



THE CARIBBEAN,
THE AMERICAS &
THE ATLANTIC REGION

**Commonwealth
Women
Parliamentarians**
Special Call Meeting

22-23 May, 2014

Melia Nassau Beach
Nassau, Bahamas

WOMEN:
The Voice!
The Vote!
The Victory!



Rebecca Kadaga

**Chairperson
of the
Commonwealth Women
Parliamentarians Association
International**

Rebecca Alitwala Kadaga is a Ugandan lawyer and politician. She is the current Speaker of the Ugandan Parliament. She was elected to that position on 19 May 2011. She is the first female to be elected Speaker in the history of Parliament in Uganda. She is also the current Member of Parliament (MP) for the Kamuli District Women's Constituency, Busoga Region, a position she has served in since 1989.

Political Party: NRM (National Resistance Movement)
Gender: Female
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Postal Address: P. O. BOX 329 KAMULI
Profession: Lawyer
Religion: Protestant
Date of birth: 24 May, 1956, in Kamuli
to George Wilson Madali and Eve Kadaga
Education:

1. Masters In Women's Law , University Of Zimbabwe - 2003
2. Diploma In Women Law , University Of Zimbabwe - 2000
3. Bachelor of Law, Makerere University - 1978
4. Diploma Legal Practice, Law Development Centre – 1979
5. Attended Shimoni Primary School and Namasagali College

Work History:

1. Deputy Speaker - 2006-2011
2. Deputy Speaker - 2001-2006
3. Minister Parliamentary Affairs - 1999-2001
4. Minister of State Communication - 1998-1999
5. Minister of State, Regional Cooperation - 1996-1998
6. Member of NRC - 1989-1996
7. Kadaga and Co. Advocates - 1984-1996

Other Responsibilities: Chairperson: Appointments Committee
Chairperson: Business Committee
Personal Interests: Morality, African Culture, Rule of Law, Sports
Awards: African Influential Amazon Award - 2012
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Message

It is my honour and privilege to welcome delegates from across the region to this Special Call Meeting.

I am especially honoured that **The Rt. Hon. Rebecca Kadaga**, current Chairperson of CWP Association International, is keeping her commitment and has traveled to our shores from her native Uganda on the Continent of Africa to this beautiful archipelago to lend her support and to give encouragement and guidance to the efforts of the Caribbean, Atlantic and Americas Region.



I must also acknowledge the contributions and achievements of **The Hon. Alix Boyd-Knights**, a Caribbean woman, and Immediate Past Chairperson of CWP Association International, who has also joined us at this Special Call Meeting.

In this region, we have had a few women rise to high office and we are especially proud of the attainments of **The Hon. Portia Simpson-Miller**, Prime Minister of Jamaica, and **The Hon. Kamla Persad-Bissessar**, Prime Minister of Trinidad and Tobago.

At the end of this process we expect to have reached two important objectives: first, the creation of a Steering Committee for the region, and second, the formation of a Strategic Action Plan, which will form the blueprint for action and strategies to cause for greater representation of women in our respective Parliaments.

I offer my gratitude and thanks to The Government of The Bahamas for agreeing to serve as host, and to CPA for making available some funds to assist with offsetting expenses of this event.

Again, I welcome you to this important event, and warmly welcome you to beautiful Bahamaland! I hope you find an occasion to come again!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Glenys Hanna Martin'. The signature is stylized and fluid.

The Hon. Glenys Hanna Martin, MP
Regional Chairperson
Commonwealth Women Parliamentarians
The Caribbean, The Americas and The Atlantic Region

Delegates



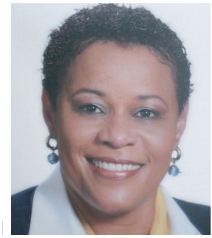
Hon. Glenys Hanna Martin, MP
Minister of Transport & Aviation
BAHAMAS



Hon. Melanie Griffin, MP
Minister of Social Services
BAHAMAS



Sen. Hon. Allyson Maynard-Gibson
Attorney General & Minister of Legal Affairs
Leader of Gov't Business in Senate
BAHAMAS



The Hon. C.V. Hope Strachan, MP
Minister of State in the
Ministry of Transport & Aviation
BAHAMAS



Sen. Hon. Sharon Wilson
President of the Senate
BAHAMAS



Cleola Hamilton, MP
Parliamentary Secretary
Ministry of Foreign Affairs & Immigration
BAHAMAS



Sen. Hon. Cheryl Bazard
Senator
BAHAMAS



Sen. Hon. Tanisha Tynes
Senator
BAHAMAS



Loretta Butler-Turner, MP
Opposition Member of Parliament
BAHAMAS



Sen. Hon. Heather Hunt
Opposition Senator
BAHAMAS



Hon. Jeanne Atherden, JP, MP
Member of Parliament
BERMUDA



Lovitta Foggo, MP
Government Whip
BERMUDA



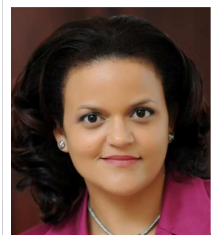
Hon. Ingrid Moses-Scatliffe, MHA
Speaker of the House
BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS



Hon. Alvera Maduro-Caines, MHA
Government Benchmark
BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS



Hon. Juliana O'Connor-Connolly, MLA
Speaker of the House
CAYMAN ISLANDS



Hon. Tara Rivers, MLA
Minister of Education, Employment
& Gender Affairs
CAYMAN ISLANDS

Delegates



Hon. Alix Boyd-Knights, MHA
Speaker of the House
& Former Chair of CWP International
DOMINICA



Hon. Indranie Chandarpal, MP
Member of Parliament
GUYANA



Hon. Catherine Hughes, MP
Member of Parliament
GUYANA



Hon. Natalie Neita Headley, MP
Minister without Portfolio
Office of the Prime Minister
JAMAICA



Olivia Atavia Grange, MP
Opposition Member of Parliament
JAMAICA



Hon. Hazel Brandy-Williams
Junior Minister in the Ministry of Gender,
Social Affs, Social Dev't, Youth, Sports,
Community Dev't - **NEVIS**



Hon. Vemella Alleyne-Toppin, MP
Minister in the Ministry of the People
and Social Development
TRINIDAD & TOBAGO



Sen. Hon. Raziah Ahmed
Minister of State, Ministry of Gender,
Youth and Child Development
TRINIDAD & TOBAGO



Hon. Nela Khan, MP
Deputy Speaker
TRINIDAD & TOBAGO



Sen. Sharmá Cudjoe
Opposition Senator
TRINIDAD & TOBAGO



Sen. Camille Robinson-Regis
Opposition Senator
TRINIDAD & TOBAGO



Sen. Helen Drayton
Independent Senator
TRINIDAD & TOBAGO



Hon. Akierra Missick, MHA
Deputy Premier & Minister of Education,
Youth, Sports, Culture & Library Services
TURKS & CAICOS ISLANDS



Hon. Sharlene Cartwright-Robinson, MHA
Leader of the Opposition
TURKS & CAICOS ISLANDS



Heather Elaine Cooke, JP
CPA Regional Secretary/Treasurer
Clerk, Houses of Parliament
JAMAICA

CPA SECRETARIAT

**PARLIAMENTARY OFFICERS
& OFFICIAL OBSERVERS**

Dahlia Klein
Assistant in Office of The Prime Minister
JAMAICA

Lynette Joseph-Guerava
Inter-Parliamentary Relations Coordinator
TRINIDAD & TOBAGO

Gertrude James
Research Officer
TRINIDAD & TOBAGO

Lydia Butterfield
Deputy Clerk, House of Assembly
TRINIDAD & TOBAGO

Thu, 22 May, 2014 – OPEN SESSION

9:00 am

Welcome

- Sen. Hon. Allyson Maynard-Gibson

Attorney General & Minister of Legal Affairs
Leader of Government Business in the Senate
BAHAMAS

Challenge

- Rt. Hon. Rebecca Kadaga, MP

Chairperson, CWP Association International
Speaker of Parliament
UGANDA

9:20 am

B R E A K

9:30 am

The Voice

Moderator:

Cleola Hamilton, MP

Parliamentary Secretary
Ministry of Foreign Affairs & Immigration
Member of Parliament
BAHAMAS

10 min

“Is There A Platform For The Woman's Vote?”

- Hon. Vernella Alleyne-Toppin, MP

Minister in the Ministry of the People
and Social Development
Member of Parliament
TRINIDAD & TOBAGO

10 min

“Policy Initiatives - Lifting Women Up - Challenges Of Access To Healthcare, Education, Problems Of Poverty”

- Hon. Tara Rivers, MHA

Minister of Education, Employment & Gender Affairs
Member of House of Assembly
CAYMAN ISLANDS

10 min

“Effective Representation Of The Grassroots Voice”

- Sen. Hon. Cheryl Bazard

Government Senator
BAHAMAS

45 min

Discussion – Questions and Answers

10:55 am

B R E A K

11:00 am

The Vote

Moderator:

Sen. Hon. Tanisha Tynes

Government Senator
BAHAMAS

10 min

“The Positioning Of Women In Political Parties”

- Hon. Natalie Neita Headley, MP

Minister without portfolio
in the Office of The Prime Minister
Member of Parliament
JAMAICA

10 min

“Mobilizing And Building Support”

- The Hon. Indranie Chandarpal, MP

Member of Parliament
GUYANA

10 min

“How To Achieve A Coalition With Men In The Political Process”

- Hon. Jeanne Atherden, JP, MP

Member of Parliament
BERMUDA

45 min

Discussion – Questions and Answers

12:15 am

B R E A K

12:30 pm

LUNCHEON

Moderator:

Miss D'Asante Beneby

Member, Special Call Meeting Planning Committee

“Invincible Womanhood”

- Dr. Desiree Cox

Rhodes Scholar, Medical doctor, Academic Historian of Medicine, Jazz-Singer, Artist, Writer, Consultant in Human Development and Urban Renewal, Philanthropist

2:00 pm

B R E A K

2:15 pm

The Victory

Moderator:

Miss Gandhi Pinder

Member, Special Call Meeting Planning Committee

10 min

“The Role Of Mentorship”

- Hon. Ingrid Moses-Scatliffe, MHA

Speaker of the House of Assembly
BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS

10 min

“What Are The Necessary Steps To Victory?”

- Hon. Nela Khan, MP

Deputy Speaker
Member of Parliament
TRINIDAD & TOBAGO

10 min

“Sustainability”

- Loretta Butler-Turner, MP

Member of Parliament
Deputy Leader of the Opposition
BAHAMAS

45 min

Discussion – Questions and Answers

3:30 pm

A D J O U R N M E N T



7:30 pm

OPENING CEREMONY

Moderator: **Miss Anastarcia Huyler**
Member, Special Call Meeting Planning Committee

Prelude **Royal Bahamas Defence Force Band**

Processional & Flag Presentations **Delegates & Royal Bahamas Defence Force Rangers**

National Anthem **JoAnn Callendar**

Prayer **Rev. Kenris Carey**
Former President,
The Bahamas Conference of
the Methodist Church

Welcome

The Occasion **Hon. Melanie Griffin, MP**
Vice Chairperson, CWP Bahamas Branch
Minister of Social Development
Member of Parliament
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Selection **Royal Bahamas Defence Force Band**

Challenge **Hon. Glenys Hanna Martin, MP**
Chair, CWP CAAR
Chairperson, CWP Bahamas Branch
Minister of Transport & Aviation
Member of Parliament
BAHAMAS

Selection

Bahamas National Dance Co.

Robert J. Bain, II, Choreographer

Music "Four Women" by Nina Simone

**Introduction
of Prime Minister**

Sen. Hon. Sharon Wilson

President of The Senate

BAHAMAS

Keynote Speaker

Rt. Hon. Perry G. Christie, MP

Prime Minister and Minister of Finance

COMMONWEALTH OF THE BAHAMAS

In Closing

Sen. Hon. Heather Hunt

Secretary, CWP Bahamas Branch

Opposition Senator

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Benediction

Rev. Kenris Carey

Official Photographs

Postlude

**Royal Bahamas Defence Force
Band**



Fri, 23 May, 2014 – CLOSED SESSION

9:00 am “State Of The Region & The Way Forward”

15 min

- **Hon. Alix Boyd-Knights, MP**

Former Chairperson, CWP Association International
Speaker of the House of Assembly
DOMINICA

60 min

Discussion

10:15 am **B R E A K**

10:30 am

Moderator:

Hon. Sharlene Cartwright-Robinson, MHA

Leader of The Opposition
TURKS & CAICOS ISLANDS

15 min

**CWP CAAR Meeting:
Formation of Steering Committee**

- **Heather Cooke, JP**

Regional Secretary / Treasurer
JAMAICA

45 min

Discussion

11:30 am **B R E A K**

11:45 am **Development of A Strategic Action Plan**

Moderator:

Hon. C. V. Hope Strachan, MP

Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport & Aviation
Member of Parliament
BAHAMAS

5 MINUTE PRESENTATIONS: SUMMARY OF PERTINENT POINTS

1. The Vision of the Initiative

- Hon. Glenys Hanna Martin, MP

Chairperson, CWP CAAR
Minister of Transport & Aviation
Member of Parliament
BAHAMAS

2. The Mission

General Statement of the Mission

- Hon. Hazel Brandy-Williams

Junior Minister in the Ministry of Gender, Social Affairs,
Social Development, Youth, Sports, Community
Development
NEVIS

3. The Objectives

What are we seeking to achieve?
What change will occur?

- Olivia Grange, MP

Opposition Member of Parliament
JAMAICA

4. Strategies

Summary of strategic measures to be taken or
implemented.

TRINIDAD & TOBAGO

5. Targets and agents of change

Identify targets and agents of change.
Who will carry it out?

GUYANA

6. Proposed Change For Each Sector

When will it take place, what resources are needed, communication...

BERMUDA

12:15 am **B R E A K**

12:30 pm **LUNCHEON**

Moderator: **Miss Ambrosine Huyler**

“While You Wait, Celebrate!”

- Rev. Angela Palacious

Priest, Anglican Diocese of The Bahamas
& The Turks & Caicos Islands

2:00 pm **B R E A K**

2:15 pm **Creation of Strategic Action Plan**

15 min **- Hon. Juliana O’Connor-Connolly, MHA**
Speaker of the House of Assembly
CAYMAN ISLANDS

Agreed Action Plan / Resolutions

60 min **Discussion – Questions and Answers**

3:30 pm **A D J O U R N M E N T**



7:00 pm

CLOSING RECEPTION

Poolside, Melia Nassau Beach

Sponsored by the Ministry of Tourism

Hostess:

Miss Alana Ingraham

Member, Special Call Meeting Planning Committee

Remarks on Behalf of Delegates

- Hon. Akierra Missick, MHA

Deputy Premier & Minister of Education,
Youth, Sports and Library Services
TURKS & CAICOS ISLANDS

Farewell

- Hon. Obie Wilchcombe, MP

Minister of Tourism
BAHAMAS

Music:

Jazz Fusion

Special:

Junkanoo Rushout

By Representatives of The Valley Boys



About the CPA Caribbean, Americas and Atlantic Region (CPA CAA)

The purpose of the Association of Commonwealth Parliamentary Association Branches of the Caribbean, the Americas and the Atlantic Region (CPA CAA) is to provide a forum to promote the aims and objectives and implement the activities of CPA CAA and the Branches in the Region.

Membership:

Anguilla, Antigua & Barbuda, Barbados, Belize, Bermuda, British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands, Dominica, Grenada, Guyana, Jamaica, Montserrat, Nevis, Republic Of Trinidad & Tobago, St. Kitts & Nevis, St. Lucia, St. Vincent & The Grenadines, The Bahamas.

Aims and Objectives:

The aims and objectives of the Association are to promote knowledge of the respective Constitutions, as well as the legislative, economic, social and cultural aspects of parliamentary democracy, with particular reference to the Commonwealth countries in the Region.

2013 – 2014 Executive Committee:

In accordance with the Constitution of the Region, the following Branches were selected to serve on the Executive Committee for the period 2013 to 2014:

- **Hon. Michael Carrington, MP**
Chairperson - Barbados
- **Hon. Ingrid Moses Scatliffe, MHA**
Vice Chairman - British Virgin Islands
- **Hon. D. Gisele Isaac-Arrindell, MP**
Imm. Past Chairman - Antigua & Barbuda
- **Hon. Dr. Kendal Major, MP**
Regional Representative - The Bahamas
- **Hon. Hendrick Alexander, MP**
Reg. Rep. - St. Vincent & The Grenadines
- **Hon. Teresina Bodkin**
Regional Representative - Montserrat
- **Hon. Glenys Hanna Martin, MP**
CWP Representative - The Bahamas
- Hon. Wade Mark, MP**
Member - Trinidad & Tobago
- **Hon. Michael Pierre, MP**
Member - Grenada
- **Hon. K. H. Randolph Horton**
Member - Bermuda
- **Hon. Michael Peart, MP**
Member - Jamaica

- **Hon. Alix Boyd-Knights**
Member - Dominica
- **Hon. Julianna O'Connor-Connolly, MHA**
Member - Cayman Islands

Secretariat:

The Secretariat liaises closely with all branches, disseminates key information and undertakes all duties and responsibilities assigned to it by the Executive Committee and/or the Annual General Meeting.

The CPA CAA Regional Secretariat is situated in the country of the Regional Secretary/Treasurer (currently Jamaica), who is elected at the Annual General Meeting of the CPA CAA.

About the Commonwealth Women Parliamentarians (CWP)

The CWP was founded by women delegates at the 1989 plenary conference, so women at future conferences could discuss ways to increase female representation in Parliament and work towards the mainstreaming of gender considerations in all CPA activities and programmes. In 2004, the group was formally recognized in the CPA Constitution and its elected Chairperson added to the CPA Executive Committee. A Steering Committee of 10 Members plans its activities. The current CWP Chairperson is the **Hon. Rebecca Kadaga**, Speaker of the Parliament of Uganda. She was duly elected on September 5, 2013 at the CPA Annual Conference in Johannesburg, South Africa.

Former elected Chairpersons include:

- **Hon. Alix Boyd-Knights, MHA**
Speaker, Parliament of Dominica;
- **Kashmala Tariq, MNA**,
National Assembly of Pakistan
- **Hon. Lindiwe Maseko, MPL**
Speaker, Provincial Legislature of Gauteng, South Africa.

In addition to CWP International, there are regional chapters of the CWP with their own steering committees and programme of activities. For further information on CWP activities within CPA regions.