# CPA UK

## Upcoming Activities 2026

**FOR INFO**

### CPA BIMR LGBT+ Network Forum

Tuesday 17 November, 1130-1900, CPA Room, Westminster Hall

CPA British Islands and Mediterranean Region LGBT+ Network will hold its annual Forum for parliamentarians and officials from across the Region. This year's discussions will explore being LGBT+ in government and public life, Commonwealth solidarity and support for LGBT+ communities in jurisdictions where rights remain limited, and legislation and policy affecting LGBT+ parents and families. The programme will conclude with a networking reception.

The Forum is open to Members from both Houses with an interest in LGBT+ issues, including those who do not identify as LGBT+.

Matthew Hamilton at **hamiltonm@parliament.uk**



### Bangladesh Parliament Delegation Visit to Westminster

**FOR INFO**

Tuesday 17th – Friday 20th November

A cross-party delegation of 10 members from the Bangladesh Parliament will visit the UK Parliament to explore parliamentary procedure, legislation, and committee scrutiny. The programme will inform ongoing parliamentary reforms following Bangladesh's elections in February 2026. The group will be led by Government Chief Whip, Nurul Islam Moni.

Josh Drake at **drakejb@parliament.uk**

### Lunchtime Conversation: Remembrance

**FOR INFO**

24 November, 1300-1400, CPA Room, Westminster Hall

As the Second World War passes further into history, we will explore how parliamentarians can lead their nations, and the wider Commonwealth, in remembrance and commemoration.
This Lunchtime Conversation is in collaboration with the Commonwealth War Graves Commission (CWGC).

Siobhann Tighe at **tighes@parliament.uk**



### Africa-UK Trade Workshop

**FOR INFO**

2 – 4 February 2027, Nairobi, Kenya

Applications are open to join a CPA UK Delegation to attend the Africa-UK Trade Workshop, being hosted in collaboration with the Parliament of Kenya in Nairobi. This workshop offers UK parliamentarians a valuable opportunity to deepen their understanding of international trade policy, trade agreement scrutiny, and the role of Parliament in supporting economic growth. Participants will gain insights into the implementation of the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA), explore emerging Africa-UK trade and investment opportunities, and engage with expert stakeholders on sustainable trade and climate finance. The programme will also provide an opportunity to exchange best practice with parliamentary colleagues from across Africa and strengthen relationships that can support future Africa-UK cooperation and economic partnership.

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## Ghana Ethics & Standards Committee Visit to Westminster

FOR INFO

Tuesday 1 – Thursday 3 December 2026

A cross-party delegation of 7 Members from the Parliament of Ghana's Ethics and Standards Committee will visit the UK Parliament to discuss areas relating to the remit of the committee, including the declaration of interests, the management of conflicts of interest, and the process for the investigation and adjudication of alleged breaches of parliamentary ethics. The delegation will be led by the Second Deputy Speaker of Parliament, Hon. Andrew Asiamah Amoako.

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## Parliament of Maldives Climate Committee Visit to Westminster

FOR INFO

Monday 7 December – Thursday 10 December

The Parliament of Maldives' Climate Committee will visit Westminster from 7 – 10 December, to exchange views on good parliamentary practice with their UK counterparts. The programme will explore the procedures, mechanisms, and tools that parliamentarians and officials who support parliamentary committees can use, to effectively oversee and scrutinise climate change legislation.

Axell Kaubo at **kauboa@parliament.uk**



## UK-India Young Parliamentarians Exchange

FOR INFO

7-11 December 2026

CPA UK is organising a cross-party delegation to India, including meetings in the Parliament and activities arranged through the British High Commission. The visit forms part of the UK-India Young Parliamentarians Exchange, established by CPA UK, FCDO and GEDU Global Education. Indian Parliamentarians are expected to come to Westminster in early 2027. For more information please email:

Josh Drake at **drakej@parliament.uk**



## EVAWG Caribbean Workshop in Anguilla

FOR INFO

1-5 February 2027

CPA UK is inviting applications to join a parliamentary delegation to Anguilla focused on ending violence against women and girls. The visit will bring together UK parliamentarians and members across the Caribbean and UK Overseas Territories to exchange experiences and best practices on legislative approaches to violence against women and girls, as well as women's representation.

Josephine Jengo-Cowell at **jengoj@parliament.uk**

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## New Zealand Outward Delegation

FOR INFO

8 March - 12 March 2027

Six months on from their elections, a CPA UK delegation will travel to New Zealand for a diplomatic visit focusing on shared UK-New Zealand interests in foreign policy and trade. The programme will last five days. It will be split between engagements in the Parliament of New Zealand and external meetings organised with the support of the British High Commission.

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## Strengthening Parliamentary Oversight Workshops

FOR INFO

w/c 22 February 2027, Uganda

CPA UK, in partnership with the Westminster Foundation for Democracy, the Parliament of Uganda and the British High Commission Kampala, are open to applications from Members of the House of Commons and House of Lords to participate in one of two concurrent workshops in Uganda, w/c 22 February 2027.

The two workshops form part of a three-year programme to strengthen the Parliament of Uganda's oversight functions and will focus on:
·Climate-responsive oversight with members of the Uganda Parliamentary Forum on Climate Change, covering climate governance, climate finance, climate budgeting and oversight.
·Gender-responsive oversight with members of the Uganda Women Parliamentary Association (UWOPA), focusing on gender equality commitments, gender-responsive public expenditure, and parliamentary scrutiny.

The workshops will run concurrently, but there may be some shared sessions and networking opportunities. Applications are particularly welcomed from Members with experience or interest in climate change scrutiny, women's mentorship, and / or public financial scrutiny, including climate- and gender-responsive budgeting/scrutiny. Participation in the gender-focused workshop is not restricted to women.

As the programme is funded by the British High Commission in Kampala, it is subject to FCDO travel rules, and flights to Uganda will therefore be restricted to economy class.

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## 75th Westminster Seminar

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8 March - 12 March 2027

The Westminster Seminar is our yearly flagship event. Starting on Commonwealth Day (March 8, 2027) over 70 Commonwealth parliamentarians, including some from the UK Overseas Territories and Crown Dependencies, will share the whole week with us. They will discuss parliamentary procedure and practise during a mixture of sessions across the week. This year we celebrate our 75th Westminster Seminar. For more information and to get involved please contact:

Chris Brown at **brownc@parliament.uk** or Daisy Nash at **nashd@parliament.uk**

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## Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference, Ottowa, Canada

5-12 September 2027

**APPLICATIONS OPEN**

We are recruiting CPA UK's delegation to attend the 2027 Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference in Ottawa in September. We are looking for a cross-party, gender-balanced delegation representing both Houses of Parliament. Parliamentarians with all levels of experience and length of service are encouraged to apply. The Conference is an opportunity to network and hold bilateral discussions with other Commonwealth parliamentarians. Parliamentarians with specific (Commonwealth) country interests should state this on their applications with a view to targeted networking. The Conference itinerary will include a range of topics on comparative parliamentary approaches to policy and practice, the CPA's annual General Assembly and the Commonwealth Women Parliamentarians Conference.

Helen Haywood at **haywoodh@parliament.uk**