



Westminster Workshop on Gender Sensitive Scrutiny

DRAFT PROGRAMME

**17-19 June 2019
UK Houses of Parliament, London**

OBJECTIVE & OUTPUTS

OUR OBJECTIVE:

For parliamentarians to enhance their ability to legislate and scrutinise with a gender sensitive perspective.

OUTPUTS:

Output 1:

Parliamentarians will have a deeper understanding of what gender sensitive scrutiny is and how it is being approached in different Commonwealth parliaments.

Output 2:

Parliamentarians will increase their network and have opportunities to learn from counterparts from across the Commonwealth.

Output 3:

Parliamentarians will further their understanding of the roles they can play with regards to gender sensitive scrutiny in their own respective parliaments.

Day 1 - Monday 17 June 2019

Time	Session
1000 - 1030	Participant Registration at the <i>DoubleTree Hotel/Attlee Suite</i>
1100 - 1115	Welcome This session will offer an introduction to the workshop, its structure and the objective and outputs. Jon Davies, <i>Chief Executive, CPA UK</i>
1115 - 1145	Housekeeping and Introductions Important information on the logistics of the workshop including briefings on the committee inquiry exercise taking place on Wednesday. Delegates will also be given an opportunity to introduce themselves. Facilitated by Elorm Haligah, <i>Projects & Programmes Manager, CPA UK</i>
1145 - 1300	Session 1: What is Gender Sensitive Scrutiny? This session will aim to give delegates an introduction to the topic and touch on the different aspects of gender sensitive scrutiny. The overview will be followed by a Q&A session.
1300 - 1405	Networking lunch
1405 - 1505	Session 2: Keynote by Her Excellency, Rt Hon. Baroness Patricia Scotland, <i>Commonwealth Secretariat, Secretary General</i> In 2017, Commonwealth Secretary-General Patricia Scotland launched an initiative called "Peace in the home: Ending domestic violence together" and unveiled specific measures to help governments tackle domestic violence. The programme was a key contribution to 2017's Commonwealth theme: A peace-building Commonwealth. The Secretary-General's aim is to build a coalition of governments, businesses, civil society and citizens committed to ending domestic violence and achieving peace in the home. This session will be a keynote on Baroness Scotland's role as Secretary General of The Commonwealth and the work she has done on the economics of tackling violence against women. Her Excellency, Rt Hon. Baroness Patricia Scotland of Asthal, QC PC – <i>Commonwealth Secretariat, Secretary General</i>

1505 - 1625	<p>Session 3: Gender Sensitive Scrutiny and the UK: <i>The Current Situation</i></p> <p>This session will be a panel discussion on what work is being done on gender sensitive scrutiny and challenges faced, as well as developments in Westminster and across the UK.</p> <p>Professor Hugh Bochel, <i>Professor of Public Policy, University of Lincoln</i> Sarah Champion MP, <i>Member, Women and Equalities Committee</i> Naz Shah MP, <i>Shadow Minister, Women and Equalities</i></p>
1625 - 1640	Tea/Coffee Break
1640 - 1800	<p>Session 4: Gender Sensitive Scrutiny and The Commonwealth: <i>The Current Situation</i></p> <p>Having examined the state of play in Westminster, this session will focus on what is being achieved regarding Gender Sensitive Scrutiny across the Commonwealth. Although the 53 countries of the Commonwealth share many commonalities, they also boast considerable diversity, particularly in relation to their differing approaches toward gender sensitive legislation and budgeting.</p> <p>This session will consist of a panel of representatives from Commonwealth countries to shed light on the different gender sensitive scrutiny frameworks used in their countries, what they have done to scrutinise government policy and budgeting on gender sensitive issues and some of the challenges they have faced.</p> <p>Chair: Oluwaseun Ayodeji Osowobi, <i>Executive Director, Stand to End Rape Initiative & Commonwealth Young Person of the Year 2019</i></p>
1800 - 1815	<i>Delegates Escorted to CPA Room and Group Photos</i>
1815 - 1915	Optional Networking Reception

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Day 2: Tuesday 18 June 2019

Time	Session
0900 - 0930	<p>Session 5: Committee Inquiry Exercise: Briefing</p> <p>The delegates will take part in a freeze-facilitated Committee inquiry exercise later in the workshop. This session will be a briefing on how Committee inquiries in the UK are conducted and the roles they will be required to play in the exercise.</p>
0930 - 1100	<p>Session 6a: Parliamentarians working with partners</p> <p>This will be an opportunity for delegates to learn about what different organisations have been doing with parliamentarians to strengthen Gender Sensitive Scrutiny. The delegates will be split into 3 groups and will spend 30 minutes with each organisation. The organisations will give an overview of some of the work they have done and there will be an opportunity for the delegates to ask questions.</p> <p>Mary Ann-Stephenson, <i>Director, Womens Budget Group</i></p>
1100 - 1120	Tea/Coffee Break
1120 - 1150	<p>Session 6b: Parliamentarians working with partners - feedback on previous session</p> <p><i>Each group will feedback what they have learnt from the previous session.</i></p>
1150 - 1300	<p>Session 7: Introduction to The Women and Equalities Committee - Panel discussion</p> <p>The Women and Equalities Committee examines the Government's performance on equalities issues. This will shed light on what they have done to scrutinise government policy on gender sensitive issues and some of the challenges around this.</p> <p>Rt Hon. Maria Miller – <i>Chair, Women and Equalities Committee</i></p>
1300 - 1400	Lunch
1400 - 1500	<p>Session 8a: Institutionalising Gender Sensitive Parliaments: UK Gender-Sensitive Parliament Audit 2018 – <i>The Report</i></p> <p>A gender sensitive parliament is defined by the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) as one which “institutionalises a gender mainstreaming approach through its representational, legislative, and oversight work to ensure that all the parliament’s outputs consider, and counteract,</p>

	<p>any potential discrimination against women or men, girls or boys” (UK Gender-Sensitive Parliament Audit 2018).</p> <p>In 2018, an audit panel was established by the Commissions of both the House of Commons and House of Lords to examine how the UK Parliament as an institution might respond to the ongoing debate on continued barriers to parliamentary participation for women and issues surrounding bullying and harassment.</p> <p>This session will invite members from the UK audit panel to give an overview of the UK Gender-Sensitive Parliament Audit 2018, whilst talking through the context, aims and objectives, the recommendations and the outcomes of the report.</p> <p>Sarah Petit, <i>Lead Advisor to the Independent Director for Cultural Transformation, Member of the Secretariat of the Audit</i></p> <p>Lynn Gardner, <i>Principal Clerk, Select Committees, House of Commons</i></p> <p>The Baroness Dorothea Glenys Thornton, <i>Shadow Spokesperson (Health), Former Shadow Spokesperson (Equalities and Women’s Issues)</i></p>
1500 - 1615	<p>Session 8b: Institutionalising Gender Sensitive Parliaments: UK Gender-Sensitive Parliament Audit 2018 – Practical Session</p> <p>In the second part of this session, participants will be invited to a practical workshop with members of the UK audit panel. Participants will be split into groups and will walk through with the speakers the practical steps that were taken during the preparations of the Audit using IPU’s self-assessment toolkit.</p> <p>Sarah Petit, <i>Lead Advisor to the Independent Director for Cultural Transformation, Member of the Secretariat of the Audit</i></p> <p>Dr Philippa Tudor, <i>Clerk of Committees, House of Lords</i></p>
1615 - 1630	Tea/Coffee
1630 - 1730	<p>Session 9: Gender Sensitive Scrutiny: Including young people in the conversation</p> <p>There are many young people across the Commonwealth who are working hard to be involved in the scrutiny of policies. The Youth Select Committee for instance is a joint initiative between Parliament and the British Youth Council giving young people across the country the opportunity to scrutinise and hold inquiries into topics of importance to them. Their most recent report called on the</p>

	<p>government to act on unequal work experience opportunities where a gender-based perspective was also taken and various recommendations were given to the government.</p> <p>This part of the workshop will shine the spotlight on some young people in the Commonwealth and the great work they have been doing to lobby governments in having a gender perspective embedded in their work.</p>
1730	Depart



Day 3: Wednesday 19 June 2019

Time	Session
0900 - 1000	<p>Session 10a: Interactive session on effective questioning – Facilitated by Bespoke Skills</p> <p>Communication makes up a huge part of the work of a parliamentarian. In preparation for the Committee inquiry exercise, delegates will be trained by communications experts on how to effectively ask and answer questions during committee hearings and to the media. This part of the workshop will focus on how to ask questions effectively.</p>
1000-1015	Tea/Coffee
1015 - 1115	<p>Session 10b: Interactive session on effective responses</p> <p>A continuation from session 10a, this will focus on developing the delegates' effectiveness in responding during committee hearings.</p>
1115 - 1200	<p>Session 11: In conversation with Rt Hon. Nicky Morgan, UK Treasury Committee, Chair</p> <p>As the Chair of the UK House of Commons Treasury Committee, Nicky Morgan is at the helm of examining the expenditure, administration and policy of various bodies such as HM Treasury, HM Revenue & Customs, and associated public bodies, including the Bank of England and the Financial Conduct Authority.</p> <p>Nicky Morgan will speak about some of the successful work the Treasury Committee have achieved in gender budgeting scrutiny in addition to some of the challenges they have faced. Her opening remarks will be followed by a dialogue with the delegates in the room.</p>
1200 – 1300	Lunch
1300 - 1345	<p>Session 12: Committee Preparation</p> <p>This will be an opportunity for the delegates to ask any questions they may have in preparation of the committee exercise and familiarise themselves with the content they will be using.</p>
1345 - 1400	<i>Delegates to be escorted to Committee room 4, House of Lords</i>
1400 - 1530	Session 13: Committee Inquiry Exercise

	<p>Committees consider policy issues, scrutinise the work and expenditure of the government, and examine proposals for primary and secondary legislation. Select committees operate largely by an investigative process, while legislative committees operate mainly by debate. This session will be a practical exercise looking at a gender sensitive topic, where delegates will conduct a role play forming a committee, with witnesses present. This will be a chance for participants to put into practice the skills developed in the communication sessions prior to this. It will be 'freeze' facilitated, giving participants in the inquiry exercise an opportunity to pause and think about how certain aspects could have been done differently, or compare how it usually would be conducted during a committee hearing in their own legislatures.</p>
1530 - 1550	<p>Session 14: Interactive Feedback session - Facilitated by CPA UK</p> <p>This will be an opportunity for delegates to share with colleagues what they have learnt from the workshop and what they intend to do as a result in their own legislatures.</p>
1600 - 1700	<p>Closing Ceremony</p> <p>Address from Rt Hon. Penny Mordaunt <i>MP Secretary of State for International Development and Minister of State for Women and Equalities</i> (Cholmondeley room, House of Lords)</p>