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# CPA and APF activities 2023



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I am very pleased to introduce this newsletter, which provides an insight into the breadth and depth of our involvement in the activities of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association.

As a small island it is vital that we look outwards and take advantage of the many opportunities created by our involvement in the CPA. It enables us to make valuable connections, builds communities and puts Jersey at the front and centre of this worldwide network. This is demonstrated in the wide range of events which Jersey delegates have attended and participated in, as detailed in this newsletter.

When Members of our Assembly attend conferences and training, they do so as parliamentarians and as ambassadors for Jersey. It is important to value this wider role and the positive impact this has for the Island, placing us on the world stage.

The positive benefits of this involvement go beyond an increased understanding of parliamentary roles.

CPA provides a wealth of training opportunities for Members, both in person and virtually and also offers young people from the Island the chance to attend the annual Commonwealth Youth Parliament, an event of great importance given that 60% of the population of the 53 Commonwealth countries are under 30.

Through participation in CPA, Members are able to discuss common issues with parliamentarians from other jurisdictions large and small, share experiences and learn from each other. In doing so, we can gain inspiration from the direct experiences of our colleagues across the Commonwealth and feed that knowledge into local initiatives and into improving our own legislation. We can also make meaningful contributions by sharing our own experiences and in many instances Jersey delegates have made presentations and led on discussions, demonstrating our small Island's ability to punch above its weight.

We are honoured that towards the end of 2023 Deputy Mary Le Hegarat was chosen as our Region's representative on the CPA Executive Council, only the second time that a Jersey Member has held an ExCo position and earlier in the year she was the Region's CWP representative at the Women's Political Leaders' summit in Brussels.

I thank all Members for their involvement in the CPA in Jersey; for their continued support and for how Jersey is represented so successfully across the Commonwealth.

**Deputy Rob Ward**

Welcome to this newsletter with information about the work of the Jersey Section of the Assemblée parlementaire de la Francophonie (APF).

Although the majority of the business of the States Assembly today takes place in English, French was the original language - and until 1900- the only permitted language of the Assembly. Today it remains one of the official languages (alongside Jèrriais and English) that in which members may speak to each other.

The linguistic, cultural and historical importance of the French language has allowed the Assembly to participate fully in the work of the APF; and our membership of this organisation – like that of the CPA – provides opportunities for engagement, connection and the sharing of ideas with parliaments from around the world.

The conferences that our Members attend alongside parliamentarians from elsewhere bring us into contact with many countries/regions and their legislatures and assemblies that we would not otherwise engage with, if we were a solely English speaking Assembly; In this post-Brexit time, this includes members of the European Union. Alongside the increased understanding of parliamentary work these conferences provide, they also therefore allow opportunities to build networks, to share how we approach matters in Jersey and to improve others' understanding of the Island. They allow us to act as ambassadors for our Parliamentary Assembly and our island more generally.

My thanks go to all those Members and officers who have involved themselves in the work of the APF, presently and in the past.

**Deputy Montfort Tadier**



**Event:** CPA UK Trade Workshop 2022

**Location:** Westminster, London

**Date:** 7-9 February 2023

**Attendees:** Connétable Richard Vibert, Deputy Montfort Tadier

### Summary:

The three-day workshop provided a unique platform for participants to: strengthen their knowledge of the trade and economic landscape across the UK and the Commonwealth; increase their awareness of mechanisms for parliamentary scrutiny of agreements; and familiarize themselves with parliamentary influence over trade negotiations and policy.

### Feedback from Members:

**Connétable Vibert:** “Understanding how Brexit had impacted the CPA members of the workshop and comparing this to our own experience was enlightening. It was clear that whilst Fishing is not a significant part of the UK economy or that of Jersey, when it is discussed in Trade agreement it is a very emotive one.”

**Deputy Tadier:** “The 3-day course was intensive [and] included learning, sharing, and training opportunities about parliamentary process surrounding all things to do with Trade Agreements: what they are, how they are negotiated and how backbenchers and committees can scrutinise them. There was also much discussion about how such treaties might include or exclude the Crown Dependencies and Overseas Territories, and how our interests are best represented on the international stage.”



**Event:** 52nd British Islands and Mediterranean Regional Conference

**Location:** Houses of Parliament, London

**Date:** 25-28 April 2023

**Attendees:** Connétable Andy Jehan, Deputy Hilary Jeune, Deputy Raluca Kovacs, Deputy Rob Ward

### Summary:

The conference provided delegates with the opportunity to strengthen their regional network, to benefit from peer-to-peer exchange on issues affecting parliaments and parliamentarians in the British Islands and Mediterranean Region, and to attend the region’s Annual General Meeting.

### Feedback from Members:

**Deputy Jeune:** “An excellent programme was put together by the CPA BMIR that included a number of hosted events [...] The panels attended included discussions on inclusive parliaments with a thought-provoking speech by Baroness Grey Thomas, Jeremy Balfour MSP and Baroness Verma. We did a facilitated workshop on workplace equality networks where I discussed the Diversity Forum and the new leads on D&I through the MHA which I am one of the leads.”

**Deputy Kovacs:** “Great organisation of the events. [My highlights included] taking part in BIMR CWP meeting [about] increasing women participation in politics; 52nd BIMR conference with updates on the regional activity and important discussions and speeches on: Inclusive Parliament; Workplace Equality Networks; Standards and Behaviour; Parliamentary Movements to Address the Climate Emergency.”





 **CPA BIMR @CPA\_BIMR · 29m**  
 And that's a wrap on the 52nd BIMR Conference!

Thank you so much to our delegates, who travelled from Alderney, Cyprus, the Falkland Islands, Gibraltar, Isle of Man, Jersey, Malta, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales, and brought their knowledge, passion and insight.

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**VISIT TO THE SPEAKER'S HOUSE**



**Event:** CPA UK Bespoke Programme for newly-elected Members

**Location:** Westminster, London

**Date:** 16-19 May 2023

**Attendees:** Connétable Karen Shenton-Stone, Connétable Mike Jackson, Connétable Richard Vibert, Deputy Catherine Curtis, Deputy Lyndsey Feltham, Deputy Raluca Kovacs, Deputy Lucy Stephenson, Deputy Helen Miles, Deputy Beatriz Porée, Deputy Barbara Ward

### Summary:

States Members spent two days in Westminster plus half a day within a constituency. These included sessions on contributing in the Chamber, making an impact as a parliamentarian, balancing responsibilities, and the Channel Islands All-Party Parliamentary Group.

### Feedback from Members:

**Deputy B Ward:** “All the sessions were great, and the speakers were genuinely pleased to meet us and share their thoughts and for them to hear about what goes on in Jersey – I felt there were more similarities and challenges than differences [...] It was informative visiting the Constituency of Putney and understanding the Work done by Fleur Anderson MP – realising achievements really do take time to make the positive changes for people and their lives.”

**Deputy Stephenson:** “This was an excellent programme; I enjoyed every part of it and felt like I learned a great deal in each session. I returned home full of ideas and learning to put into practice, as well as contacts and a greater understanding of how Westminster works.”





**Event:** WPL Summit

**Location:** Brussels, Belgium

**Date:** 7-8 June 2023

**Attendees:** Deputy Mary Le Hegarat

**Summary:**

The Women Political Leaders’ Summit 2023 was a moment for women politicians from all around the world to connect, share, and envision the path ahead.

Celebrating its 10th anniversary, the Summit welcomed more than 200 politicians from 80 countries who joined insightful panels and speeches on the topics of peace, security, and – fundamentally – why ‘Representation Matters’.



**Event:** Advanced Professional Development and Skills-Building Residency Programme

**Location:** Edmonton, Alberta, Canada

**Date:** 11-17 June 2023

**Attendees:** Deputy Carina Alves, Deputy Tom Coles

**Summary:**

This programme included sessions on “Leadership Principles & Theories”, “Strategic Thinking & Planning”, “Cultural Intelligence & Stakeholder Engagement”, “Diplomacy, Influencing & Negotiating”, and “Speechwriting and Speechmaking”, as well as cultural visits and networking opportunities.

**Feedback from Members:**

**Deputy Alves:** “[Highlights of the trip included] being able to network with other members to different and wide-ranging jurisdictions and making contacts; learning about the differences and similarities of parliamentary running and elections; bringing people together as support networks outside of our own local parliament.”

**Deputy Coles:** “The workshops, exercises and round table involvement were brilliant [...] On the first day we were taken to Fort Edmonton, where we were taken on a tour of the cultural centre. This concluded with a very powerful message from a performance of indigenous people.”





**Event:** 66th Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference

**Location:** Accra, Ghana

**Date:** 2 – 6 October 2023

**Attendees:** Deputy Carolyn Labey, Deputy Helen Miles, Deputy Rob Ward

### Summary:

The conference was held over 5 days in Accra, the capital city of Ghana, and consisted of eighteen sessions. The theme was ‘The Commonwealth Charter 10 years on: Values and Principles for Parliament to Uphold’. The event consisted of a Small Branches conference, sessions for the Commonwealth-wide membership; and culminated in the General Meeting for all members. There was also the chance to network with parliamentarians from across the Commonwealth to promote Jersey as a developed democracy.

### Feedback from Members:

**Deputy Labey:** “A very useful conference where much insight was gained about the current workings of the CPA. But probably of the most value are the contacts made, not only between Guernsey, the Isle of Man and the BIMR and small countries, but also with parliamentarians from Africa, Canada and Australia.”

**Deputy Miles:** “My first CPA conference experience was excellent. The opportunity to learn and share with other jurisdictions who at first sight, have little resemblance to our own, was invaluable. Small island jurisdictions have similar issues – population, few economies of scale and challenges around human capital, skills deficit and discrimination. Of particular value was the opportunity to discuss resource sharing with Guernsey colleagues.”





**Event:** Workshop “Strengthening Parliamentary Action to Address Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking in Supply Chains”

**Location:** Nairobi, Kenya

**Date:** 14-16 November 2023

**Attendees:** Deputy Mary Le Hegarat, Deputy Beatriz Porée

### Summary:

The three-day workshop brought together parliamentarians from legislatures across the Commonwealth to advance the development and scrutiny of robust legislation and other measures to reduce modern slavery and human trafficking in supply chains.

The workshop facilitated peer-to-peer learning by bringing together parliamentarians from a range of Commonwealth legislatures to explore innovative policy initiatives, as well as allow parliamentarians to access networks; build strategic relationships; provide invaluable insights and contributions to raising awareness; and identify legislation gaps and barriers to the implementation of legislation.

### Feedback from Members:

**Deputy Porée:** “The workshop programme was very well organised, as expected. Although it ran for three days only, it was packed with information, and intense at times. The CPA put together a good number of experts from varied backgrounds and experiences to help us through the learning process of addressing Modern Slavery. My event highlight was to be asked to Chair Session 5, on day one of the workshop, which I accepted and thoroughly enjoyed the experience.”



**Event:** Domestic Abuse: Approaches across the Commonwealth

**Location:** Virtual

**Date:** 30 November 2023

**Attendees:** Deputy Mary Le Hegarat, Deputy Raluca Kovacs, Deputy Helen Miles, Connétable Richard Honeycombe

### Summary:

This discussion of approaches to tackling domestic violence across the Commonwealth and strengthening legislation to protect women and girls was organised by the Commonwealth Women Parliamentarians network. The event brought together experts from across the Commonwealth to talk about approaches in addressing domestic abuse, best practice, and definitions of domestic abuse. A panel of speakers opened the session, followed by a Q&A session.



**Event:** CPA Virtual Conference on the 4th Industrial Revolution: Artificial intelligence, Disinformation and Parliament: Ensuring the Integrity of our Digital Democracy

**Location:** Virtual

**Date:** 4-6 December 2023

**Attendees:** Deputy Carina Alves

### Summary:

The conference had the theme of “Artificial Intelligence, Disinformation and Parliament: Ensuring the Integrity of our Digital Democracy and was held online. The event addressed the potential and challenges of artificial intelligence (AI) in our democracies, especially concerning disinformation.





**Assemblée  
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de la Francophonie**

**Event:** Conférence des Présidents

**Location:** Paris, France

**Date:** 1-2 June 2023

**Attendees:** Deputy Montfort Tadier

**Summary:**

The Presidents' Conference included a report on the situation of the States bordering on Ukraine, an update from the APF Europe Cooperative Action Programme, and a session on "The treatment of information in francophone spaces and the fight against misinformation" which included representatives of the Francophone Press union and the president of TV5Monde, a French public television network.



**Event:** Assemblée Générale

**Location:** Tbilisi, Georgia

**Date:** 4-8 July 2023

**Attendees:** Deputy Montfort Tadier, Connétable Mike Jackson

**Summary:**

The 48th Session of the APF was the first to take place in a non-French speaking parliament. The agenda included an address by Mme Louise Mushikiwabo, Secretary General of the Organisation internationale de la Francophonie; activity reports and financial reports; a presentation from Mme Théa Tsouloukiani, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Culture, Sport and Youth of Georgia; the adoption of a strategic framework 2023-2027; and reports from regional leaders.

**Event:** Assemblée Région Europe

**Location:** Athens, Greece

**Date:** 5-7 November 2023

**Attendees:** Deputy Kirsten Morel, Deputy Raluca Kovacs

**Summary:**

The 35<sup>th</sup> APF Europe Session included Panel sessions on "The consequences of the war in Ukraine on Europe – systemic, migratory, energy and economic crises"; "Democracy in the face of war: challenges, concerns, and weaknesses"; and "Future perspectives on a fragmented world: how to establish a more polycentric or multipolar global governance?"

**Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (Jersey Branch) Executive Committee  
2023 Conference and Events**

Conference / Event	Date	Venue	Attendees	Hotel Cost	Travel Cost
<b>CPA UK Trade Workshop 2022</b>	7-9 February 2023	Westminster, London	Connétable Richard Vibert	£510.00	£123.22
			Deputy Montfort Tadier	£510.00	£123.22
<b>52nd British Islands and Mediterranean Regional Conference</b>	25-28 April 2023	Houses of Parliament, London	Connétable Andy Jehan	Paid for by CPA	£324.27
			Deputy Hilary Jeune		Flights: £301.63 • Train: £43.00
			Deputy Raluca Kovacs		Flights: £287.63 • Train: £43.00
			Deputy Rob Ward		Flights: £176.63 • Train: £28.00
			Greffe officer		Flights: £140.00 • Train: £28.00
<b>CPA UK Bespoke Programme for newly-elected Members</b>	16-19 May 2023	Westminster, London	Connétable Karen Shenton-Stone	£636.75	£53.48
			Connétable Mike Jackson	£636.75	£148.01
			Connétable Richard Vibert	£636.75	£117.21
			Catherine Curtis	£636.75	£117.21
			Deputy Lyndsay Feltham	£636.75	£117.21
			Deputy Raluca Kovacs	£636.75	£117.21
			Deputy Lucy Stephenson	£636.75	£117.21
			Deputy Helen Miles	£636.75	£117.21
			Deputy Beatriz Porée	£636.75	£114.46
			Deputy Barbara Ward	£636.75	£117.21
			Greffe officer	£636.75	£117.21
<b>WPL Summit</b>	7-8 June 2023	Brussels, Belgium	Deputy Mary Le Hegarat	Paid for by CPA	Paid for by CPA
<b>Advanced Professional Development and Skills-Building Residency Programme</b>	11-17 June 2023	Edmonton, Alberta, Canada	Deputy Carina Alves	Paid for by CPA Extra Night £111.95 per person	£2588.64
			Deputy Tom Coles		£2588.64
<b>66th Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference</b>	30 September – 6 October 2023	Accra, Ghana	Deputy Carolyn Labey	£1787.41	£1209.12
			Deputy Helen Miles	£1787.41	£1209.12
			Deputy Rob Ward	£1787.41	£1209.12
			Greffe officer	£1787.41	£1209.12
<b>Workshop “strengthening Parliamentary Action to Address Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking in Supply Chains”</b>	14-16 November 2023	Nairobi, Kenya	Deputy Mary Le Hegarat	£481.90	£2925.41
			Deputy Beatriz Porée	£481.90	£3070.67

**Assemblée parlementaire de la Francophonie  
2023 Meetings**

Conference / Event	Date	Venue	Attendees	Travel Cost	Hotel Cost
Conférence des Présidents	1st-2nd June 2023	Paris	Greffe officer	Boat: £82.00 • Train: £164.00	£165.04
			Deputy Montfort Tadier	Boat: £82.00 • Train: £147.00	£165.04
Assemblée Générale	4th – 8th July 2023	Tbilisi	Deputy Montfort Tadier	Flights: £1,203.64	£364.00
			Connétable Mike Jackson	Flights: £1,439.64	£364.00
Assemblée Région Europe	5th – 7th Nov 2023	Athens	Deputy Kirsten Morel	Flights: £677.09	£412.29
			Deputy Raluca Kovacs	Flights: £639.00	£412.29
			Greffe officer	Flights: £639.00	£412.29