

**7TH CPA ASIA REGIONAL CONFERENCE / 2ND JOINT CPA ASIA &  
SOUTH-EAST ASIA REGIONAL CONFERENCE – 2026**

3rd to 7th February 2026

Karachi – Pakistan

*“Parliaments of the Future: Redefining Democracy through  
Trust, Inclusion, Innovation and Peace”*

**Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2026**

**Arrival Day**

<b>All Day</b>	<b>Arrival of Delegates (International and National)</b>
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**DAY-I**

**Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> February 2026**

<b>0900-0950 hrs.</b>	<b>MEETING OF THE BRANCH SECRETARIES</b> <i>Venue: Committee Room 01, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Old Sindh Assembly Building</i>
<b>1000-1045 hrs.</b>	<b>MEETING OF THE REGIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE</b> <i>Venue: Committee Room 02, Ground Floor, Old Sindh Assembly Building</i>

**INAUGURAL CEREMONY**

<b>1130-1300</b>	<p align="center"><b>Topic: "Parliaments of the Future: Redefining Democracy through Trust, Inclusion, Innovation, and Peace"</b></p> <p align="center"><b>Theme Pillars:</b> ● Trust   ● Inclusion   ● Innovation   ● Peace</p> <p align="center"><i>Venue: New Sindh Assembly Hall</i></p> <p align="center"><b>Procession of Speakers</b></p> <p align="center"><b>Recitation of the Holy Quran</b></p> <p align="center"><b>National Anthem</b></p> <p align="center"><b>Screening of Documentary (History of the Provincial Assembly of Sindh)</b></p> <p align="center"><b>Welcome Remarks:</b> Hon. Syed Awais Qadir Shah Speaker, Provincial Assembly of Sindh</p> <p align="center"><b>Opening Remarks:</b> Hon. Dr. Christopher Kalila Chairperson, CPA Executive Committee</p> <p align="center"><b>Remarks by:</b> Hon. Mr. Sharjeel Inam Memon Senior Minister, Government of Sindh</p>
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	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Remarks by:</b> Syed Qaim Ali Shah Former Chief Minister Sindh</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Address by the Chief Guest:</b> Hon. Sardar Ayaz Sadiq Speaker, National Assembly of Pakistan</p>
<b>1300-1430 hrs.</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Lunch</b> <i>Venue: Assembly Lawn</i></p>
<b>PLENARY SESSION-I</b>	
<b>1430-1630 hrs.</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Topic: “Peace and Democratic Trust: Parliaments as Engines of Reconciliation”</b> Theme Pillars: ● Trust   ● Peace</p>
	<p>The opening session sets the tone for the Conference by framing the future of parliaments within the four thematic pillars, reaffirming shared democratic values across Asia and South-East Asia.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Interventions by Speakers/ Head of Delegates – CPA Asia Region &amp; CPA South-East Asia Region</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Hon. Mr. Ahmed Nazim. Deputy Speaker, People’s Majlis Maldives</li> <li>● Hon. Dr. Rizvie Salih Deputy Speaker, Parliament of Sri Lanka</li> <li>● Hon. Capt. (R) Abdul Khaliq Khan Achakzai Speaker, Provincial Assembly of Balochistan</li> <li>● Hon. Mr. Babar Saleem Swati Speaker, Provincial Assembly of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa</li> <li>● Hon. Malik Muhammad Ahmad Khan Speaker, Provincial Assembly of the Punjab</li> <li>● Intervention by International Delegate (TBD)</li> <li>● Hon. Mr. Nazir Ahmed Speaker, Gilgit-Baltistan Assembly</li> <li>● Hon. Dato’ Sri Amar D’raja Dr Haji Mohd Amar Bin Abdullah. Speaker, Kelantan State Legislative Assembly</li> <li>● Hon. Dato’ Sri Haji Mohd Sharkar Bin Haji Shamsudin Speaker, Pahang State Legislative Assembly</li> <li>● Intervention by International Delegate (TBD)</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hon. Lau Weng San Speaker, Selangor State Legislative Assembly</li> <li>Hon. Haji Khazan Bin Che Mat Deputy Speaker, Terengganu State Legislative Assembly</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Keynote address by Plenary Chair / Chief Guest:</b> Hon. Mian Raza Rabbani Former Chairman, Senate of Pakistan</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Moderator:</b> Hon. Zia ul Hassan Lanjar Minister for Home, Law &amp; Parliamentary Affairs, Government of Sindh</p>
<b>1935 hrs.</b>	<b>Official Dinner</b> <i>Venue: Pakistan Maritime Museum, PNS Karsaz, Karachi</i>
<b>END OF DAY-I</b>	

<b>DAY-II</b>		
<b>Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> February 2026</b>		
<b>PARALLEL BREAKOUT SESSIONS</b>		
<b>Session A</b>		
<b><i>“Parliamentary Education — Inculcating Democratic Principles in Everyday Living”</i></b>		
<b>Theme Pillar: ● Inclusion</b>		
<i>Venue: Conference Hall, PC Hotel, Karachi</i>		
<b>0930-1115 hrs.</b>	<p>This session explores how parliamentary education can nurture democratic values beyond formal institutions and into everyday civic life. It will highlight the role of inclusive education in fostering tolerance, critical thinking, respect for diversity, and constitutional awareness from an early age. The discussion will also examine practical approaches—such as youth and mock parliaments, internships, and curriculum integration—to strengthen democratic ownership. Emphasis will be placed on leveraging parliamentary libraries, museums, and digital platforms as accessible civic learning spaces that promote dialogue, debate, and inclusive participation.</p>	<p><b>Moderator:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hon. Mr. Taha Ahmed Khan, Member Provincial Assembly of Sindh</li> </ul> <p><b>Panelists:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hon. Dr. Rizvie Salih, Deputy Speaker, Parliament of Sri Lanka</li> <li>Hon. Malik Muhammad Ahmad Khan, Speaker, Provincial Assembly of the Punjab</li> <li>Hon. Dr Azra Fazal Pechuho, Minister Health &amp; Population, Government of Sindh</li> <li>Hon. Ms. Mahtab Akbar Rashdi, Member, National Assembly of Pakistan</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Hon. Mr. Khawaja Izhar ul Hassan, Member, National Assembly of Pakistan</li> <li>- Hon. Mr. Sajjadullah, Member, Provincial Assembly of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa</li> </ul>
<b>Session B</b> <b>“Parliaments as Vanguard of Peaceful and Harmonious Societies — Rise of Fake News; AI and Misinformation”</b> <b>Theme Pillar: ● Innovation</b> <i>Venue: Grand Ballroom, PC Hotel, Karachi</i>		
<b>0930-1115 hrs.</b>	<p>This session will examine the growing impact of digital misinformation, AI-generated content, and deepfakes on social cohesion, democratic stability, and public trust. It will focus on how parliaments can lead innovative responses by shaping modern legal and policy frameworks that promote content verification, transparency, and accountability while safeguarding freedom of expression. The discussion will also highlight the importance of media literacy, Open Parliament initiatives, and cross-sector collaboration with technology platforms, regulators, and fact-checking bodies. Special attention will be given to countering hate speech, reducing political polarization, and empowering youth as informed, responsible digital citizens who actively strengthen democratic resilience.</p>	<p><b>Moderator:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Hon. Dr. Sharmila Sahiba Faruqi Hashaam, Member, National Assembly of Pakistan</li> </ul> <p><b>Panelists:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Hon. Mr. Ahmad Nazim, Deputy Speaker, People’s Majlis Maldives</li> <li>- Hon. Mr. Sharjeel Inam Memon, Senior Minister, Government of Sindh</li> <li>- Hon. Ms. Farah Azeem Shah, Member, Provincial Assembly of Balochistan</li> <li>- Hon. Ms. Sarah Ahmed, Member, Provincial Assembly of the Punjab</li> <li>- Hon. Mr. Arkam Ilyas, Deputy Minister of Power, Sri Lanka</li> <li>- Hon. Barrister Danyal Chaudhry, Member, National Assembly of Pakistan</li> <li>- Hon. Mr. Asif Khan, Member, Provincial Assembly of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa</li> </ul>
<b>1115-1130 hrs.</b>	<b>Tea Break</b> <i>Venue: Respective Halls</i>	
<b>PARALLEL BREAKOUT SESSIONS</b>		
<b>Session C</b> <b>“Legislating for Survival: Climate Resilience and Vulnerable Voices”</b> <b>Theme Pillar: ● Peace &amp; Resilience</b>		

1130-1315 hrs.

This session will focus on the critical role of parliaments in addressing climate change as a pressing threat to human security, development, and social stability. It will examine how inclusive and rights-based legislation can protect those most vulnerable—particularly women, children, rural communities, and persons with disabilities—from the growing impacts of climate disasters. The discussion will highlight the importance of gender-responsive and locally driven climate policies, including district-level vulnerability mapping, climate-resilient infrastructure, and strengthened local government capacity. Emphasis will be placed on ensuring meaningful representation of marginalized voices in climate decision-making to build resilient, peaceful, and inclusive societies.

**Chair:**

- Hon. Senator Sherry Rehman, Chairperson Standing Committee on Climate Change and Environmental Coordination, Senate of Pakistan

**Panelists:**

- Hon. Tamkeen Akhtar Niazi, Member, National Assembly of Pakistan
- Hon. Mr. Qasim Soomro, Member, Provincial Assembly of Sindh
- Hon. Mr. Muhammad Ahmad Khan Leghari, Member, Provincial Assembly of the Punjab
- Hon. Mr. Sujeewa Indika Dissanayake, MP, Parliament of Sri Lanka
- Hon. Mr. Nazir Ahmed Abbasi, Member, Provincial Assembly of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa

**Session D**

***“Making Parliaments Powerful --- Ensuring Responsible Executive through Vigilant Parliamentary Accountability”***

**Theme Pillar: ● Trust**

1130-1315 hrs.

This session will examine how parliaments can reinforce their constitutional role as guardians of transparency and accountability in governance. It will focus on strengthening oversight mechanisms such as Public Accounts Committees, revitalizing Question Hour, and safeguarding Members’ right to hold the Executive to account. The discussion will also explore ways to enhance the quality of parliamentary debate through non-partisan

**Chair:**

- Hon. Syed Naveed Qamar, Chairman, Member, National Assembly of Pakistan

**Introductory Remarks by:**

	<p>research support, data-driven analysis, and institutionalized public hearings that bring citizens and experts into legislative processes. Emphasis will be placed on ensuring timely consideration and follow-up of committee reports, and on exploring carefully defined powers that enable committees to effectively scrutinize public expenditure and financial irregularities.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Hon. Ms. Sadia Javed, Member Provincial Assembly of Sindh</li> </ul> <p><b>Panelists:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Hon. Senator Syed Masroor Ahsan, Senate of Pakistan</li> <li>- Hon. Mr. Muhammad Mobeen Arif, Member, National Assembly of Pakistan</li> <li>- Hon. Syed Ali Haider Gilani, Member, Provincial Assembly of the Punjab</li> <li>- Hon. Mr. Ahmad Iqbal Chaudhary, Member, Provincial Assembly of the Punjab</li> <li>- Hon. Mr. Asif Khan, Member, Provincial Assembly of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa</li> </ul>
<p><b>1315-1430 hrs.</b></p>	<p><b>Lunch Break</b>  <i>Venue: Marquee, PC Hotel, Karachi</i></p>	
<p><b>PLENARY SESSION – II</b></p>		
<p><b>1430-1600 hrs.</b></p>	<p><b><i>“Gender, Tech and Trust: Protecting Women Leaders from Online Violence and Digital Manipulation”</i></b>  <b>Themes:</b> ● Innovation • ● Inclusion • ● Trust  <i>Venue: Grand Ballroom, PC Hotel, Karachi</i></p>	
	<p>This session focuses on protecting women leaders from gender-based violence including online harassment, deepfakes, and digital violence, strengthening legal frameworks, parliamentary protocols, and cross-party solidarity mechanisms.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Moderators:</b>  Hon. Ms. Sumeta Afzal Syed, Member, Provincial Assembly of Sindh  &amp;  Hon. Ms. Nida Khuhro, Member, Provincial Assembly of Sindh</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Plenary Speakers</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Hon. Ms. Asma Ehtisham-ul-Haq,  Member, Provincial Assembly of the Punjab</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Hon. Ms. Suriya Bibi  Deputy Speaker, Provincial Assembly of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Hon. Dr. Fouzia Hameed  Member, Provincial Assembly of Sindh</p>	

	<p>Mr. Jamshed M. Kazi Country Representative, UN Women</p> <p>Hon. Ms. Shazia Marri Member, National Assembly of Pakistan</p> <p>Hon. Senator Farooq H. Naek Senate of Pakistan</p>
1900-2100 hrs.	<p><b>Official Dinner hosted by Hon. Chief Minister Sindh</b> <i>Venue: CM House</i></p>
<b>END OF DAY-II</b>	

<b>DAY-III</b>	
<b>Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> February 2026</b>	
<b>CLOSING CEREMONY</b>	
1000-1200 hrs.	<p><b>Topic: “Way Forward: Strengthening Democratic Trust Through Regional Parliamentary Cooperation”</b></p> <p><b>Theme: ● Trust</b></p> <p><i>Venue: New Assembly Hall, Provincial Assembly of Sindh</i></p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Address by</b> Mr. Stephen Twigg Secretary-General, Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Vote of Thanks</b> Hon. Mr. Ahmed Nazim Deputy Speaker, People’s Majlis Maldives</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Vote of Thanks</b> Hon. Dr. Rizvie Salih, Deputy Speaker, Parliament of Sri Lanka</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Vote of Thanks</b> Hon. Malik Muhammad Ahmad Khan Speaker, Provincial Assembly of the Punjab</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Vote of Thanks</b> Representative Speaker, State Legislative Assembly Malaysia</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Vote of Thanks</b> Hon. Mr. Ali Khurshidi Leader of The Opposition, Provincial Assembly of Sindh</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Address by the Chief Guest</b> Hon. Syed Murad Ali Shah Chief Minister, Government of Sindh</p>

<b>1200 hrs.</b>	<p align="center"><b>Adoption of the Karachi Charter</b></p> <p align="center">Theme Pillars:</p> <p align="center">● Trust   ● Inclusion   ● Innovation   ● Peace</p>	Hon. Syed Awais Qadir Shah, Speaker, Provincial Assembly of Sindh
<b>1220-1400 hrs.</b>	<b>Lunch &amp; Friday Prayer Break</b>	
<b>1400-1800 hrs.</b>	<p><b>Sindh Cultural Bazaar</b></p> <p><i>Venue: Assembly Lawn</i></p>	
<b>1900-2100 hrs.</b>	<p><b>Cultural Night Dinner</b></p> <p><i>Venue: Mohatta Palace, Karachi</i></p>	
<b>END OF DAY-III</b>		

<p><b>DAY-IV</b></p> <p><b>Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> February 2026</b></p>		
<b>All Day</b>	<b>All Day Departures</b>	