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## PRESS RELEASE

## THE 52nd COMMONWEALTH PARLIAMENTARY ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE CONCLUDES

The Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA), African Region has on Wednesday 8th June 2022 officially concluded its 52nd Conference at the Freetown International Conference Center, Aberdeen in Sierra Leone, on the theme "The role of African Parliaments in Building Inclusive Society to Counter Growing Insecurity in Africa".

The CPA conference revolved around making its association very formidable to speak about the promotion of good governance and democracy with other related matters.

The Annual general meeting of the 52nd CPA resolutions 2022 predominantly predicate on the following:

Member states to enhance fundamental strategies to prevent future pandemic outbreaks and related insecurities on health, and businesses; Continental collaboration, coordination, and development of legal framework and policy to respond and address the prevailing impact of COVID-19 and future pandemic and recovery plans. To improve global trade connectivity, and identify related challenges to develop legislation that would remove the barriers. Enhancing the social safety net for vulnerable groups, connectivity in trade, technology, and communication, across borders in member states and CPA should be at the forefront gear towards the promotion of open and effective representation that will make law for the people. Progress to tackle all forms of inequality and accountable mechanism to fight against the misuse of powers and corruption. Three organs of government to work in tandem and translate talks into action and create the enabling environment for women to participate in governance and make the youths relevant among others.

The international conference attracted most CPA Members and their speakers as well as Members of Parliament to discuss and chart the interest connecting to the CPA Africa Region.

Over fifteen Speakers from CPA Members' Countries and several delegates were part of the conference.

The Mission of the CPA African Region is to promote and protect the interests and perspectives of CPA Africa Regional Parliaments and countries, in the Commonwealth and beyond, and to promote gender equality, the emancipation of women, and respect for human rights, freedoms, democracy, and good governance.

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