



1st Joint CPA Asia and South-East Asia Regional Conference – 2025

February 06 – February 10, 2025
Punjab – Pakistan

***"Parliamentary Strategies for Inclusive Growth and Sustainable
Futures in Asia and South-East Asia"***

Tentative Programme

Day 1: Thursday, February 6, 2025	
Arrival of Delegates	
Day 2: Friday, February 7, 2025	
0900-1030 hrs.	Meeting of the Branch Secretaries Venue: Provincial Assembly of the Punjab
1030-1100 hrs.	Meeting of the Executive Committee Venue: Provincial Assembly of the Punjab
1115-1315 hrs. (2 hours)	<u>Opening Ceremony:</u> Topic: "Collaborative Governance for Shared Regional Challenges" Venue: New Assembly Hall, Provincial Assembly of the Punjab
1315 hrs.	Group Photograph Venue: TBC
1330 hrs.	Lunch Venue: TBC
1500-1700 hrs. (2 hours)	<u>Plenary Session:</u> Topic: "Collaborative Legislation for Inclusive and Equitable Development" <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Addressing challenges in representation, fostering inclusivity, and strengthening legislative mechanisms to empower underrepresented groups. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Strengthen the role of women, youth, persons with disabilities and minorities in decision-making processes. ◦ Discuss challenges like underrepresentation and propose parliamentary solutions for inclusivity. ◦ Interactive session on the CPA International Secretariat's work. Venue: New Assembly Hall, Provincial Assembly of the Punjab
1930 hrs.	Official Dinner

Day 3: Saturday, February 8, 2025

<p>1000-1300 hrs (3 hours)</p>	<p><u>Parallel Breakout Sessions:</u></p> <p><u>Session A: "Strengthening Local Governance: Legislative Pathways for Effective Decentralization"</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explore the role of provincial governments in empowering local bodies to improve service delivery and governance. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Legislative frameworks for enhancing local government autonomy. ○ Strategies for ensuring accountability and resource allocation to local institutions. ○ Success stories in decentralized governance models. <p><u>Session B: "Climate Change and Sustainable Cities: Legislative Action for Clean Air and Resilient Urban Living"</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explore legislative strategies to combat climate change and address the growing challenges of air pollution and urban sustainability, particularly in regions affected by smog. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Enacting policies to reduce urban air pollution through stricter industrial and vehicular emissions standards. ○ Legislative frameworks for sustainable urban planning, including green infrastructure and public transportation systems. ○ Addressing the health and economic impacts of smog through integrated climate resilience policies. <p>Venues: Provincial Assembly of the Punjab</p>
<p>1300 hrs</p>	<p>Lunch Venue: TBC</p>
<p>1430-1700 hrs (2.5 hours)</p>	<p><u>Parallel Breakout Sessions:</u></p> <p><u>Session A: "Parliamentary Innovations: Legislating for AI, Digital Collaboration, and Social Media Governance"</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How parliaments can use AI and digital collaboration to improve governance while addressing challenges like fake news and misinformation on social media. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Creating laws to regulate social media platforms and tackle misinformation, hate speech, and fake news. ○ Using AI tools to improve fact-checking, transparency, and accountability in social media content. ○ Developing frameworks for ethical and responsible use of AI in public service delivery. ○ Promoting regional cooperation in Asia and South-East Asia to set standards for digital governance and social media regulation.

	<p><u>Session B: "Health and Education: Legislative Pathways for Inclusive Social Development"</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explore how legislatures can address disparities in health and education to foster inclusive and equitable development. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Legislating for improved access to quality healthcare in underserved areas. Policies to enhance public education systems and reduce drop-out rates. Addressing social determinants of health through integrated legislative frameworks. Highlighting successful provincial initiatives in health and education reform. <p>Venues: Provincial Assembly of the Punjab</p>
1930 hrs	Official Dinner
Day 4: Sunday, February 9, 2025	
0900-1130 hrs (2.5 hours)	<p><u>Closing Ceremony:</u></p> <p>Topic: "Regional Collaboration for Sustainable Development: The Path Forward"</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adoption of the "<u>Lahore Charter</u>" outlining commitments for regional collaboration on shared goals like strengthening local governance, climate resilience, digital transformation, education and health related reforms. <p>Venue: New Assembly Hall, Provincial Assembly of the Punjab</p>
1130 hrs.	<p>Group Photograph Venue: TBC</p>
Tour Day	
1930 hrs	Official Dinner
Day 5: Monday, February 10, 2025	
***** Departure of Delegates *****	