



**1st JOINT CPA ASIA & SOUTH-EAST ASIA
REGIONAL CONFERENCE**

(February 06 - 10, 2025)

P U N J A B - P A K I S T A N

**"Parliamentary Strategies for Inclusive Growth and Sustainable Futures in
Asia and South-East Asia"**

PROGRAMME

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2025 ARRIVAL DAY	
All Day	Arrival of Delegates to Lahore - National Delegates: By Air / Road - International Delegates: By Air / Allama Iqbal International Airport
On Arrival	Registration Venue: Business Centre, PC Hotel, Lahore
1300 – 1500 hrs 1900 – 2200 hrs	Quiet Lunch & Dinner Lunch Venue: Marco Polo Restaurant, PC Hotel, Lahore Dinner Venue: Marco Polo Restaurant, PC Hotel, Lahore
DAY-1 FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2025	
0700 – 0900 hrs	Breakfast Venue: Marco Polo, PC Hotel, Lahore
Departure of Branch Secretaries and CPA Deputy Secretary General to Conference Venue – Shuttle Service	
0830 hrs	Branch Secretaries/their Representatives (only) and CPA Deputy Secretary General to assemble in the Hotel Lobby for departure to Punjab Assembly Building
0840 hrs	Departure of Branch Secretaries & CPA DSG from Hotel via Shuttle Service
0845 hrs	Arrival of Branch Secretaries & CPA DSG at Punjab Assembly
0850 hrs	Group Photo of Branch Secretaries & CPA Deputy Secretary General with Secretary-General Punjab Assembly Venue: Entrance Stairs, New Assembly Building

MEETING OF THE BRANCH SECRETARIES		
<i>Venue:</i> Committee Room 2, New Assembly Building		
0900-0950 hrs (Working Tea)	Meeting of the Branch Secretaries a) Consideration of the Programme of the Conference	Co-Convened By: Mrs. Kushani Anusha Rohanadeera (Secretary General – Parliament of Sri Lanka / Regional Secretary – CPA Asia) AND Ch Amer Habib, (Secretary General – Punjab Assembly / Branch Secretary – CPA Punjab) Participants: Branch Secretaries (or their nominees on their behalf) of all National and Provincial/State Legislatures of - CPA Asia Region - CPA South-East Asia Region Observer: - CPA Deputy Secretary General
	b) Consideration of matters relating to CPA Asia Region	Co-Convened By: Mrs. Kushani Anusha Rohanadeera (Secretary General – Parliament of Sri Lanka / Regional Secretary – CPA Asia) AND Ch Amer Habib, (Secretary General – Punjab Assembly / Branch Secretary – CPA Punjab) Participants: Branch Secretaries (or their nominees on their behalf) of all National and Provincial Legislatures of CPA Asia Region Observers: - Branch Secretaries (or their nominees on their behalf) of all National and State Legislatures of CPA South-East Asia Region - CPA Deputy Secretary General
0950 hrs Branch Secretaries move to Committee Room 3 to attend Regional ExCo Meeting		
Departure of Presiding Officers to Conference Venue – Individual Vehicles		
0930 hrs	Departure of Presiding Officers from Hotel via Individual Cars to Punjab Assembly, namely: - Speakers / Deputy Speakers / Heads of Delegation (only) - CPA Chairperson - CPA International Executive Committee Members from the Asia Region	
0940 hrs	Arrival of Presiding Officers and CPA ExCo Chairperson & Members at Punjab Assembly	

0940 - 0955 hrs	Individual Photographs of Presiding Officers & CPA ExCo Chairperson & Members with Speaker Punjab Assembly on Arrival Venue: Entrance Stairs, New Assembly Building	
MEETING OF REGIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE Venue: Committee Room 3, New Assembly Building		
1000 -1040 hrs (Working Tea)	Meeting of Regional Executive Committee a) Approval of the Programme of the Conference	Co-Convened By: Hon. (Dr.) Jagath Wickramaratne Speaker, Parliament of Sri Lanka / Chairperson, Regional Ex-Co AND Hon. Malik Muhammad Ahmad Khan Speaker – Punjab Assembly / Conference President Participants: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Speakers / their nominees (on Speaker’s behalf) of all National and Provincial Legislatures of CPA Asia Region - CPA International Executive Committee Members from Asia Region - Speakers / Heads of Delegation of all National and State Legislatures of CPA South-East Asia Region Observers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CPA Chairperson
	b) Approval of matters relating to CPA Asia Region	Co-Convened By: Hon. (Dr.) Jagath Wickramaratne Speaker, Parliament of Sri Lanka / Chairperson, Regional Ex-Co AND Hon. Malik Muhammad Ahmad Khan Speaker – Punjab Assembly / Conference President Participants: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Speakers / their nominees (on Speaker’s behalf) of all National and Provincial Legislatures of CPA Asia Region - CPA International Executive Committee Members from Asia Region

		Observers: - CPA Chairperson - Speakers / Heads of Delegation of all National and State Legislatures of CPA South-East Asia Region - Voting Delegates of Asia region
1040 - 1050 hrs	Souvenir Distribution to Heads of Delegations	
1050 hrs	Group Photo Venue: Speaker Chamber, 2nd Floor, New Assembly Building	
1055 hrs	Official Portrait of Chief Guest with Heads of Delegations Venue: Stairs leading to New Assembly Building, Basement level	
1055 – 1100 hrs	Assembling of Speakers / Deputy Speakers / Heads of Delegation in Ayes Lobby for Speakers Procession	
Arrival of MPAs Punjab and Local Guests at Conference Venue		
1015 hrs	Arrival of Punjab MPAs and Inaugural Ceremony Local Guests	
1015 - 1055 hrs	Seating Venue: New Assembly Hall	
Departure of Conference Delegates to Conference Venue – Shuttle Service		
1020 hrs	Conference Delegates (MPs and Officers) and Observers to assemble in the Hotel Lobby for departure to the Punjab Assembly	
1030 hrs	Departure of Conference Delegates, Observers from Hotel using Shuttle Service	
1040 hrs	Arrival of Conference Delegates, Observers at Punjab Assembly	
1050 hrs	Seating (Floor of the House) Venue: New Assembly Hall	

1100 – 1300 hrs	INAUGURAL CEREMONY	
	Topic: "Collaborative Governance for Shared Regional Challenges" Venue: New Assembly Hall	
1100 hrs	Seating of all the Conference Delegates	
1100 – 1110 hrs.	Procession of Speakers	
1110 hrs	Arrival of Chief Guest from the Ayes Door to the Head Table led by Pakistan Flag	
1115 hrs	Recitation of Holy Verses	
1120 hrs	National Anthem	
1125 hrs	Documentary on Punjab Assembly	
1150 hrs	Welcome Remarks	Hon. Malik Muhammad Ahmad Khan Speaker – Punjab Assembly
1200 hrs	Remarks by Chairperson of the CPA Executive Committee	Hon. Dr Christopher Kalila, MP (Zambia)
1210 hrs	Parliament of Malaysia (Parlimen Malaysia)	Hon. Senator Pele Peter Tinggom, Member of the Senate / Dewan Negara
1220 hrs	People's Majlis of Maldives	Hon. Ahmed Nazim, Deputy Speaker
1230 hrs	Parliament of Sri Lanka	Hon. (Dr.) Jagath Wickramaratne, Speaker
1240 hrs	Chief Guest	Hon. Sardar Ayaz Sadiq, Speaker National Assembly of Pakistan
1255 hrs	Group Photo with Chief Guest with all Conference Delegates Venue: New Assembly Hall	
1300-1430 hrs	Prayer Break / Lunch hosted by Hon. Deputy Speaker, Punjab Assembly Jumma Prayers Venue: Enclosure outside Assembly Mosque Lunch Venue: Front Lawn	
1430 – 1630 hrs	PLENARY SESSION	
	Topic: "Collaborative Legislation for Inclusive and Equitable Development"	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Addressing challenges in representation, fostering inclusivity, and strengthening legislative mechanisms to empower underrepresented groups. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Strengthen the role of women, youth, persons with disabilities and minorities in decision-making processes. ○ Discuss challenges like underrepresentation and propose parliamentary solutions for inclusivity. ○ Interactive session on the CPA International Secretariat's work. <p>Venue: New Assembly Hall</p>	
1430 – 1530 hrs	<p>Keynote Address 2. Ms. Nusrat Ghani Deputy Speaker, UK House of Commons Chairman of Ways and Means</p> <p>Panelists: 3. Senator Ms. Anusha Rahman Former Minister</p> <p>4. Mr. Bilal Azhar Kayani, MNA CPA Executive Committee - Regional Representative from Asia Region</p> <p>5. Ms. Zakia Shah Nawaz Khan, MPA Former Minister, Government of Punjab</p> <p>6. Mr Adnan Afzal Chattha, MPA Punjab</p> <p>7. Mr. Jarvis Matiya CPA Deputy Secretary-General</p>	<p>Moderator: 1. Mr. Ahmad Iqbal Chaudhry, MPA Punjab</p>
Interventions by State Legislatures - CPA ASIA REGION (in alphabetical order)		
1540 hrs	8. Provincial Assembly of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Pakistan	Speaker, Hon. Mr Babar Saleem Swati
1550 hrs	9. Provincial Assembly of the Sindh, Pakistan	Speaker, Hon. Syed Awais Qadir Shah
Interventions by State Legislatures - CPA SOUTH-EAST ASIA REGION (in alphabetical order)		
1610 hrs	11. Selangor State Legislative Assembly, Malaysia	Speaker, Hon. Lau Weng San
1620 hrs	Open Floor	

1635 hrs	Delegates leave for hotel
Evening Program	
1800 hrs	Delegates assemble in the Hotel Lobby
1815 hrs	Departure from Hotel for: Walled City, Lahore
1830 hrs	History by Night – Exclusive Tour Venue: Walled City, Lahore
2000 hrs	Official Dinner Hosted by: Hon. Speaker, Punjab Assembly Venue: Hazoori Bagh, Lahore
2100 hrs	Departure for Hotel
END OF CONFERENCE DAY-1	

DAY-2 SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2025	
0700 – 0900 hrs	Breakfast Venue: Marco Polo, PC Hotel, Lahore
Departure of Conference Delegates to Conference Venue	
0910 hrs	Conference Delegates to assemble in the Hotel Lobby for departure to Punjab Assembly
0920 hrs	Departure of Conference Delegates from Hotel
0925 hrs	Arrival of Conference Delegates at Punjab Assembly
0930 hrs	Seating (New Hall) Venue: Ayes and Noes Lobbies
PARALLEL BREAKOUT SESSIONS	

Session A: "Strengthening Local Governance: Legislative Pathways for Effective Decentralization"

Venue: Ayes Lobby, New Assembly Hall

<p>0930 – 1115 hrs</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explore the role of provincial governments in empowering local bodies to improve service delivery and governance. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Legislative frameworks for enhancing local government autonomy. ○ Strategies for ensuring accountability and resource allocation to local institutions. ○ Success stories in decentralized governance models. • Followed by Q&A 	<p>Moderator: 1. Mr Ahmad Iqbal Chaudhary, MPA Chairman Public Accounts Committee</p> <p>Panelists from Punjab: 2. Mr Zeeshan Rafique, Minister of Local Government and Community Development (Punjab)</p> <p>3. Syed Ali Haider Gillani, MPA Chairman, PAC-II</p> <p>4. Mr Zulfiqar Ali Shah, MPA Chairman, Agriculture Committee</p> <p>Panelists from other Assemblies:</p> <p>Parliament of Sri Lanka: 5. Hon. Tushari Jayasinghe, MP</p> <p>National Assembly of Pakistan: 6. Khawaja Izhar-ul-Hassan, MNA</p> <p>Gilgit-Baltistan Assembly: 7. Speaker GBA, Mr Nazir Ahmad</p> <p>8. Expert: Barrister Murtaza Wahab Mayor Karachi</p>
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Session B: "Climate Change and Sustainable Cities: Legislative Action for Clean Air and Resilient Urban Living"

Venue: Noes Lobby, New Assembly Hall

<p>0930 – 1115 hrs</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explore legislative strategies to combat climate change and address the growing challenges of air pollution and urban 	<p>Moderator: 1. Ms. Sarah Ahmad, MPA</p>
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	<p>sustainability, particularly in regions affected by smog.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Case Study – Anti-Smog Efforts by CM Punjab ○ Enacting policies to reduce urban air pollution through stricter industrial and vehicular emissions standards. ○ Legislative frameworks for sustainable urban planning, including green infrastructure and public transportation systems. ○ Addressing the health and economic impacts of smog through integrated climate resilience policies. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Followed by Q&A 	<p>Panelists from Punjab:</p> <p>2. Ms. Marriyum Aurangzeb, Senior Minister, Government of Punjab - Case Study of Anti-Smog Efforts by CM Punjab</p> <p>3. Sardar Muhammad Awais Dreshak Convener, Green and Disaster Risk Reduction Caucus in Punjab Assembly</p> <p>Panelists from other Assemblies:</p> <p>National Assembly of Pakistan:</p> <p>4. Ms. Munaza Hassan, MNA, Chairperson NA SC on Climate Change</p> <p>Selangor State Legislative Assembly, Malaysia:</p> <p>5. Speaker, Hon. Lau Weng San</p> <p>Legislative Assembly of Azad Jammu & Kashmir</p> <p>6. Speaker, Ch. Latif Akbar</p> <p>7. Expert: Hon. Justice Jawad Hassan</p>
1115 – 1130 hrs	<p>Tea Break</p> <p>Venue: Respective Ayes and Noes Lobbies</p>	
<p>PARALLEL BREAKOUT SESSIONS</p>		
<p>Session A: "Parliamentary Innovations: Legislating for AI, Digital Collaboration, and Social Media Governance"</p> <p>Venue: Ayes Lobby, New Assembly Hall</p>		
1130 – 1315 hrs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How parliaments can use AI and digital collaboration to improve governance while addressing challenges like fake news and misinformation on social media. ○ Creating laws to regulate social media platforms and tackle misinformation, 	<p>Moderator:</p> <p>1. Hon. Malik Muhammad Ahmad Khan, Speaker – Punjab Assembly</p> <p>2. Ms. Nusrat Ghani</p>

	<p>hate speech, and fake news.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Using AI tools to improve fact-checking, transparency, and accountability in social media content. ○ Developing frameworks for ethical and responsible use of AI in public service delivery. ○ Promoting regional cooperation in Asia and South-East Asia to set standards for digital governance and social media regulation. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Followed by Q&A 	<p>Deputy Speaker, UK House of Commons Chairman of Ways and Means</p> <p>Panelist from Punjab:</p> <p>3. Ms. Azma Zahid Bokhari, Minister for Information, Punjab</p> <p>4. Ms. Hina Pervaiz Butt, MPA</p> <p>Panelists from other Assemblies:</p> <p>Senate of Pakistan:</p> <p>5. Senator Anusha Rahman Ahmad Khan, Former Minister</p> <p>KP Assembly:</p> <p>6. Speaker, Hon. Mr. Babar Saleem Swati</p> <p>7. Mr. Khurram Dastgir Khan, Former Minister</p> <p>8. Expert: Dr. Muhammad Shoaib Farooq</p>
<p>Session B: "Health and Education: Legislative Pathways for Inclusive Social Development" <i>Venue:</i> Noes Lobby, New Assembly Hall</p>		
<p>1130 – 1315 hrs</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Explore how legislatures can address disparities in health and education to foster inclusive and equitable development. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Legislating for improved access to quality healthcare in underserved areas. ○ Policies to enhance public education systems and reduce drop-out rates. ○ Addressing social determinants of health through integrated legislative frameworks. 	<p>Moderator:</p> <p>1. Ms. Nausheen Adnan, Parliamentary Secretary: School Education</p> <p>Panelist on Education-Punjab:</p> <p>2. Rana Sikandar Hayat, Minister for School Education, Higher Education Punjab</p> <p>Panelist on Health-Punjab:</p> <p>3. Khawaja Salman Rafique, Minister of Specialized Health, Punjab</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Highlighting successful provincial initiatives in health and education reform. ● Followed by Q&A 	<p>Panelists from other Assemblies:</p> <p>National Assembly of Pakistan: 4. Ms. Shahida Begum, MNA</p> <p>Senate of Pakistan: 5. Senator Rana Mehmood ul Hassan</p> <p>Provincial Assembly of Balochistan: 6. Ms. Farah Azeem, MPA Balochistan, CPA Executive Committee - Regional Representative from Asia Region</p> <p>Provincial Assembly of Sindh: 7. Makhdoom Fakhar Zaman, MPA</p> <p>Expert - Health: 8. Prof. Dr. Mahmood Ayyaz Vice Chancellor, King Edward Medical University, Lahore</p>
1315-1430 hrs	<p>Prayer Break / Lunch hosted by Secretary General, Provincial Assembly of the Punjab</p> <p><i>Prayers Venue:</i> Enclosure outside Assembly Mosque</p> <p><i>Lunch Venue:</i> Respective Ayes and Noes Lobbies</p>	
1430 to 1455 hrs	Seating of the Conference Delegates	
1500-1700 hrs	<p>Closing Ceremony:</p> <p>Topic: "Regional Collaboration for Sustainable Development: The Path Forward"</p> <p><i>Venue:</i> New Assembly Hall</p>	
1500 hrs	Arrival of Chief Guest	
1505 hrs	Recitation of Holy Verses	
1510 hrs	National Anthem	

1515 hrs	Vote of Thanks	Mr. Jarvis Matiya, CPA Deputy Secretary-General
1525 hrs	Vote of Thanks	Hon. Mohamed Mulaffer Mohamed Muneer, Member, Parliament of Sri Lanka
1535 hrs	Vote of Thanks	Hon. Dato Sri Haji Mohd Sharkar bin Haji Shamsudin, Speaker Pahang State Legislative Assembly, Malaysia, South-East Asia region
1545 hrs	Vote of Thanks	Hon. Ahmed Nazim, Deputy Speaker, People's Majlis of Maldives, Asia region
1555 hrs	Address by the Chief Guest	H.E. Syed Yousaf Raza Gilani, Acting President
1605 hrs	Closing Remarks	Hon. Malik Muhammad Ahmad Khan Speaker – Punjab Assembly
	Adoption of the “Lahore Charter” outlining commitments for regional collaboration on shared goals like strengthening local governance, climate resilience, digital transformation, education and health related reforms.	
1620 hrs	Group Photograph Venue: New Assembly Hall	
1630 hrs	Delegates leave for hotel	
Evening Program		
1900 hrs	Delegates assemble in the Hotel Lobby	
1915 hrs	Departure from Hotel	
1930 hrs	Official Dinner hosted by Hon. Speaker, Punjab Assembly	
2100 hrs	Departure for Hotel	
END OF CONFERENCE DAY-2		
DAY-3 SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2025 TOUR DAY		
0700 – 0900 hrs	Breakfast Venue: Marco Polo, PC Hotel, Lahore	
Free Day / Shopping		
1300 – 1500 hrs	Quiet Lunch & Prayer Break Venue: Polo Restaurant, PC Hotel, Lahore	

1745 hrs	Delegates assemble in the Hotel Lobby
1800 hrs	Departure for Fortress Stadium
1815 hrs	Arrival at Fortress Stadium for Tattoo (fireworks) Show
2000 hrs	Departure for Hotel
- 2200 hrs	Quiet Dinner Venue: Marco Polo Restaurant, PC Hotel, Lahore
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2025	
DEPARTURE OF DELEGATES	
All Day	Departure of Delegates - National Delegates: By Air / Road - International Delegates: By Air / Allama Iqbal International Airport