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"Launch of the Commonwealth Association of Public Accounts Committees (CAPAC)"

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## WELCOME MESSAG

Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of CPA UK and our partners the Parliament of Malta, welcome to the 5th Westminster Workshop: Effective, Independent & Transparent Public Accounts Committees for Robust Public Financial Oversight.

Building on the success of previous workshops, the 5th Westminster Workshop will continue to provide space for sharing the different practices and procedures employed by Public Accounts Committees (PACs) across the Commonwealth with the aim of making the Committees' everyday work in their countries more effective, transparent and efficient.

The four-day programme will be an intensive and interesting period of study which will explore the powers and limitations of PACs in conducting financial oversight of public expenditure. The programme will enable participants to identify possible solutions to common challenges and offer training and advice to improve the work of PACs in conducting financial scrutiny.

Westminster and Valetta recognise the importance of international parliamentary outreach. We hope that this Workshop will offer each one of us who works in parliamentary democracies the opportunity to enhance our capacity and effectiveness in order to hold our Executives to account through strengthening public financial oversight in our committee work.

The 5th Westminster Workshop will provide the official launch pad for the Commonwealth Association of Public Accounts Committees (CAPAC). We hope that you will participate actively in CAPAC-related discussions which will pave the way for an active Association providing support and guidance, and setting best practice standards for PACs across the Commonwealth.

Thope you will find the Workshop engaging and valuable.

Yours sincerely,

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## **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

From funding large public capital projects to fighting tax avoidance, the public's eye is increasingly focusing on various aspects of public financial management. More than ever, emphasis is being placed on the role of Parliament in ensuring that public funds are used appropriately and effectively. Parliamentary Public Accounts Committees (PACs) are facing a constantly developing set of issues in their efforts to hold their governments to account on public expenditure and performance.

Building on the success of previous workshops, CPA UK's 5th Westminster Workshop: Effective, Independent and Transparent Public Accounts Committees for Robust Public Financial Oversight, organised in partnership with CPA Malta, aims to provide a forum for exploring the key current challenges faced by PACs across the Commonwealth. It will also enable the exchange of ideas and expertise on how PACs can increase their efficiency and effectiveness in scrutinising public expenditure; from budgeting and planning to tracking performance.

Upholding the momentum created by the November 2013 Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM), which expressed support for strengthening Public Accounts Committees across Commonwealth, the Workshop will provide a platform for the official launch of the Commonwealth Association of Public Accounts Committees.

#### COMMONWEALTH ASSOCIATION OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEES (CAPAC)

In June 2014, Chairs and Members of Public Accounts and equivalent Committees of Commonwealth parliaments attending the 4th Westminster Workshop on Parliamentary Financial Scrutiny of Public Expenditure at Westminster constituted the Commonwealth Association of Public Accounts Committees (CAPAC). An informal steering committee was formed to guide CAPAC's work in the short term, with Hon. Senator Raziah Ahmed (Trinidad & Tobago) and Hon. Tonio Fenech MP (Malta), as co-chairs. CPA UK committed to providing an interim secretariat for the pascent association.

CAPAC is designed to support the work of Commonwealth Public Accounts Committees in promoting good governance, implementing the declaration on these committees contained in the communiqué of the November 2013 CHOGM: 'Heads of Government further reaffirmed that strong and independent Parliamentary oversight plays an important role in preserving the trust of citizens in the integrity of government, through Public Accounts Committees that are effective, independent and transparent.'

During their meeting in January 2015, members of the CAPAC steering committee reaffirmed the association's aim to ensure that all Commonwealth countries benefit from strong and independent public accounts or equivalent committees to sustain and promote the highest principles of public finance.

#### CAPAC shall pursue its aim by:

- Making the case for the independence of Commonwealth PACs, and for implementation of all appropriate PAC recommendations, as key components of good governance
- Defining, publishing and promoting standards of good practice, in line with Commonwealth principles, to assist CAPAC Member Committees in being effective, transparent and independent
- Providing training to support CAPAC Member Committees in improving their performance
- Acting as a clearing house of valuable information on matters pertaining to PACs; this will include information about current practices in various legislatures
- Carrying out peer reviews as a platform for both exchange of information and benchmarking
- Engaging in proactive and effective relationships with key stakeholders, including regional PAC organisations and the Conference of Commonwealth Auditor-Generals
- Strengthening the capacity of small states' PACs
- In all these activities, CAPAC will pay particular attention to the need to empower PAC members on issues of gender equality, especially gender budgeting and auditing.

CAPAC Coordination Unit (CAPACCU, run by CPA UK in the interim period) has been tasked by the Steering Committee to draft the CAPAC Constitution which shall be presented for endorsement by delegates at the forthcoming Workshop in June 2015.

It is hoped that at the time of CHOGM 2015 in Malta, the Commonwealth will reaffirm the November 2013 declaration, recognising the importance of strong financial oversight and the effective steps that are being taken through CAPAC to strengthen PACs across the Commonwealth.

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## AIM & OBJECTIVES

#### AIM

- 1.01 Set against the background of the challenges faced by Commonwealth PACs, the aim of the 5th Westminster Workshop is to enhance the capacity and effectiveness of delegates in the core aspects of their PAC work.
- 1.02 Supporting Purpose. The 5th Westminster Workshop will launch CAPAC and recommend it to CHOGM 2015.

#### **OBJECTIVES**

- Using the Westminster PAC as the vehicle for discussion, the objectives of the 5th Westminster Workshop are to explore through briefings, discussion sessions and case studies:
  - a. The role of parliaments in financial oversight.
  - b. The skills and knowledge required to be an effective PAC Chair/Member/Clerk.
  - c. The relationship between the PAC Chair, PAC Members and the PAC Clerk.
  - d. Best practices in identifying witnesses and holding effective hearings.
  - e. Tracking performance and measuring Committee effectiveness.
  - f. The relationship between the PAC and the Supreme Audit Institution.
  - g. The role of the PAC in curbing corruption and fraud.
  - h. Differences and commonalities between Commonwealth legislatures and best practice examples.
  - j. Particular challenges faced in different regions and possible solutions.
  - k. Possible solutions to the common issues faced by PACs in small legislatures.
  - I. Ensuring gender-sensitive approaches in budgeting and auditing practices.
- 2.02 **Supporting Objective.** The 5th Westminster Workshop will seek to establish an effective CAPAC.



## **PROGRAMME**

#### **SUNDAY 31 MAY 2015**

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ARRIVAL DAY

#### **MONDAY 1 JUNE 2015**

1000-1300	Conference registration, Corinthia Palace Hotel, Attard				
1200-1300	Lunch				
1300-1400	Welcome and Introduction to the Workshop Introduction to CAPAC: Progress so far and the way forward				
1400-1500	Session 1: Effective, Independent and Transparent – best practice standards for Public Accounts Committees				
	The session will explore the key conditions and success factors for an effective Public Accounts Committee. What are the key performance indicators in PAC work? How important is the mandate of a PAC to determine the scope of work?				
	Through a brief overview of the outcomes of the CAPAC application questionnaire, the session will ask whether there is strong case for setting common standards of best practice for PAC work across the Commonwealth. What would be the added value of a Commonwealth-wide approach? What areas should be benchmarked? Is there a minimum standard for a functioning PAC?				
1500-1530	Coffee / Tea				
1530-1630	Session 2: Improving the effectiveness and efficiency of Public Accounts Committees				
	When budgets are restricted there are limited resources available to parliamentary committees. This has the potential to undermine their effectiveness. How can parliamentary committees best operate with limited resources? What methods could be used to increase committee efficiency and effectiveness? The session will discuss the following aspects:  - Selecting focus areas and work planning  - Member engagement and responsibility sharing  - Building cross-party consensus				
1630-1730	Session 3: Monitoring and Evaluation of PAC work				
	How can PACs monitor their own effectiveness & efficiency? Should they have institutionalised Monitoring & Evaluation (M&E) systems?				
2000-2130	Opening Reception hosted by HE Mrs Marie Louise Coleiro Preca, President of Malta				
	San Anton Palace, Attard				

#### **TUESDAY 2 JUNE 2015**

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0900-1000	CAPAC Briefing 1 - Draft CAPAC Constitution and proposed organisational arrangements Open to all participants
1000-1130	CAPAC Briefing 2 - Discussion on the functions of the Association  Following a brief presentation on the Steering Committee's suggestions for CAPAC's scope of work, participants will split into discussion groups and will be asked to outline their ideas on the main focus areas for CAPAC's work. What should the scope and volume of CAPAC's activities be? How should the organisation fund its operational costs?  Open to all participants
1130-1145	Coffee / Tea

1145-1315	Session 4: Conducting a PAC hearing				
	While the number of hearings varies greatly across Commonwealth PACs, it is the quality that define usefulness of the process. This discussion-based session will provide space for delegates to share experience about conducting an effective PAC hearing and aim to draft a list of peer recommendations.  Group discussions:  PAC Members: Choosing and initiating the process; defining the scope of the inquiry; What questioning techniques are most effective?				
	PAC Chairs: How to effectively chair a heavoice?	ring: How to e	nsure that the committee speaks with a strong		
	<i>Clerks:</i> Gathering evidence, identifying witnesses and making best use of their expertise. What briefing training should be provided for witnesses?				
	Lunch				
1315-1400 1400-1600		AC hearing -	Mock evidence session		
1315-1400 1400-1600	Session 5: Conducting an effective P	into practise ar	Mock evidence session  and use a real-life enquiry to conduct a hearing.		
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#### **WEDNESDAY 3 JUNE 2015**

0900-1000	CAPAC Briefing 3 – Peer Review Mechanism
	What is peer review and why is it useful?
	Delegates will get a chance to discuss how it will work in practice; What should be monitored; How information gathering and assessments could be performed.
	What impact will the findings have and how can this impact be measured?
	Open to all participants
1000-1100	CAPAC GENERAL MEETING I
	Vote on the CAPAC Constitution  Please note that only official CAPAC Member Committee representatives will be eligible to vote. All participants are invited to observe the procedings.
1100-1115	Coffee / Tea
1115-1215	Session 8: How can the Audit Office best support the PAC?
	How can audit offices best work with PACs? What type of relationship would be most effective? How can they collaborate to plan their work effectively?

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1215-1300	Lunch			
1300-1400	Session 9: The media and scrutiny of public expenditure  Does an engaged and financially literate media make government more responsive and accountable? How can mutual cooperation and communication between PACs and the media be encouraged? How can PAC best manage their media profile?			
1400-1530	Session 10: Improving public financial reporting  Increasingly the public sector is looking for innovative ideas to improve the ways in which financial informatio is presented both for its internal use and for communicating its work to wider audiences. The session with consider why aiming for best practice is crucial. It will present an overview of recent developments in the area of financial reporting and offer examples of how innovative ideas can improve the depth, breadth an quality of reporting.			
1530-1600	Coffee / Tea			
1600-1730	Session 11: Split Sessions			
	11(a): Challenges to PACs in small legislatures  PACs in small legislatures operate in vastly different contexts, and often face unique challenges. Drawing on case studies, this session will compare the different practices and approaches to PAC work. How do PACs retain independence from Government? Can they ensure effective operation with limited resources? How should PAC membership be determined?	11(b): Closing the cycle of financial accountability  While the majority of PACs' scope of activities is limited to ex post financial scrutiny, what effect does that have on their ability to follow-up on their recommendations? Is there a case for stronger parliamentary involvement in ex ante budgetary scrutiny? How can PACs work with other parliamentary committees in 'closing the budget cycle'?	How can PACs respond to public interest and demands for scrutiny? How to manage the public's expectations? How should PACs work with civil society?	

#### **THURSDAY 4 JUNE 2015**

#### NOMINATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP OF THE CAPAC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CLOSE AT 9AM

0900- 1215	revenues for long- term development: parliamentary scrutiny of oil, gas and mining returns	0900- 1030	Session 12: Oversight of outsourced government spending  What challenges does outsourced government spending bring to the scrutiny of public spending? What role should national parliaments play in oversight of local government spending? What arrangements work best? How should the delivery of public services through private sector companies be monitored?		
What role can parliaments effectively play in the management of extractive revenues? What are the key extractive items to analyse as part of the scrutiny of the annual budget? What challenges do parliaments face in overseeing revenues and how can they improve their performance?	1100- 1215	How to best manage Public Investment in national and multi- national contexts?  What role do PACs play in monitoring large public investment projects? What is the best practice in capital investment process? How can parliaments ensure effective oversight of multi-national projects?	Building institutional capacity  Does the frequency of changeover of PAC Members impact its effectiveness? What training programme should a Parliament have in place for new PAC members? How can the committee retain knowledge?		

1215-1300	CAPAC GENERAL MEETING II
	Election of the Executive Committee  Please note that only official CAPAC Member Committee representatives will be eligible to vote in the Executive Committee Election.
	All participants are invited to observe the proceedings.
1300-1345	Lunch
1345	Delegates depart by coach for the Parliament of Malta
	ANNOUNCEMENT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ELECTION RESULTS
1415-1530	Session 14: Gender-Sensitive Auditing
	What role should PACs play through their work in encouraging the incorporation of specific gender-budgeting practices in public financial management? How can gender-sensitive auditing be performed?
1530-1630	Session 15: The impact of globalisation on taxation – what role should parliaments play in defining and scrutinising taxation?
	To what extent does taxation fall within the remit of a PAC? Can PACs have a real impact on taxation policy and legislation? Should national PACs work together on this and other international issues?
1630-1700	Session 16: Closing Plenary - The future of Commonwealth Public Accounts Committees
1700-1830	Closing reception hosted by Hon. Anglu Farrugia MP, Speaker of the House of Representatives of Malta
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#### **FRIDAY 5 JUNE 2015**

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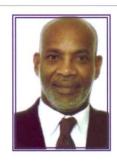
Govt/Opp: Opposition/Minority

Political Party: Barbados Labour Party First Elected/Appointed: 2015

Political/Parliamentary Career: Deputy Leader, Barbados Labour Party

Prior Career: Attorney-General of Barbados, 2006-2007; Attorney-at-Law

Education: LLB (Hons), University of the West Indies, 1987



#### **BARBADOS**

Miss Suzanne Hamblin Assistant Clerk, Public Accounts Committee



Education: B.Sc Political Science & Law, University of the West Indies

#### BARBADOS

Hon. Donville Inniss MP Minister of Industry, International Business, Commerce & Small Business Development

Constituency: St. James South Govt/Opp: Government/Majority

Political Party: Democratic Labour Party First Elected/Appointed: 2008

Political/Parliamentary Career: Minister of Industry, International Business, Commerce & Small Business Development; General Secretary, Democratic Labour Party

Prior Career: Managing Director, Horizon Corporate Management Incorporation, 2007-2008; CEO/Owner, Global Overseas

Limited, 1999-2007

Education: MBA; B.Sc., University of the West Indies

## CAMEROON Mr Godwill Okia Mukete

Deputy Clerk of the National Assembly

First Elected/Appointed: 2011

Political/Parliamentary Career: Deputy Clerk of the National Assembly

#### CAMEROON

Hon. Abba Kabir Kamssouloum MP

Constituency: Logone et Chari Govt/Opp: Government/Majority Political Party: Cameroon People's Democratic Movement (CPDM)

First Elected/Appointed: 2015

Political/Parliamentary Career: Questor, National Assembly; Member, Central Committee of the CPDM

**Prior Career:** Pharmacist

#### **CAMEROON**

Hon. Rosette Moutymbo Ayayi MP Chair, Finance and Budget Committee

**Constituency:** Sanaga Maritime Govt/Opp: Government/Majority

Political Party: Cameroon People's Democratic Movement (CPDM)

First Elected/Appointed: 2007

Political/Parliamentary Career: Substantive Member, CPDM Central Committee; Chair, Finance and Budget

Committee of the National Assembly

Prior Career: Senior Treasury Inspector; Acting Secretary General, Ministry of Finance; Technical Advisor, Director of Salaries; Sub-Director of Accounting; Sub-Director of General Affairs; Service Head, Salaries; Service Head of Documentation.

Education: Diploma, Cameroon School of Administration and Magistracy (ENAM); BSC, Economic Sciences

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FIJI Mr Joeli Ditoka Clerk, Public Accounts Committee



#### FIJI

Hon. Prof. Biman Prasad MP Leader, National Federation Party; Chair, Public Accounts Committee; Shadow Minister for Finance, Planning and Statistics

Govt/Opp: Opposition/Minority

Political Party: National Federation Party (NFP)

Political/Parliamentary Career: Leader NFP, 2015.

**Prior Career:** Adjunct Professorships, Griffith University, James Cook University and Punjabi University in Patiala, India, 2014; Associate Editor, Journal of Fijian Studies; Editor in Chief, Journal of Pacific Studies; Consultant, Regional and International agencies and governments in South Pacific Region; Professor of Economics and Dean of Faculty of Business and Economics, University of the South Pacific, 2007-2011; Head, School of Economics, 2003-2007; President, University of the South Pacific Staff Association, 1999-2006; Lecturer, University of the South Pacific, 1986;

**Education:** PhD, University of Queensland; Masters of Commerice, University of New South Wales; B.A., Mathematics and Economics, University of the South Pacific

#### FIJI

Hon. Balmindar Singh MP

Govt/Opp: Government/Majority

Political Party: Fiji First First Elected/Appointed: 2015

Political/Parliamentary Career: Member, Public Accounts Committee



#### **GHANA**

Hon. Ibrahim Dey Abubakari MP

Constituency: Salaga South Govt/Opp: Government/Majority

Political Party: National Democratic Congress First Elected/Appointed: 2009

Political/Parliamentary Career: Ranking Member, Public Accounts Committee, 2013 to date; Member, Committee on Local Government and Rural Development, 2013 to date; Member, Public Accounts Committee, 2009 to 2012; Member, Committee on Trade, Industry and Tourism, 2009 to 2012; Standing Orders Committee, 2009 to 2012.

**Prior Career:** Director of Internal Audit, Ministry of Local Government, 2006 to 2008; Director of Finance and Administration, Driver and Vehicle Licensing Authority, 2002 - 2004; Director of Accounts, Controller and Accountant General's Department, 1997 - 2002.

**Education:** MBA (Finance Option), University of Wales, United Kingdom, 1996; Associate Member, Chartered Institute of Management Accountants, 1994.

#### **GHANA**

Hon. David Oppon-Kusi MP

Constituency: Ofoase/Ayirebi Govt/Opp: Opposition/Minority

Political Party: New Patriotic Party First Elected/Appointed: 2005

Political/Parliamentary Career: Member, Public Accounts Committee, 2005 - ;

**Prior Career:** Contracts and Procurement Manager, Department of Urban Roads, Ghana, 1992-2004; Quantity Surveyor, Department of Feeder Roads, Ghana 1987-1992.

Department of reeder Roads, Ghana 1307-1332.

**Education:** MBA, Project Management, University of Ghana, Legon, 2005; BSc. Building Technology, Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and technology, 1987.

#### **GHANA**

Ms Abigail Anso Clerk, Public Accounts Committee

**Education:** MSc. International Development, University of Bath, UK, 2005; Post-Graduate Certificate in Public Administration, Ghana Institute of Management and Public Administration, 2002; B.A. Secretaryship, University of Cape Coast, Ghana, 1998; Diploma in Education, University of Cape Coast, Ghana, 1998.

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#### INDIA Mr Devender Singh



**Political/Parliamentary Career:** Department Related Standing Committees on Energy & Labour, Estimates Committee, House Committee, Members Services Branch, General Works Branch and Distribution Branch.

#### INDIA

Hon. Prof. Kuruppassery Varkey Thomas MP Chair, Public Accounts Committee

Constituency: Ernakulam (Kerala)

Govt/Opp: Opposition/Minority

First Elected/Appointed: 1984

**Political/Parliamentary Career:** Chair, Public Accounts Committee, 2014-; Minister of State, Independent Charge, Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, 2011.

Prior Career: Professor; Trade Unionist; Writer; Social Worker; Agriculturist

Education: MSc, Chemistry; Sacred Heart College, Kochi, Kerala

#### JAMAICA

Hon. Sharon Ffolkes Abrahams MP Minister of State for Industry, Investment and Commerce

**Constituency:** West Central St. James **Govt/Opp:** Government/Majority **Political Party:** People's National Party **First Elected/Appointed:** 2011

Political/Parliamentary Career: Member, Public Accounts Committee

Prior Career: Attorney-at-Law

Education: Bars - Jamaica and Ontario, Canada; Masters in Administrative Law - UWI, Cave Hill



#### **KENYA**

Hon. Adan Keynan Wehliye MP Chair, Public Investment Committee

Constituency: Eldas Govt/Opp: Opposition/Minority

Political Party: Orange Democratic Movement First Elected/Appointed: 1997

Political/Parliamentary Career: Chair, Public Investment Committee, 2013-; Member, Defence and Foreign Relation Committee, 2013-; Member, Parliamentarians for Global Action, Global Organisation of Parliamentarians against Corruption, 2013-; Vice Chair, Parliamentary Service Commission, 2012-; Member, Parliamentary Network on World Bank and IMGF, 2010; Chair, Defence and Foreign Relations Committee, 2009-2013; Member, Labour and Social Welfare Committee, 2008-2014; Member of Kenya National Assembly or Wajir West Constituency, 2008-2013; Member, Education Research and Technology Committee, 2008-2009; Member, Administration, National Security and Local Government Committee, 1999-2002; Member, Finance Planning and Trade Committee, 1999-2002

Prior Career: Director, National Housing Corporation (NHC) 1996-1997

**Education:** PhD, Political Science & Public Administration, current; Master of Arts ( Diplomacy and International Relations), Kenyatta University, 2013-2014; Bachelor of Education (B.Ed. Arts), Moi University, 2008-2009; Master of Arts ( Public Administration), Moi University, 1990-1994.

#### **KENYA**

Hon. Moses Cheboi MP Chair, Appointment Committee

Constituency: Kuresoi North Govt/Opp: Government/Majority

Political Party: Kenya African National Union (KANU)

First Elected/Appointed: 2013

**Political/Parliamentary Career:** Chair, Appointment Committee; Member, Justice And Legal Affairs Committee, 2002-2007; Deputy Whip Official Opposition; Member, Administration of Justice and Legal Affairs Committee; Member, Public Investment Committee; Secretary, Parliamentarians for Global Action, PGA Kenya Branch.

**Prior Career:** Managing Partner, Cheboi and Company Advocates; Legal Officer, Cheboi and Company Advocates, 1996; Municipal Council of Nakuru, 1995-1996

**Education:** Kenya School of Law, 1993-1994; Post Graduate Diploma in Law, University of Nairobi, 1990-1993; Bachelor Laws Degree LL. B.

#### KENYA

Mr Derick Epae Koli Clerk, County Public Accounts and Investments Committee

Govt/Opp: Government/Majority

**Prior Career:** Clerk Assistant, Parliamentary Service Commission, 2013-; Programme Officer, United National Development Programme, 2009; Tourist Officer II, Public Service Commission

**Education:** MA in International Relations, United States International University, 2008 – 2010; Bachelor of Environmental Studies (Community Development), Kenyatta University, 2003 – 2007.

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**KENYA** 

Hon. Sen. Anyang' Nyong'o

Constituency: Kisumu County Govt/Opp: Opposition/Minority

Political Party: Orange Democratic Movement

Political/Parliamentary Career: Gro Harlem Brundland Senior Leadership Fellow in the Division of Policy Translation and Leadership Development, the Harvard School of Public Health, 2013-2014; Secretary General, Orange Democratic Party (ODM); Minister, Medical Services, 2008-2013; Member, Senate Committee on Finance, Commerce and Budget; Minister, Medical Services 2008-13 Member of Parliament, Kisumu Rural Constituency, 2002-2012; Chair, Public Investment Committee, 2007; Member, Senate Committee on Devolved Government; Minister, Planning and National Development 2003-05.

Prior Career: Head of Programs, African Academy of Sciences, 1987-1992; Professor, Addis Ababa University

**Education:** PhD Political Science, University of Chicago, 1977; M.A. Political Science, University of Chicago, 1974; B.A. Political Science and Philosophy, Makerere University Kampala, 1971

#### **KENYA**

Hon. Sen. George Khaniri

Constituency: Vihiga County Govt/Opp: Opposition/Minority

Political Party: United Democratic Forum First Elected/Appointed: 1996

Political/Parliamentary Career: Member, County Public Account and Investments Committee; Elected Member of the Senate for Vihiga County, 2013-; Vice Chair, Senate Committee on Land and Natural Resources; Member, Senate Committee on Public Accounts; Elected Member for Hamisi Constituency, Assistant Minister for Information, 2007-2013; Assistant Minister for Tourism and Wildlife, 2004- 2005; Assistant Minister, Agriculture and Livestock, 2003-2004; Assistant Minister, Roads, Public Works and Housing and Agriculture, Livestock and Rural Development, 1997-2002

**Education:** M.A. International Relations, University of Nairobi, present; Bachelor's Degree in Political Science, Catholic University of Eastern Africa, 2009-2012; B.A., Economics, Jersey City State College- USA, 1993-1996

#### **KENYA**

Ms Chelagat Tungo Aaron Clerk Assistant, Public Accounts Committee

Education: MBA, Finance, Kenyatta University, 2012; BCOM, Accounts, Kabarak University, 2005

#### KIRIBATI

Mr Eni Tekanene Clerk of Parliament; Secretary, Public Accounts Committee



**Prior Career:** Clerk of Parliament, 2009; Deputy Clerk of Parliament, 2006; Ag. Senior Foreign Investment, Ministry of Commerce, 2005; Development Officer, Ministry of Commerce, 1997.

Education: MBA, University of the South Pacific (USP), Fiji, 2004; BA History & Politics, University of the South Pacific (USP), Fiji, 1995

#### **KIRIBATI**

Hon. Teetan Mweretaka MP



Prior Career: Tax Inspector

#### KIRIBATI

Hon. Waga Kirite MP

First Elected/Appointed: 2014

Prior Career: General Manager, Good Life Enterprise, 2011 - 2014; Parts/Workshop Manager, Tarawa Motors

(Toyota), 2006 - 2010; Fiji Military Forces, 1987 - 1993;

Education: Diploma of Business Administration





#### MALAYSIA

Hon. Tony Pua Kiam Wee MP

Constituency: Petaling Jaya Utara Selangor Govt/Opp: Opposition/Minority

Political Party: Democratic Action Party First Elected/Appointed: 2008

Political/Parliamentary Career: Member, Public Accounts Committee.



#### MALAYSIA

Hon. Nur Jazlan Mohamed MP Chair, Public Accounts Committee

Constituency: Pulai, Johoro Govt/Opp: Government/Majority

Political Party: United Malays National Organisation

First Elected/Appointed: 2004



#### **MALDIVES**

Hon. Ahmed Nihan Hussain Manik MP Majority Leader, People's Majlis of the Maldives; Chair, Public Accounts Committee

Constituency: Vilimale' Govt/Opp: Government/Majority

Political Party: Progressive Party of Maldives First Elected/Appointed: 2009

Political/Parliamentary Career: Member, People's Majlis for Vilimale' Constituency, 2014-present; Member, People's Majlis for Vilimaafannu Constituency, 2009-2014; Founding Member and Council Member, Progressive Party of Maldives, 2011-present; Council Member, Dhivehi Rayyithunge Party, 1995-2010.

**Prior Career:** Assistant Media Coordinator and Editor, Daily News Papers Hamaroalhi and Dhives, 2005-2009; Managing Director, Paint Garden Design Studio 2003-2005; Assistant Human Resource Manager, Clubmed Farukulhafushirn, 1999-2003; Artist and Designer, Paint Garden Design Studiorn, 1995-1999.

#### **MALDIVES**

Hon. Ibrahim Mohamed Solih MP Minority Leader

Constituency: Hinnavaru

Govt/Opp: Opposition/Minority

Political Party: Maldivian democratic party

First Elected/Appointed: 2000

Political/Parliamentary Career: Drafted Constitution of the Maldives, Special Majlis, 2004 - 2008; Representative,

Lhaviyani Atoll constituency, 2000

Prior Career: Pan Ocean International Pvt

Education: Diploma of Business Administration



Hon, Claudio Grech MP

Constituency: 1st district

Govt/Opp: Opposition/Minority

Political Party: Nationalist Party

First Elected/Appointed: 2013

Prior Career: Chairman, Malta IT Agency, 2008-2011; CEO, SmartCity Malta, 2008 - 2009; Head of Secretariat, Ministry for

Political/Parliamentary Career: Member, Public Accounts Committee; Member, Health Committee

Investment, ICT, Infrastructure and public investments, 2003-2008, 2010.

Education: Masters Degree, strategic management; Graduate, Business Management and IT

MALTA

Hon. Silvio Schembri MP

Chair, Economic and Financial Affairs Committe

Constituency: 6th district
Political Party: Labour Party

**Govt/Opp:** Government/Majority **First Elected/Appointed:** 2013

Political/Parliamentary Career: Chair, Economic and Financial Affairs Committe; Member, Foreign and European Affairs Committee; Member, NAO Accounts Committee; Education Secretary, Luqa Labour Party Local Committee; President, Pulse JC movement (Social Democratic Students of Malta); President, Student's Council; Public Relations Officer, General Workers

**Prior Career:** Chair, Responsible Gaming Foundation Malta; Chair, Parliamentary Committee for Economic and Financial Affairs; Advisor, Economy Affairs Ministry; Lecturer, Economics studies, University of Malta; Founding Member and General Manager, GAL XLOKK foundation.

Education: Masters degree, Economy, University of Malta; Bachelor of Honours in Economics, University of Malta

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#### MALTA

Hon. Charles Mangion MP

Govt/Opp: Government/Majority

Political Party: Labour Party First Elected/Appointed: 1987

Political/Parliamentary Career: Member, Public Accounts Committee; Chair PAC, 2003 - 2013; Deputy Leader,

Labour Party, 2003 -2008; Minister, Justice and Local Government, 1996 -1998; Deputy Speaker, 1992- 1994

Prior Career: Solicitor

Education: Doctor of Law, University of Malta

#### **MALTA**

Ms Anna Brincat Clerk, Public Accounts Committee

First Elected/Appointed: 1997

Political/Parliamentary Career: Clerk Assistant to the House, 2001-present; Public Accounts Committee Clerk,

1998-present.

#### MALTA

Hon. Tonio Fenech MP Chair, Public Accounts Committee

Constituency: 8th District Govt/Opp: Opposition/Minority

Political Party: Nationalist Party First Elected/Appointed: 2003

**Political/Parliamentary Career:** Member, NAO Accounts Committee; Member, Economic and Financial Affairs Committee; Minister of Finance, Economy and Investment, 2008; Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Finance, 2007; Observer,

European Parliament, 2003 - 2004

Prior Career: Mayor of Birkirkara, 1998 - 2003; Birkirkara local councillor, 1996 - 1998

Education: B.A.(Hons.) Accountancy, 1992; Management and Accountancy (B.Com), University of Malta

#### **MAURITIUS**

Hon. Vedasingam Vasudevachariar Baloomoody MP Chair, Public Accounts Committee

Constituency: Constituency No. 1 Grand River North West and Port Louis West

Govt/Opp: Opposition/Minority

Political Party: Mouvement Militant Mauricien First Elected/Appointed: 1995

Political/Parliamentary Career: Member, Constituency No. 1 Grand River North West and Port Louis West, 2014

present; Member, National Assembly, 2010 - 2014.

Education: B.A (Hons) Economics



Hon. Joseph Hugo Thierry Henry MP

Constituency: Constituency No. 12 Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien

Govt/Opp: Government/Majority

Political Party: Parti Mauricien Social Democrate

First Elected/Appointed: 2015

Political/Parliamentary Career: Member, Public Accounts Committee; Parliamentary Private Secretary; Member, National

Assembly; Member, Constituency No.12 Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (2014-present).

Prior Career: Director of Discover Mauritius Ltd; Director of Events Mauritius Ltd.

Education: Diploma, Sales and Marketing Management

#### **MAURITIUS**

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Political/Parliamentary Career: Secretary, Public Accounts Committee

Education: MA, Law







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#### **NAMIBIA**

Hon. Nicolaas Albertus Smit MP Chair, Public Accounts Committee

Govt/Opp: Opposition/Minority

Political Party: Democratic Turnhallen Alliance - DTA

Political/Parliamentary Career: Administrative Secretary General, DTA of Namibia, 2000-2015.

Prior Career: Councillor, City Of Windhoek, 2007-2015; Member, Public Accounts Committee & Economics Committee.

Education: Honors Degree, Sociology, University of Pretoria, South Africa



#### **NAMIBIA**

Hon. Hendrik Gaobaeb MP Chair, Standing Committee on Public Accounts and Economy

Constituency: Sesfontein Constituency, 2004-present Govt/Opp: Opposition/

Minority

Political Party: United Democratic Front

Political/Parliamentary Career: Chair, Standing Committee on Public Accounts and Economy, 2010-2015; Fourth National Council Member for Kunene Region, 2010- 2015; Regional Councillor, Sesfontein Constituency, 2004-present; UDF Member, 1980-present.

Prior Career: Chief Executive Officer, Khorixas Town, 1996-2004; Clerk, Khorixas Town Council.

Education: National Diploma, Public Management, Polytechnic of Namibia, 1997-2000



Mr Norbert Uuyuni Clerk, Public Accounts Committee



Education: B-Tech Degree, Public Management, Polytechnic of Namibia; National Diploma, Public Management, Polytechnic of Namibia, 2010; National Certificate Public Management, Polytechnic of Namibia, 2009.

#### **PAKISTAN**

Hon. Sahibzada Muhammad Nazeer Sultan MNA

Constituency: NA-90 Govt/Opp: Government/Majority

Political Party: Pakistan Muslim League (Nawaz) First Elected/Appointed: 1970

Political/Parliamentary Career: Member, Public Accounts Committee, 2013-present; Member, Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs; Member, Standing Committee on Industries & Production (2013); Member, National Assembly, 1970, 1977, 1988, 1993, present; Minister, State of Affairs, 1996.

**Education**: MA

#### **PAKISTAN**

Hon. Sheikh Rohale Asghar MNA Chair, Standing Committee on Defence

Constituency: NA-124 Govt/Opp: Government/Majority

Political Party: Pakistan Muslim League (Nawaz) First Elected/Appointed: 2008

Political/Parliamentary Career: Member, Public Accounts Committee; Chair, Standing Committee on Defence



#### **PAKISTAN**

Mr Sharifullah Khan Clerk, Public Accounts Committee

Political/Parliamentary Career: Clerk, Public Accounts Committee.

Education: MA, Political Science



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#### **RWANDA**

Hon. Annonciata Mukarugwiza MP

**Govt/Opp:** Government/Majority **Political Party:** Rwanda Patriotic Front

**Political/Parliamentary Career:** Member, Public Accounts Committee; Secretary General, Rwanda Patriotic Front, Eastern Province, 2007-2011.

Prior Career: Accountant, Bugesera District, 2011-2013; Accountant, Nyamata High School, 2000-2010.

Education: MBA, Finance & Accounting, present; Bachelor's degree, Business Administration, Finance, UNILAK, 2006



#### **RWANDA**

Hon. Jean Thierry Karemera MP Secretary General of the Party for Progress and Concord

Govt/Opp: Opposition/Minority

Political Party: Party for Progress and Concord

**Political/Parliamentary Career:** Member, Public Accounts Committee; Secretary General of the Party for Progress and Concord, 2011-; Chair, Political Commission in the Party for Progress and Concord, 2007-2011; Member, Social Committee.

**Prior Career:** Personal Assistant, Director General of Automobile Guarantee Fund, 2007-2008; Inspector of Premiums of the Automobile Guarantee Fund, 2006-2007.

Education: MBA, current; Bachelor's Degree, Business Administration, Finance, National University of Rwanda, 2007

#### **RWANDA**

Mr Dieudonne Mungwakuzwe Clerk, Public Accounts Committee

**Education:** Bachelor's Degree, Business Administration, Accounting & Finance, Adventist University of Central Africa, 2012

#### SIERRA LEONE

Hon. Komba E. Koedoyoma MP

Deputy Chair, Public Accounts Committee; Minority Leader

Constituency: Con. 027 (Kono District) Govt/Opp: Opposition/Minority

Political Party: Sierra Leone People's Party First Elected/Appointed: 2002

Political/Parliamentary Career: Minority Leader; Member, Mines and Minerals Committee, Transparency

Committee.

Prior Career: Teacher

Education: Bsc. Hons

#### **SIERRA LEONE**

Hon, Alhassan Jero Kamara MP

Constituency: 048 (Koinadugu District) Govt/Opp: Government/Majority

Political Party: All Peoples Congress (APC) First Elected/Appointed: 2012

Political/Parliamentary Career: Member, Public Accounts Committee; Member, Agriculture Committee; Member,

Presidential and Political Affairs Committee; Member, Social Service Committee

**Prior Career:** Business

Education: MSc. Economics; MSc. Development Studies

#### SIERRA LEONE

Mr David Saffa

Clerk, Public Accounts Committee

Education: MSc Accounting and Finance



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#### **SRI LANKA**

Hon. Manusha Nanayakkara MP

Constituency: Akmeemana Govt/Opp: Opposition/Minority

Political Party: United People's Freedom Alliance

First Elected/Appointed: 2010

Political/Parliamentary Career: Member, Public Accounts Committee; Member, Southern Provincial Council,

2004-2009; Member, Southern Provincial Council, 2009-2010

Prior Career: Anchor, News Reader and Presenter, 1998-2000; Deputy News Editor, 2000-2002; News Editor, 2003-2004

Education: Advanced Level, 1996



Hon. Buddhika Pathirana MP

Constituency: Akuressa Govt/Opp: Government/Majority

Political Party: United National Party First Elected/Appointed: 2010

Political/Parliamentary Career: Member, Public Accounts Committee

**Prior Career:** Chief Organiser (UNDP), Akuressa Electorate, 2005-; Media Secretary, United National Party (Southern Province), 2004-2009; Provincial Counciller, Southern Provincial Council, 2004; Executive Program Producer and Producer of Sirasa TV, 1998-2004; Moderator and Presenter of 'Janahanda', 1996-1998; Assistant News Co-ordinator, News Co-ordinator, Deputy

News Editor, Teleshan Network Ltd (TNL), 1995-1997.

Education: Pre Intern Medical Doctor, Faculty of Medicine, University of Kelaniya, Sri Lanka, 1997-2002.

#### **SRI LANKA**

Mr Neil Parakkarama Iddawala Secretary, Public Accounts Committee

First Elected/Appointed: 2003

Education: LLB, University of Colombo, 1990





SWAZILAND Hon. Christopher Gamedze MP	
Constituency: Mafutseni Govt/Opp: Government/Majority First Elected/Appointed: 2013	
Political/Parliamentary Career: Member, Public Accounts Committee	
SWAZILAND	
Hon. Phila Buthelezi MP	
Constituency: Matsanjeni First Elected/Appointed: 2013	
Political/Parliamentary Career: Member, Public Accounts Committee	
Prior Career: Teacher	
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Senior Clerk



#### **TANZANIA**

Hon. Selemani Jumanne Zedi MP

**Constituency:** Bukene-Tabora Region **Govt/Opp:** Government/Majority **Political Party:** Chama Cha Mapinduzi (CCM)



#### **TANZANIA**

Hon. Amina Mohamed Mwidau MP Chair, Public Accounts Committee

**Govt/Opp:** Opposition/Minority **Political Party:** Civic United Front (CUF)



#### TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

Hon. Sen. Raziah Ahmed President of the Senate

Govt/Opp: Government/Majority

Political Party: People's Partnership First Elected/Appointed: 2000

**Political/Parliamentary Career:** Member, Public Accounts Committee, Statutory Instruments Committee of the Senate, Joint Select Committee on Government Ministries, Statutory Authorities and State Enterprises, 2013-present; Minister of State, Ministry of Gender, Youth and Child Development, 2013 - 2015

**Prior Career:** Motivational Speaker and Financial Planning Consultant; Columnist, Sunday Guardian of Trinidad and Tobago; President, TTAIFA (Trinidad and Tobago Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors); Board Member, CARAIFA (Caribbean Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors); Member, MDRT (Million Dollar Round Table)

Education: MBA, University of the West Indies, Institute of Business.

#### TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

Mrs Paula Gopee-Scoon MP

Constituency: Point Fortin Govt/Opp: Opposition/Minority

Political Party: People's National Movement

**Prior Career:** Director, Biochem (Trinidad & Tobago), 2002; Branch Manager, Royal Bank of Trinidad and Tobago Ltd., 1990 – 1996; Branch Manager, Worker's Bank (1989) Ltd. 1989 - 1990; Republic Bank, 1982 - 1986; Director, Sunspot Plastics Ltd., 1982

**Education:** LLB (Hons), University of London, Labour & Public International Law; BSc, Public Administration and Law, UWI, Cavehill

#### TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

Miss Keiba Jacob Clerk, Public Accounts Committee

First Elected/Appointed: 2010



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Education: Post Graduate Diploma in Public Administration and Management, Uganda Management Institute, 2011; Certificate in Administrative Law, Law Development Centre Kampala, 2008; B.A., Social Work and Social Administration, Uganda Christian University, 2006; Diploma in Secretarial Studies, Makerere University Business School, 2000

#### **UGANDA**

Hon. Gilbert Olanya MP

Constituency: Kilak County, Amuru District Govt/Opp: Government/Majority

Political Party: Independent First Elected/Appointed: 2011

Political/Parliamentary Career: Member, Public Accounts Committee; Member, Committee on Physical

Infrastructure; Councillor, Local Council 5, 2006-2011

Prior Career: Secretary for Education & Health, 2006-2010; Lecturer, National Teachers' College, 2005-2006; Secondary School

Teacher, 2003-2004

Education: M.A., Education, Kampala International University, 2005; B.A., Education, Uganda Christian University, 2002

#### UGANDA

Hon. Alice Alaso Asianut MP Chair, Public Accounts Committee

**Constituency:** Serere District **Govt/Opp:** Opposition/Minority

Political Party: Forum for Democratic Change (FDC) First Elected/Appointed: 2001

Political/Parliamentary Career: Member, Committee on Natural Resources; Member, Business Committee; Secretary General, Forum for Democratic Change (FDC), 2005-;

Prior Career: Graduate Teacher, 1993-1997; District Gender Officer, 1997-2001

Education: M.A., Social Sector Planning & Management, Makerere University, 2007; B.A., Education, Makerere University, 1993

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## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

#### MALTA

The Republic of Malta is a Southern European island country comprising an archipelago of islands in the Mediterranean Sea. A member of the European Union since 2004, the country covers just over 316 km2 (122 sq mi), with a population of around 450,000. The capital of Malta is Valletta, and Malta has two official languages: Maltese and English.

The Parliament of Malta is increasingly involved in international affairs and holds a number of international responsibilities. CPA Malta plays an active role within the CPA British Islands & Mediterranean Region (BIMR). Malta, along with Cyprus and the UK, remains an active member of the Commonwealth of Nations.

The Parliament of Malta has been an active participant in CPA UK training programmes, including the Westminster Workshop on Public Accounts Committees and has played an important role in supporting the establishment of the Commonwealth Association of Public Accounts Committees (CAPAC), which was initiated at the 4th Westminster Workshop in June 2014.

Malta will host the forthcoming Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) in late November 2015. It is hoped that the CAPAC communiqué to be agreed at the 5th Westminster Workshop will be presented to the Prime Minister of Malta for an official endorsement by CHOGM.

#### **CONFERENCE VENUE**

The official conference hotel and venue is the Corinthia Palace Hotel, De Paule Avenue, San Anton BZN9023, MALTA. Wi-Fi will be available throughout the conference venue and log in details will be available on arrival.

#### REGISTRATION

Participants can register at the official conference hotel from 1000 to 1300 on Monday 1 June. There will be a registration desk in the hotel lobby where delegates can register their attendance and collect conference materials.

Delegates arriving after the start of the programme should check in at the official conference hotel and then proceed to the conference venue in the hotel where a member of staff will be able to register their attendance at the staff desk.

#### **INSURANCE**

All delegates are advised to get their own travel insurance.

Visitors to Malta are not entitled to free medical attention or to hospital in-patient care under the Maltese public healthcare system unless their country has reciprocal health care arrangements with Malta. Therefore, delegates are strongly advised to take out insurance to cover such expenses. Delegates are responsible for their own baggage and currency loss insurance. CPA UK

is not responsible for any loss of luggage, currency or personal effects. Delegates are strongly advised to leave valuables, jewellery and cash in hotel safes.

#### LIAISON WITH HIGH COMMISSIONS/ EMBASSIES

The Conference team will contact all relevant High Commissions and Embassies to notify them of your attendance. Some diplomatic missions may be able to arrange airport transfers for delegates. It is the responsibility of the delegate/legislature to contact them directly for assistance.

Whilst in-country, those delegates who may wish to meet with a diplomatic representative should please ensure such meetings take place outside the Conference programme.

#### **PHOTOGRAPHY**

There will be an official photographer present during most of the Conference. Photographs will be made available to all delegates two weeks after the Conference concludes. Details of how to access the photos will be provided at the end of the Conference.

#### **AUDIO RECORDINGS**

All plenary sessions will be recorded and made available online from up to a week after the Conference has finished. Details of how to access the recordings will be given during the Conference period.

#### WEATHER

Weather in Malta in June is warm and sunny, with temperatures of between 23 and 29°C. Delegates should ensure that they dress accordingly.

#### DRESS

Delegates should wear business dress throughout the conference period; national dress is optional for official receptions. Please note that delegates will be expected to walk short distances between meetings and receptions throughout the conference and are advised to bring comfortable footwear.

#### **CURRENCY**

Currency in Malta is the Euro (€). Exchange rates can be found at the following websites: www.xe.com www.oanda.com

Currency can also be changed at all international airports, although a commission will be charged.



## **CULTURAL PROGRAMME**

**OPTIONAL ACTIVITY** 

Please note that delegates will be required to cover the costs of their participation in the cultural programme. Further information is available on the Workshop website.











#### FRIDAY 5 JUNE 2015

09:00	Guide to greet guests and to proceed to Valletta
09:30	St. John's Co-Cathedral, Valletta
	Built between 1573 and 1577 by Girolamo Cassar, the Cathedral used to be the conventual church of the Order. Unlike the rather severe exterior, the interior is sumptuous with coloured marble tombstones, frescoes and numerous treasure-filled chapels. The Beheading of St. John, Caravaggio's masterpiece lies in the Oratory.
10:30	A grand and beautiful building, it is today the seat of the President of Malta and was the seat of the Parliament of Malta until April 2015. The Armoury, housed in two halls of the Magisterial Palace, contains some fine examples of mediaeval armour and weapons used by the Knights of St. John and their adversaries.
12:00	Proceed to <b>Valletta Waterfront</b> via panoramic lift  The beautifully restored Valletta Waterfront is in itself of great historical value and heritage, dating back more than 250 years. Nowadays, apart from serving as a port for Malta's lucrative cruise liner business, the Waterfront is also being used as a popular venue with a concentration of upmarket bars, retail outlets and restaurants after a recent thorough restoration process.
12:30	Proceed to Harbour Crossing
13:00	Free time for Lunch

15:0	Birgu - Vittoriosa
	Vittoriosa, one of the Three Cities of the Cottonera District, is still rich in history despite the damage suffered in the bombing of World War Two. Originally known as Birgu, derived from "Borgo" the Mediterranean term for a coastal village under the shelter of a fort or castle, its honorific name of Vittoriosa was granted as a result of its victorious stand in the Great Siege of 1565.
	Collacchio Area
	The Collachio area in the old quarter, where the Knights had their inns or auberges, is the most quaint part of Vittoriosa
	Couvre Porte
	The Couvre Porte was a complex system of gateways through which one could gain access into Vittoriosa
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	It is the foremost fishing village in one of the most picturesque localities on the island. The small fishing crafts known as the Luzzu and Kajjik, painted in vivid colours of red, yellow, green and blue float gracefully on the calm waters of the bay. There is a fish market in the morning, where the fish ermen's wives sell the catch of the day to the locals and to curious tourists.
17:0	Return to hotel

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Senior Committee Clerk; CAPAC Secretary, House of Commons

Philip has extensive experience in Parliament and the Civil Service. He has been Clerk of several House of Commons committees, including the Public Accounts and Public Administration Committees. He is currently Senior Clerk in the Scrutiny Unit of the House of Commons.

Philip previously held a number of Government communications roles, serving as Head of Information at the Department for International Development and Head of News at the Department of Health.

#### **DINA MELHEM**

Head of Middle East and North Africa Programmes, Westminster Foundation for Democracy

Dina has a PhD in Public Law from the University Paul Cezanne, Aix-en-Provence in France.

Previously she was Research Fellow at the Institute of Arab and Islamic studies (IREMAM-CNRS) in Aix-en-Provence and was involved heavily with research on the Arab League and the Arab Charter for Human Rights.

Dina has also worked at the European Parliament office in Marseille on the Euro-Mediterranean Partnership.

#### WILLIAM PEPLOW

Senior Audit Manager, National Audit Office Malta

Mr William Peplow M.A. (Public Policy), M.B.A., D.P.A. has been employed at the National Audit Office since 1986. He is currently a Senior Audit Manager within the Performance Audit Section. During his employment at the NAO he was also involved in the regularity audit of various ministries and departments. He also participated in a number of investigations requested by the Parliamentary Public Accounts Committee (PAC).

Mr Peplow has been managing performance audits since 1999. During that period a number of performance audits, dealing with an array of topics, have been undertaken and tabled in the House of Representatives. Many of these reports were discussed by the PAC. He has also participated in parallel audits with other State Audit Institutions of other EU member States dealing with environmental themes and EU funding, namely Structural Funds.

Since 1994, he has been the NAO's representative in the INTOSAI and EUROSAI Working Groups on Environmental Audit. For five years, he served as Sub-Coordinator for the Mediterranean Region of the latter Working Group.

His academic interests include new public management as well as the state's oversight function through state auditing, performance auditing, and the Public Accounts Committee in Malta.

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#### KEVIN SCHEMBRI ORLAND

Journalist, The Malta Independent

Kevin Schembri Orland is a Journalist working at The Malta Independent and has been working as a Journalist since 2007. His areas of speciality include politics and the environment.

He lives and works in Malta and is always on the prowl for the next big story, having had his first opinion piece published in the local press at age 13.

His love for journalism flourished in high school, where he launched his school's first news magazine, then worked as a sub-editor at the Sunday Times of Malta. Kevin went on to study International Journalism at the University of Central Lancashire and achieved his Bachelors in 2010. He then undertook a Masters degree in Magazine Journalism from the University of Sheffield, graduating in 2012 and receiving a High Commendation at the PPA Magazine Academy Awards in London in 2013. He returned to Malta and worked with an online news portal called di-ve.com, later joining The Malta Independent in 2014.

Aside from hard new stories, Kevin enjoys the lighter side of journalism, including writing human interest articles and bringing NGO causes to the fore.

#### NICK SMITH MP

### Member of Parliament for Blaenau Gwent, Parliament of the United Kingdom

Nick Smith MP was elected to Parliament on the 6th of May 2010, and re-elected in May 2015. During his first term he was a member of the influential Public Accounts Committee, responsible for scrutinizing government spending for value for taxpayer's money, and was appointed Parliamentary Private Secretary to Douglas Alexander, the former Shadow Foreign Secretary. Nick's main policy interests include public accounts, home affairs and defence issues.

Before entering Parliament Nick was the Director of Policy and Partnerships at the Royal College of Speech and Language Therapists. Prior to this he was the Secretary General of the European Parliamentary Labour Party, campaign manager for the NSPCC, and a councillor in the London Borough of Camden. In his spare time he enjoys hiking, rugby and reading. He lives in Nantyglo, South Wales.

#### DAVID THRILBY

### Programme Manager, Africa and Rest of the World, Westminster Foundation for Democracy

David joined the Foundation in 2003 and is a Programme Manager for the Africa and Rest of the World team.

David has a background in the NGO and commercial field within the UK. As an Exeter University graduate, David also has an MSc in Development Studies from SOAS, University of London and a Certificate in Political Studies from the IEP Aix-en-Provence.

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#### ARAPAC

Hon. Choida Jamtsho MP

Chair, Asia Regional Association of Public Accounts Committees (ARAPAC)

Constituency:

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**Political Party:** 

First Elected/Appointed:

PAC/Other Committee Experience:

Political/Parliamentary Career: Chair, Public Accounts Committee, National Assembly of the Government of Bhutan

Prior Career: Assistant Auditor General, Royal Audit Authority, Supreme Institution of Bhutan

Education: Master's degree, Environmental Science, University of East Anglia, UK; Bachelor's Degree in Commerce, Delhi University

#### INDIA

Hon. Shivkumar Chanabasappa MP

Constituency: Haveri (Karnataka)

Govt/Opp: Government

Political Party: Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)

First Elected/Appointed: 2009

PAC/Other Committee Experience:

Political/Parliamentary Career: Member, Standing Committee on External Affairs, 2014 - ; Member, Private Member Bill & Resolutions 2014 - ; Member, Consultative Committee, M/o Railways, 2014 - ; Member, Committee on Urban Development,

2009 - 2014; Member, Committee on External Affairs, 2009 - 2014

**Prior Career:** 

Education: B.E., Bangalore Institute of Engineering, Bangalore, Karnataka

#### MALAWI

Hon. Alekeni W Menyani MP Chair, Public Accounts Committee

**Constituency:** Dedza North West

Govt/Opp: Opposition

Political Party: Malawi Congress Party First Elected/Appointed: 2009

PAC/Other Committee Experience:

Political/Parliamentary Career: Vice Chair, Legal Affairs Committee

Prior Career: Legal Aid

Education: Bachelor's degree, Public Administration, current; Diploma, Rural and Community Development; Certificate Law

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**Political/Parliamentary Career:** Member, Public Accounts Committee; Deputy Minister of Finance, 2009; Deputy Minister of Youth, 2008-2009; Deputy Minister of Transport and Public Works, 2007-2008; Deputy Minister of Health, 2005-2007; Deputy Minister of Science and Technology, 2004-2005.

Prior Career: Businessman

Education: Diploma in Human Resource Development

#### MALAWI

Mr Ollium Mlinbakaya Phri Head of Committee Section

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**Political Party:** 

First Elected/Appointed:

**PAC/Other Committee Experience:** 

Political/Parliamentary Career:

**Prior Career:** 

Education: B.A. History & Sociology, University Of Malawi, 1985

#### PAPUA NEW GUINEA

Hon. Sir John Hickey MP Chair, Public Accounts Committee

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**Political Party:** 

First Elected/Appointed: 2002

PAC/Other Committee Experience:

Political/Parliamentary Career: Minister; Chair of Committees

Prior Career: Teacher

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#### PAPUA NEW GUINEA

Hon. Bob Dadae MP

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**Political Party:** 

First Elected/Appointed: 2002

PAC/Other Committee Experience:

Political/Parliamentary Career: Member, Public Accounts Committee; Minister

Prior Career: Administrator

Education: BEC, university of Papua New Guinea

#### PAPUA NEW GUINEA

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First Elected/Appointed:

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Political/Parliamentary Career:

**Prior Career:** 

**Education:** 

#### SRI LANKA

Hon. Tissa Karalliyadda MP

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Political Party: First Elected/Appointed: 1994

PAC/Other Committee Experience:

**Political/Parliamentary Career:** Cabinet Minister, Child Development & Women's Affairs, 2010-15; Cabinet Minister, Indigenous Medicine, 2007; Deputy Minister, Religious Affairs, 2005; Cabinet Minister, Indigenous Medicine & Lands, 2004; Deputy Minister, Health and Indigenous Medicine, 1999.

**Prior Career:** Senior Manager, Garment Manufacturing; Agricultural Instructor, Sarvodaya Movement, 1978; Assistant Superintendent, Demodara Tea Plantations, Sri Lanka, 1977

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