

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF PAKISTAN/CPA ASIA REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS Contribution for CPA Asia Region Monthly E-Circular

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During July 2026, the National Assembly of Pakistan, in its capacity as the CPA Asia Regional Headquarters, continued to advance parliamentary innovation, digital transformation, international parliamentary diplomacy, and regional cooperation through a series of significant initiatives aimed at strengthening democratic institutions, inclusive governance, and parliamentary capacity across the Commonwealth Asia Region.

1. **Parliament of Pakistan Becomes the World's First Gender-Responsive Artificial Intelligence Parliament**

As envisioned by the Honourable Speaker National Assembly, Sardar Ayaz Sadiq, the National Assembly of Pakistan, in collaboration with UN Women Pakistan, organized a three-day Artificial Intelligence (AI) Bootcamp from 9–11 July 2026 to strengthen the capacity of parliamentary officers in applying AI for gender-responsive, evidence-based, and future-ready legislation.

The Bootcamp was inaugurated by Mr. Saeed Ahmed Maitla, Secretary National Assembly, who highlighted that the initiative builds upon Pakistan's AI-enabled parliamentary transformation and reflects the Speaker's vision of developing a technologically advanced and knowledge-driven Parliament. The programme equipped officers of the Directorate General of Research and the Pakistan Institute for Parliamentary Services (PIPS) with advanced AI tools to support parliamentary research, legislative analysis, and policy development.



The initiative also marked a historic milestone, making the Parliament of Pakistan the first Parliament in the world to formally initiate the use of gender-responsive Artificial Intelligence in parliamentary research and legislative support, setting a global benchmark for the responsible and ethical use of AI in parliamentary governance.

Speaking on the occasion, Mr. Jamshed M. Kazi, Country Representative, UN Women Pakistan, commended the visionary leadership of the Honourable Speaker in embracing innovation while safeguarding democratic values. The Bootcamp equipped parliamentary officials with advanced AI-driven research capabilities to better support Members of Parliament through legislative analysis, identification of emerging policy challenges, post-legislative scrutiny, and the promotion of gender-responsive legislation.

Mr. Syed Shamoon Hashmi, Special Secretary (Special Initiatives), National Assembly Secretariat, together with senior officers, also participated in the Bootcamp, reaffirming the Secretariat's commitment to building a modern, agile, and digitally empowered Parliament.



2. National Assembly Delegation Strengthens Digital Cooperation at Ministerial Workshop on the Digital Silk Road, Beijing (9–15 July 2026)

The National Assembly of Pakistan participated in the Ministerial Workshop on Co-building the Digital Silk Road and Forging a New Landscape of Global Digital Cooperation for the Belt and Road Countries, held from 9–15 July 2026 in Beijing, People's Republic of China.

The parliamentary delegation actively represented Pakistan during high-level deliberations on digital transformation, Artificial Intelligence, digital infrastructure, cybersecurity, e-governance, innovation, and emerging technologies. Throughout the workshop, Members of Parliament highlighted Pakistan's ongoing parliamentary initiatives aimed at promoting digital governance, technological innovation, and inclusive socio-economic development.

The delegation shared Pakistan's experiences in parliamentary digital transformation while exchanging best practices with participating countries on leveraging digital technologies to improve legislative institutions and public service delivery. The discussions also explored opportunities for enhanced cooperation among Belt and Road partner countries in advancing digital connectivity, innovation ecosystems, and technology-driven governance.

Participation in the workshop reaffirmed the National Assembly's commitment to strengthening international parliamentary engagement and promoting policies that support responsible technological advancement, sustainable development, and global digital cooperation.



3. CPA Asia Regional Headquarters Provides Technical Assistance to CPA Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Branch for Upcoming Commonwealth Women Parliamentarians Seminar

As the CPA Asia Regional Headquarters, the National Assembly of Pakistan convened an initial coordination meeting with the CPA Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Branch to initiate preparations for the forthcoming Commonwealth Women Parliamentarians (CWP) Regional Seminar, scheduled to be held in October 2026 under the CPA Gender Strengthening Fund (GSF).

As part of this initiative, Mr. Syed Shamoon Hashmi, Special Secretary (Special Initiatives), National Assembly Secretariat, visited the Provincial Assembly of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa to provide comprehensive technical guidance and institutional support for the planning and organization of the regional seminar. Drawing upon his extensive experience as the former Regional Secretary of the CPA Asia Region, he conducted detailed consultations with the CPA KPK Branch on programme development, thematic priorities, conference management, parliamentary protocols, stakeholder coordination, and implementation modalities to ensure that the event aligns with Commonwealth standards and best practices.

The meeting reaffirmed the commitment of the CPA Asia Regional Headquarters to extending continuous technical, procedural, and administrative assistance to the CPA Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Branch throughout the planning and execution of the seminar. The Regional Headquarters will continue to support the Branch in developing the programme structure, facilitating thematic sessions, coordinating with CPA Headquarters and regional stakeholders, and ensuring the successful delivery of the event.



4. National Assembly Participates in the Second Plenary Session of the 17th AIPA Caucus (22 July 2026)

The National Assembly of Pakistan participated virtually in the Second Plenary Session of the 17th ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly (AIPA) Caucus on 22 July 2026 through Mr. Daniyal Ahmed, Member of the National Assembly, reaffirming Pakistan's commitment to parliamentary diplomacy and engagement with regional legislative institutions as an Observer Parliament.

During Session II: "ASEAN and Climate Change: AIPA Contributions to Protect the Future of the People," Mr. Daniyal Ahmed highlighted the critical role of parliaments in developing responsive legislative frameworks to address climate change and strengthen environmental resilience. He emphasized the importance of enhanced international cooperation, knowledge-sharing, climate justice, equitable access to climate finance, and coordinated parliamentary action in support of sustainable development.

Referring to Pakistan's vulnerability to climate-induced disasters, he outlined Pakistan's ongoing legislative and policy efforts to promote environmental sustainability, disaster risk reduction, and climate resilience through effective parliamentary oversight and evidence-based policymaking.

Pakistan's intervention contributed meaningfully to regional discussions on climate governance and reinforced the National Assembly's commitment to multilateral parliamentary cooperation aimed at safeguarding the interests of present and future generations.