



**REPUBLIC OF KENYA**  
**THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT - (SECOND SESSION)**  
**COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR**  
*(No. 052 of 2023)*

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE COMMONWEALTH  
PARLIAMENTARY ASSOCIATION (CPA) KENYA BRANCH**

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**Honourable Members,**

1. The Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA) is an international organization that brings together parliamentarians from over 180 parliaments and legislatures of countries and territories within the Commonwealth community. The Association was established in 1911, making it one of the oldest and most significant parliamentary associations in the world.
2. The CPA's main objectives are to promote parliamentary democracy, provide a platform for parliamentarians and parliamentary staff to exchange ideas and best practices, and foster cooperation among member countries. The Association is committed to upholding the values of the Commonwealth, including democratic governance, respect for human rights, equality, and the rule of law.

**3. Honourable Members,** the CPA Constitution provides for the establishment of Branches and the Members of the Legislature in which a Branch is formed, are entitled to become Members of the Branch. In this regard, Membership is open to all Members of the National Assembly and the Senate on payment of the applicable subscription fees. The Affairs of each Branch are managed by an Executive Committee and the Parliament of Kenya is one such Branch.

**4. Honourable Members,** Members of Parliament who wish to become Members of the CPA are required to pay a subscription fee of Kshs. 4000/-, for life membership and Kshs. 1000/-, for annual membership, to the Branch payable before January each year. The fee is deducted from the Member's emoluments, upon acceptance, by completing a Membership form. Members may pick the form at the Main Reception and return the completed forms to the office of the Clerk of the National Assembly **by 7.00 p.m. on Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> August 2023.**

**5. Further, Honourable Members,** in accordance with the Rules of the CPA-Kenya Branch, the Branch is required to hold the Annual General Meeting to among other things, hold elections of Members of the Executive Committee. For this purpose, the Joint Presidents, who are the two Speakers of the Houses of Parliament, have convened a meeting on **Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> August 2023 at 10.00 am in the National Assembly Chamber.**

**6.** The elected Members of the Executive Committee will have the responsibility of steering the Branch toward achieving the objectives of the Association.

The Executive Committee Members will be elected based on their expertise and dedication to the principles of the Association. It is therefore essential, to elect individuals who can represent the interests of Kenya and contribute meaningfully to the CPA's collective efforts in promoting democracy, good governance, and respect for human rights.

**7. Honourable Members,** The available slots are twelve (12) to be shared on ratio of 3:5, between the Senate and the National Assembly. In this regard, five (5) Members will be drawn from the Senate and Seven (7) will be drawn from the National Assembly. Interested Members should be Members of the Association and only duly registered Members will be eligible to participate in the elections.

**8. Honourable Members,** I therefore, take this opportunity to bring this matter to your attention and invite interested Members to tender their applications for election to the Executive Committee through writing to the **Office of the Clerk by or before Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> August 2023.**

I thank you.

  
**THE RT. HON. (DR.) MOSES M. WETANG'ULA, EGH, MP**  
**SPEAKER OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> August, 2023

