assistant, Roots and Tubers Research Projects (USAID).

CPA positions: Elected CPA Chairperson in November 2017; CPA Vice-Chairperson from 2016-2017; CPA Africa Regional Representative from 2015-2017; 2014: General Coordinator of the 60th Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference held in Cameroon; 2017 to present: Leader and Coordinator of Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA) International Activities for the National Assembly of Cameroon.


Hon. Ian Liddell-Grainger, MP

UNITED KINGDOM

Present Role: Member of Parliament

Year of Birth: 1959

Year First Elected to Parliament: 2001

Political Party: Conservative Party

Career Summary: He was elected to the UK Parliament at the 2001 General Election for the seat of Bridgwater in Somerset (boundary changes created the new seat of Bridgwater and West Somerset in 2010).

He has been a Member of the International Development Committee since March 2020. He has also served on a number of Parliamentary Committees including Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy; Speaker’s Advisory Committee on Works of Art; Environmental Audit Committee; Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee; Scottish Affairs Committee; and Public Administration Committee. He chairs a number of All-Party Parliamentary Groups in the UK Parliament on Energy Studies, Nuclear Energy, Pharmaceuticals, Dyslexia and Tax.

Before entering Parliament, he ran a 250-acre farm in the Scottish Borders before becoming the Managing Director of his family’s property management and development company. He was commissioned in the Territorial Army where he was promoted to Major, serving with 6th Battalion of the Royal Regiment of Fusiliers. He was also elected as a District Councillor on Tynedale District Council in Northumberland.

Recent CPA activities: 2020: Virtual Executive Committee Meeting; 2019: 64th Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference, Kampala, Uganda.

He is also the Chairperson of the CPA UK Branch Executive Committee.

**Acting Vice-Chairperson since April 2021 – Completing the term started by Hon. John Ajaka, MLC, President of the Legislative Council of New South Wales.**

**Also: Executive Committee Regional Representative for CPA British Islands and Mediterranean Region (64th CPC to 67th CPC).**
Hon. Datuk Shamsul Iskandar Md. Akin, MP

MALAYSIA

Present Role: Member of Parliament

Year of Birth: 1974

Year First Elected to Parliament: 2013

Political Party: People’s Justice Party

Career Summary: He served as the Deputy Minister of Primary Industries in the Pakatan Harapan (PH) administration from July 2018 to February 2020. He has served as the Member of Parliament (MP) for Hang Tuah Jaya since May 2018 and Bukit Katil from May 2013 to May 2018. He is a member, spokesperson and was Vice-President of the People’s Justice Party (PKR), a component party of the PH opposition coalition.

At the international level, he is also a Board Member of The Parliamentary Network on the World Bank & International Monetary Fund.

Education: LLB, International Islamic University, Malaysia.

Recent CPA activities:

Interests: Badminton and mountain climbing.

Hon. Shandana Gulzar Khan, MNA

PAKISTAN

Present Role: Federal Parliamentary Secretary for Commerce

Year of Birth:

Year First Elected to Parliament: 2018

Political Party: Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI)

Career Summary: Hon. Shandana Gulzar Khan, MNA is a Member of National Assembly of Pakistan. A qualified legal professional with extensive knowledge and experience in international trade and economic law advocacy and an articulate communicator, fluent in three languages, she was elected to the National Assembly in August 2018. As an activist, she has worked on economic rehabilitation of abandoned post-incarceration females and providing opportunities for their families; developing training and legislation for female lawyers; as well as advising NGOs to better understand societal problems. She has authored various articles on a number of issues, including the creation of Pakistan’s first IP strategic framework, the industrial policy vacuum and has conducted many training seminars on various aspects of international trade policy and development.

Education: Bachelor’s degree in Law from the University of Peshawar and she also received the Lady Noon scholarship from the University of Cambridge and studied International Trade and International Economic Laws at postgraduate level.

Recent CPA activities: 2020: Virtual Executive Committee Meeting; 2019: 64th Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference, Kampala, Uganda.
Joy Burch, MLA

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

Present Role: Speaker of the Legislative Assembly

Year of Birth: 

Year First Elected to Parliament: 2008

Political Party: Australian Labor Party

Career Summary:
Joy Burch was first elected in 2008 as the Member for Brindabella and has served on a number of Committees including Administration and Procedure; Health, Ageing, Community and Social Services; and Justice and Community; and has held several Ministerial positions. She served as Deputy Speaker becoming Speaker of the Legislative Assembly for the Australian Capital Territory in October 2016.

Recent CPA activities:
Joy Burch assumed the role of Acting CPA Small Branches Chairperson in February 2021 upon the resignation of the previous CPA Small Branches Chairperson, Hon. Niki Rattle (Cook Islands). Hon. Joy Burch was at the time the Vice-Chairperson of the CPA Small Branches Steering Committee and so assumed the role of Acting CPA Small Branches Chairperson until the next CPA Small Branches Conference.


*Acting Chairperson since February 2021 – Completing the term started by Hon. Niki Rattle, Speaker of the Parliament of the Cook Islands.*
NAMIBIA

Present Role:  
Year of Birth:  
Year First Elected to Parliament:  
Political Party:  

Career Summary:  
Recent CPA activities:  
Interests:  

Awaiting Member nomination from CPA Namibia Branch.

ZAMBIA

Present Role: Member of Parliament  
Year of Birth: 1966  
Year First Elected to Parliament: 2003  
Political Party: Patriotic Front  

Career Summary:  
By profession, Hon. Lazarous Bwalya Chungu is an Accountant. He was elected to Parliament in 2011 and 2016. During this time he has held the following positions: Deputy Minister - Office of the Vice President (Jan 2015) and Committee Member of the Legal Affairs, Governance, Human Rights, Gender Matters and Child Affairs Committee since Oct 2016.


Interests: Dancing, listening to music, making friends and travelling.
Hon. Dr Makali Mulu, MP

KENYA

Present Portfolio or Office: Member of Parliament
Year of Birth: 1965
Year First Elected to Parliament: 2013
Political Party: WDM-K

Career Summary:
March 2013 to date: Member of the Kenya National Assembly, Kitui Central Constituency:
• Member of House Business Committee.
• Parliamentary Committee on Budget & Appropriations.
• Parliamentary Committee on Administration & National Security

Education: PhD in Economics, Kenyatta University, Kenya (2015); MA in Economics, University of Nairobi, 1992; BA in Economics (1st class), University of Nairobi, 1990.


2016 to date: Commonwealth Parliamentary Association Africa Region, Finance, Planning and Budget Committee Member.

Interests: Reading, travelling, political discussions, socializing, listening to gospel music.

Rt Hon. Sephiri Enoch Motanyane, MP

LESOTHO

Present Role: Speaker of Parliament
Year of Birth: 1939
Year First Elected to Parliament: 1965
Political Party: Lesotho Congress for Democracy

Career Summary: Designated Speaker on 6th June 2012 following the formation of a coalition government after the May 2012 election. Throughout his remarkable political career, he has been a Member of Parliament for Maliba-Matso constituency since the first democratic elections in 1965, an achievement he attained at the tender age of 24.

He was headteacher at Maliba-Matso Constituency 1961-1964 before becoming Member of Parliament for the Maliba-Matso Constituency between 1965-1970. He then returned to become headteacher at Lihakeng Primary School from 1973-1978, before he then went to be a mineworker in the Republic of South Africa from 1979 to 1991. Prior to his return into the country, he went back to education again where he was a teacher at Hlotse L.E.C. Primary School in 1992 and he then returned as a Member of Parliament for the Maliba-Matso Constituency in 1993, then was appointed Minister of Justice and Constitutional Affairs 1996-1998; Minister in the Prime Minister’s Office from 1994-1996 and again from 1999-2000; Minister of Tourism from 2000-2002; Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly from 2003-2012.

Education: Diploma in Industrial Relations and Teaching Certificate.


Interests: Athletics, reading, music.
Hon. Osei Kyei Mensah Bonsu, MP

GHANA

Present Role: Member of Parliament

Year of Birth: 1957

Year First Elected to Parliament: 1997

Political Party: New Patriotic Party

Career Summary: He is a Ghanaian urban planner and politician. He is currently the majority leader in the Ghanaian Parliament and also the Minister Designate for Parliamentary Affairs in Ghana.

He is the Chairperson for the Special Budget, House, and Business Committees. He is also a member of the Finance, Mines and Energy, Standing Orders, and Selection Committees.

He graduated from the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology with a Bachelor of Science degree in Urban Planning.

Recent CPA activities: 2020: Virtual Executive Committee Meeting; 2019: 64th Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference, Kampala, Uganda.

Rt Hon. Dr Abass Bundu, MP

SIERRA LEONE

Present Role: Speaker of Parliament

Year of Birth: 1948

Year First Elected to Parliament: 1982

Career Summary: Dr Abass Bundu has held numerous positions including as a Law Tutor in Cambridge University; Assistant Director of International Affairs and Consultant in Constitutional Law at the Commonwealth Secretariat in London from 1975–82; Executive Secretary of Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) from 1989–1993; Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Co-operation (1993–1995); Minister of Agriculture and Natural Resources 1982–85; Member of Parliament, 1982-1992; and Presidential candidate in the 1996 Presidential election in Sierra Leone. He was elected as Speaker of Parliament on 25th April, 2018.

He holds a Bachelor of Laws degree from the Australian National University (ANU) and both a Master of Laws and a PhD in International Law from the University of Cambridge, England. He is also a Barrister-at-Law.

Hon. Dr Fehmida Mirza, MP

**PAKISTAN**

**Present Role:** Member of Parliament  
**Year of Birth:** 1956  
**Year First Elected to Parliament:** 1997  
**Political Party:** Pakistan People’s Party

Career Summary: Dr Fehmida Mirza has been elected as a Member of the National Assembly for the five consecutive terms 1997, 2002, 2008, 2013 and 2018. She also had the distinction of being the first ever woman Speaker of the National Assembly of Pakistan as well as the entire Muslim World. She is also the Patron of the Women Parliamentary Caucus in the National Assembly of Pakistan and as such have remained engaged in ensuring gender equality by empowering and emancipating the women in Pakistan.

Dr Fehmida Mirza was named as Minister for Inter Provincial Coordination in August 2018.


Interests: Gender equality, maternal and neo-natal health and education.

Hon. Dr Lal Chand Ukrani, MPA

**SINDH**

**Present Role:** Member of Parliament  
**Year of Birth:** 1969  
**Year First Elected to Parliament:** 2007  
**Political Party:** Pakistan People’s Party

Career Summary:  
2007 to date: Elected as MPA. Member: Committee on Rules of Procedure and Privileges, Standing Committee on Services, General Administration & Coordination Department (Services, GA, I&C & IPC Wings), Public Accounts Committee, Standing Committee on Minorities Affairs.

Education: MBBS (Doctor).


Interests: Sports, politics.
Career Summary: Following a successful career in public service, he joined the United National Party Youth Front as a Central Committee Member (1974-1977) and was also elected the Chairman of the National Management Assistant Association of Sri Lanka (1974-1976).

He made his political debut in 1983 when he was elected as a Member of Parliament from the United National Party in the by-election held for the Hakmana electorate in the Southern Province of Sri Lanka, serving until 1987.

He then joined the Democratic United National Front, a breakaway group of the then ruling United National Party. He became Chairman of the Southern Provincial Council in 1993 and became the Chief Minister of the Southern Province (1994-1999). Subsequently, he re-entered Parliament in 2000 until 2004. In 2004, he was appointed the Deputy Minister of Health and Nutrition, then Cabinet Minister of Cultural affairs & National Heritage, Minister of Agriculture, and Minister of Parliamentary Affairs.

Having been elected as a Member of Parliament in the 2020 General Election, he was elected as the 11th Speaker of the 9th Parliament on 20th August 2020.

Education: University of Colombo in 1965 and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in 1968.

Completing the term started by Hon. Karu Jayasuriya, MP, Sri Lanka.
Hon. Bruce Atkinson, MLC

VICTORIA

Present Role: Member of the Legislative Council
Year of Birth: 1953
Year First Elected to Parliament: 1992
Political Party: Liberal Party of Australia

Career Summary: Elected to the Victoria Legislative Council as the Member for Koonung Province (1992-2006) and then re-elected for Eastern Metropolitan (since 2006). He was the President of the Legislative Council from 2010 to 2018 and previously, Deputy President of the Legislative Council from 2006 to 2010. He is a Member of the Legislative Council Committee on Privileges.

He has held various roles including Shadow Minister for Small and Medium Enterprises; Shadow Minister for Work Cover; and Shadow Minister for Sport and Recreation.

Prior to his election, he was a journalist and Public Relations Officer.

Education: Mitcham HS. Journalism Cadetship Leader Newspapers.


Senator Hon. Scott Ryan

AUSTRALIA FEDERAL

Present Role: President of the Senate
Year of Birth: 1973
Year First Elected to Parliament: 2007
Political Party: Liberal Party of Australia

Career Summary:
First elected to the Senate of Australia for Victoria in 2007, he was re-elected in 2013 and 2016. He was elected as President of the Senate on 2017.

He has held various Ministerial appointments including: Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Education and Training; Assistant Cabinet Secretary; Minister for Vocational Education and Skills; Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for Cabinet.

He is the Chair of the Standing Committee on Appropriations, Staffing and Security and the Deputy Chair of Joint Committee on the Broadcasting of Parliamentary Proceedings.

Qualifications and occupation before entering Federal Parliament: BA (Hons) (University of Melbourne); Tutor in the Department of Political Science at the University of Melbourne; Speechwriter, Department of Industry, Tourism and Resources; Office of the Leader of the Opposition (Vic.); GlaxoSmithKline Australia; Consultant; Research Fellow at the Institute of Public Affairs.

Recent CPA activities: 2020: Virtual Executive Committee Meeting; 2019: 64th Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference, Kampala, Uganda.
Hon. Stuart McMillan, MSP

SCOTLAND

Present Role: Member of the Scottish Parliament
Year of Birth: 1972
Year First Elected to Parliament: 2007
Political Party: Scottish National Party

Career Summary:
Member of the Scottish Parliament (MSP) since his election in 2007. Re-elected in 2016. Member of the following Committees: Culture, Tourism, Europe and External Affairs Committee (Member); Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (Deputy Convener).
2016: Chair of the Cross Party Group on Recreational Boating and Marine Tourism.
Education: University of Abertay, Dundee, BA (Hons) European Business Management with Languages; University of Abertay, Dundee, MBA (European).
Interests: Football, music (he plays the bagpipes), travel and reading.

Alternate Member for CPA Northern Ireland Branch.

Hon. Leona Roberts, MLA

FALKLAND ISLANDS

Present Role: Member of the Assembly
Year of Birth: 1972
Year First Elected to Parliament: 2017
Political Party: Independent

Career Summary:
She has lead portfolio responsibility for Environment and Public Protection, Policy and Public Relations and secondary portfolio responsibility for Education and Community.
Previous career: Director of the Falkland Islands national museum for 14 years.
Education: Chartered Management Institute - Diploma in Management (L5).
Recent CPA activities: 2020: Virtual Executive Committee Meeting; 2019: 64th Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference, Kampala, Uganda; 2019: Mid-Year Executive Committee Meeting, Ottawa, Canada; 2018: Mid-Year Executive Committee Meeting, Mauritius.
Recent CPA activities: 2020: Virtual Executive Committee Meeting; 2019: Mid-Year Executive Committee Meeting, Ottawa, Canada; 2018: Mid-Year Executive Committee Meeting, Mauritius; 2017: 63rd Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference, Dhaka, Bangladesh.
Interests: Family Time, History, Politics, Current Affairs, Reading, Music.
Hon. Ian Liddell-Grainger, MP

UNITED KINGDOM

Present Role: Member of Parliament

Year of Birth: 1959

Year First Elected to Parliament: 2001

Political Party: Conservative Party

Career Summary: He was elected to the UK Parliament at the 2001 General Election for the seat of Bridgwater in Somerset (boundary changes created the new seat of Bridgwater and West Somerset in 2010).

He has been a Member of the International Development Committee since March 2020. He has also served on a number of Parliamentary Committees including Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy; Speaker’s Advisory Committee on Works of Art; Environmental Audit Committee; Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee; Scottish Affairs Committee; and Public Administration Committee. He chairs a number of All-Party Parliamentary Groups in the UK Parliament on Energy Studies, Nuclear Energy, Pharmaceuticals, Dyslexia and Tax.

Before entering Parliament, he ran a 250-acre farm in the Scottish Borders before becoming the Managing Director of his family’s property management and development company. He was commissioned in the Territorial Army where he was promoted to Major, serving with the 6th Battalion of the Royal Regiment of Fusiliers. He was also elected as a District Councillor on Tynedale District Council in Northumberland.

Recent CPA activities: 2020: Virtual Executive Committee Meeting; 2019: 64th Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference, Kampala, Uganda.

He is also the Chairperson of the CPA UK Branch Executive Committee.

Also: Acting CPA Vice-Chairperson from April 2021 (64th CPC to 65th CPC).

Hon. François Paradis, MNA

QUÉBEC

Present Role: President of the National Assembly

Year of Birth: 1957

Year First Elected to Parliament: 2014

Political Party: Coalition avenir Québec

Career Summary: First elected as Member for Lévis in the partial election held in October 2014 and re-elected in 2018.

He became President of the National Assembly in November 2018 and he also holds the following roles: Chair of the Office of the National Assembly; Chair of the Committee on the National Assembly; Chair of the Subcommittee on Parliamentary Reform; and a Member of the Parliamentary Diplomacy Advisory Committee.

Prior to his election, he was a public affairs program host and anchor for various newscasts at Télé 4, TVA and Radio-Canada (1984-2012); a Radio journalist at CJRP, CHRC, CKCV and CKAC (1976-1987) and a speaker and trainer on communication for several organisations and businesses.

Education: Attestation of internship in journalism, Paris, France; Bachelor’s degree in political science and journalism, Université Laval

Recent CPA activities: 2020: Virtual Executive Committee Meeting; 2019: Mid-Year Executive Committee Meeting, Ottawa, Canada.

Completing the term started by CPA Northwest Territories Branch.
Hon. Kevin Murphy, MLA

NOVA SCOTIA

Present Role: Speaker of the House of Assembly

Year of Birth: 1970

Year First Elected to Parliament: 2013

Political Party: Liberal Party

Career Summary: First elected to the Nova Scotia House of Assembly as MLA for Eastern Shore in 2013 and re-elected in 2017. In 2013, he was elected as the Speaker of the Nova Scotia House of Assembly. He is also Chair of the Assembly Matters Committee and a Member of the House of Assembly Management Commission.

He is the first Speaker in any Canadian jurisdiction to have a permanent long term physical disability. He is a spinal cord injured quadriplegic as a result of a hockey accident in 1985. He has also worked for 5 years for the Canadian Paraplegic Association in Nova Scotia as a Peer Counsellor, and 7 years for the Rick Hansen Foundation as a the National Solutions Coordinator.

Education: Bachelor of Commerce, Saint Mary’s University.


Interests: Hockey, accessibility.

Also: Chairperson of the Commonwealth Parliamentarians with Disabilities (CPwD).

Hon. Yasmin Ratansi, MP

CANADA FEDERAL

Present Role: Member of Parliament

Year of Birth: 1951

Year First Elected to Parliament: 2004

Political Party: Independent

Career Summary: She is a Canadian politician, who represents the Toronto area riding of Don Valley East in the House of Commons of Canada. She was elected as a Liberal in 2004 until 2011, and re-elected again in 2015 and 2019.

She is Chair of the Canadian Federal Branch of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association, Chair of the Standing Committee on Environment and Vice-Chair of the Global Organization of Parliamentarians against Corruption (GOPAC). As Chair of the Standing Committee on the Status of Women, she was proud to have introduced the first report on gender lens budgeting for Parliament. She is continuously working to engage multi-faith groups in promoting peace, harmony and respect for each other.

She is also a Fellow of the Chartered Professional Accountants of Canada and a Certified Management Consultant.

Hon. Arthur Holder, MP

BARBADOS

Present Role: Speaker of the House of Assembly

Year of Birth: 

Year First Elected to Parliament: 2007

Political Party: Barbados Labour Party

Career Summary:
He is a Barbadian lawyer and politician.
He has been the designated Speaker of the House of Assembly of Barbados since 2018. He successfully contested the St. Michael Central seat for the Barbados Labour Party (BLP) in the 2018 general election.

He is a Senior Attorney at Holder and Company, he is the former Principal of the Urban Adult College, Manager of Administration at the Barbados Child Care Board and Programme Officer with the National Council on Substance Abuse.

A graduate of University of the West Indies and post-graduate of Barry University, Miami.

Interests: An avid reader, cricket enthusiast and a competitive dominoes player.

Completing the term started by CPA Trinidad and Tobago Branch.

Hon. Andy Glenn Daniel, MP

ST LUCIA

Present Role: Speaker of the House of Assembly

Year of Birth: 1971

Year First Elected to Parliament: 2000

Career Summary:
He is a politician and the current Speaker of the House of Assembly of Saint Lucia since 2018.

He was previously President of the Senate between 2016 and 2018 and a Senator since 2016.

Prior to his election, he was a lawyer and was called to the bar in 1999. He commenced private practice until 2004 when he was appointed as a Magistrate.

Education: He served as President of the Student Council during his tenure at both the Denny Junior Secondary School and the Saint Mary’s College. He was also Treasurer of the National Youth Council in 1992 as well as President of the Students Branch of the National Youth Council. Upon graduation, he worked for a year at the Saint Lucia Development Bank and then proceeded to study law at the Holborn College, London.

Hon. Gordon J. Burton, MHA

TURKS AND CAICOS

Present Portfolio or Office: Speaker of the House of Representatives

Year of Birth:

Year First Elected to Parliament:

Political Party: Progressive National Party (PNP)

Career Summary: Gordon Burton was appointed as Speaker of the House of Assembly in the Turks and Caicos Islands and was sworn in on 5th March 2021. In this role, he chairs the House, Standing Orders and Privileges Committees of Parliament.

He has considerable experience in leadership roles in the public sector having served as Chair of the National Insurance Board, the Turks and Caicos Islands Community College Board and the Turks and Caicos Islands Airports Authority. He is a past Vice Chairman of The Turks and Caicos National Trust and he has also served on the boards of several social organisations including Crime Stoppers Turks & Caicos and the Kiwanis Club of Providenciales.

He has a bachelor’s degree in Accounting from St. Thomas University in Miami, Florida and an MBA with a concentration in finance from Nova Southeastern University in Davie, Florida. He also has a diploma in International Trust Management from the Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners in the United Kingdom. He has served as President of the Association of Company Managers and Agents; a member of the Company Law Advisory Committee of the Financial Services Commission of the Turks & Caicos Islands and Chairman of the Investment Committee of the National Insurance Board of the Turks & Caicos Islands.

Completing the term started by Hon. Dwayne Taylor, MHA, CPA Turks and Caicos Branch.

Shri Premchand Aggarwal, MLA

UTTARAKHAND, INDIA

Present Role: Speaker of the Legislative Assembly

Year of Birth: 1960

Year First Elected to Parliament: 2007

Political Party: Bhartiya Janta Party (BJP)

Career Summary:
Member of the Uttarakhand Legislative Assembly from the Rishikesh constituency in Dehradun district. He is originally from Doiwala. He has been MLA for Rishikesh consecutively in three terms since the 2007 election. Since March 2017, he has been the current Speaker of the Uttarakhand Legislative Assembly and he was elected unopposed by the newly elected Members.


Shri Hitendra Goswami, MLA

ASSAM, INDIA

Present Portfolio or Office: Speaker of the Legislative Assembly
Year of Birth: 1959
Year First Elected to Parliament: 1991
Political Party: Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)

Career Summary:
Currently the Speaker of Assam Legislative Assembly.

He has had a leading career in construction and his companies have constructed schools, libraries, clubs and other socio-cultural institutions with limited funds.

Recent CPA activities:

Interests: Working on child development, travelling, reading books, watching games.

Shri Anurag Sharma, MP

INDIA UNION

Present Role: Member of Lok Sabha
Year of Birth: 1964
Year First Elected to Parliament: 2019
Political Party: Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)

Career Summary:
Elected to 17th Lok Sabha for the constituency of Jhansi (Uttar Pradesh) in 2019.

He is a Member of the Standing Committee on Science & Technology, Environment & Forests; the Standing Committee on Health and Family Welfare; and the Consultative Committee at the Ministry of Rural Development.

Education: B.Com. (Hons), M.Com., OPM Programme at Hislop College, Nagpur, Bundelkhand University, U.P. and Harvard Business School, Harvard University

Interests: Reading books, travelling, promotion of health & fitness, promotion of sports (Hockey)

Recent CPA activities:
2020: Virtual Executive Committee Meeting; 2019: 64th Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference, Kampala, Uganda.
Hon. Gerry Brownlee, MP

NEW ZEALAND

Present Role: Member of Parliament
Year of Birth: 1956
Year First Elected to Parliament: 1996
Political Party: New Zealand National Party

Career Summary: He has been a Member of Parliament in New Zealand since 1996. He has served as Deputy Leader of the National Party, Shadow Leader of the House, and a Senior Cabinet Minister in the roles of Energy and Resources, Economic Development, Christchurch Earthquake Recovery, Transport, Defence and Foreign Affairs.

Currently, he is the Opposition Spokesperson for Foreign Affairs, and the Deputy Chair of the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Select Committee.

He is also the CPA New Zealand Branch’s Chairperson and their representative to the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association.

Education: St Bede’s College, Christchurch, New Zealand; Christchurch College of Education; Christchurch Polytechnic.


Hon. Therese Kaetavara, MHR

BOUGAINVILLE

Present Role: Deputy Speaker of the House of Representatives
Year of Birth: 
Year First Elected to Parliament: 
Political Party: Non-partisan

Career Summary: She was elected to represent the electorate of South - Women’s Regional (Province: AROB).

Prior to her election, she had a number of different roles including: Department Steno-Secretary, University of Papua New Guinea; Steno-Secretary, Office of the Premier, North Solomons Provincial Government; Executive Secretary, Bougainville Copper Limited; Regional Manageress, DHL International Worldwide Express, Bougainville Agency; Regional Women’s Coordinator, Missions and SME Development, South Seas Evangelical Church: New Guinea Islands Region, Highlands Region and Southern Region; Administrative Secretary, Christian Leaders Training College; (Retired) Community Volunteer and Nazareth Center for Rehabilitation Representative, Bana District; Ward Chair, Sove Ward, Baba Constituency, Bana District, AROB.

Education: Business Administration and Stenography, Rabaul Secretarial College; Diploma in Theology, Christian Leaders Training College.

Interests: Music, Church Mission, Volunteering, Sports


Completing the term started by Hon. Simon Petanu, MHR, Bougainville; and Hon. Francesca Semoso, MHR, Bougainville.
Hon. Suhaizan Kayat, MLA

JOHOR

Present Role: Speaker of the State Legislative Assembly

Year of Birth: 1973

Year First Elected to Parliament:

Political Party:

Career Summary: He became the Speaker of the Johor State Legislative Assembly in June 2018.

His current parliamentary roles include Chair of Standing Rules And Orders Committee; and Chair of Right And Freedoms Committee.

He is also a Member of the National Trust Party Leadership Committee and the Vice Chairman of the Johor State National Trust Party.

Education: Msc Software Engineering, University Technology of Malaysia

Recent CPA activities: 2020: Virtual Executive Committee Meeting; 2019: 64th Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference, Kampala, Uganda.

Completing the term started by CPA Malacca Branch.

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H. E. Hon. Ratu Epeli Nailatikau, MP

FIJI

Present Role: Speaker of Parliament

Year of Birth: 1941

Year First Elected to Parliament: 2001

Political Party: Independent

Career Summary: He was elected as the new Speaker of the Fijian Parliament in February 2019. He was previously the Speaker of the House of Representatives from 2001 to 2006 under the bi-cameral legislative system. Prior to his appointment as Speaker, he served as Fiji’s President for six years from 2009 to 2015. He also served as Vice President of Fiji in 2009 and was appointed Chancellor of the University of Fiji.

His career began in 1962 when he joined the then Royal Fiji Military Forces and he then served as aide-de-camp to four Governors of Fiji from 1965 to 1969. He served as Second Secretary to the Fiji High Commission in Canberra (1970-1972) and then to the Fiji Mission to the United Nations in New York (1972-1974). He rejoined the military in Fiji between 1975 and 1987 rising to the rank of Commander and Brigadier-General as well as serving with the UN Peacekeepers.

In 1988, he served eight years as Fiji’s High Commissioner to the United Kingdom (and non-resident Ambassador to Denmark, Egypt, Germany, Israel and the Holy See. He then took up the post of Permanent Secretary for Foreign Affairs and External Trade in 1999. He served as the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Fijian Affairs in the interim Government from June 2000 to March 2001. In 2005, he was appointed the UN AIDS Special Representative for the Pacific and was also appointed as Fiji’s representative for HIV/AIDS in 2007 in recognition of his campaign work.

Hon. Dr Lim Biow Chuan, MP

SINGAPORE

Present Role: Member of Parliament
Year of Birth: 1963
Year First Elected to Parliament: 2006
Political Party: People’s Action Party

Career Summary:
He is also the current Member of Parliament for Mountbatten SMC since 7 May 2011 and previously for the Mountbatten ward under the Marine Parade GRC from 5 May 2006 to 6 May 2011.

He served as Deputy Speaker of the 13th Parliament of Singapore from January 2016 to 23 June 2020.

He is a lawyer and has been in legal practice since 1989 and a senior partner in Derrick Wong & Lim BC LLP.

Recent CPA activities:
He was previously the CPA South East Asia Regional Representative on the CPA Executive Committee from 2014 to 2017.


Completing the term started by Hon. Zainal Sapari, MP, Singapore.

Hon. Datuk Wira Dr Mohd Hatta Md Ramli, MP

MALAYSIA

Present Role: Member of Parliament
Year of Birth: 1956
Year First Elected to Parliament: 2008
Political Party: Malaysian Islamic Party (PAS) then National Trust Party

Career Summary:
Elected as a Member of the Parliament of Malaysia for Lumut since May 2018 and previously for Kuala Krai from March 2008 to May 2018.

He served as the Deputy Minister of Entrepreneur Development in the Pakatan Harapan (PH) administration from July 2018 to February 2020.

He is a member and Secretary-General of the National Trust Party (AMANAH), a component party of the opposition coalition, and was a Member, Treasurer, Elections Director and Central Committee Member of the Malaysian Islamic Party (PAS).

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