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REF: CWP Gender Strengthening Fund 2027

**TO: CHAIRPERSON OF THE CWP
CWP STEERING COMMITTEE MEMBERS
BRANCH SECRETARIES**

Cc: REGIONAL SECRETARIES

APPLICATIONS OPEN FOR 2027 CWP GENDER STRENGTHENING FUND

The CWP Gender Strengthening Fund 2027 is now open for applications with a deadline of **02 November 2026**.

The CWP Gender Strengthening Fund modalities allow both CPA Branches and Regions to submit bids for the Fund which can be aimed at regional, national, or subnational beneficiaries.

Please note the below modalities of the Fund following decisions made by the CWP International Steering Committee.

The Fund is capped at £10,000 per project/activity in a single year to advance the CWP's mission *'to promote the representation of women in CPA Branches and women's full and equal participation in political and parliamentary leadership at all levels'*.

Selection Criteria will be applied in the assessment of funding allocation. It will be piloted for the next two funding years (2027 - 2028), following which it will be reviewed by the CWP International Steering Committee.

Multi-year bids can be submitted with funds allocated for a maximum of three years, capped at £10,000 per year. This enables CPA Regions and Branches to undertake larger and more impactful projects and activities over a maximum of three years. One-third of the £90,000 of the Fund will be ring-fenced for multi-year bids. The modality of multi-year applications will be piloted for the next two funding years (2027 - 2028) to assess its effectiveness, following which it will be reviewed by the CWP International Steering Committee.

For the 2027 CWP Gender Strengthening Fund, Branches and/or Regions will have until **02 November 2026** to complete the application form attached and upload it to the portal at the link below:

<https://www.cpahq.org/our-networks/commonwealth-women-parliamentarians/cwp-gender-strengthening-fund/>

Proposals received after this deadline will not be considered. Successful applicants will benefit from having until 31 December 2027 to spend their annual allocation (multi-year bids will have yearly allocations based on the calendar year).

Please find the selection criteria and application form attached. All Branches and/or Regions will be required to complete this form when applying for the Gender Strengthening Fund.



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The process for reimbursement will be communicated to successful applicants.

Should you wish to submit an application, please take note of the following terms and conditions:

- 1) These funds have been allocated by the Executive Committee of the CPA for the sole use of CWP Branch and/or Regional development activities only.
- 2) As part of the CPA's audit function, it is essential that the CPA is able to demonstrate that it can properly account for the use of the funding and therefore it is a pre-requisite for the Region or Branch receiving the funding that they:
 - a) Nominate the name, telephone number and email address of their point of contact for this funding.
 - b) Provide the CPA with copies of all invoices and/or receipts for purchases using this funding.
- 3) A key condition of funding is the provision of a summary Report (1 month post project completion) and an Impact Report (6 months post-completion). For multi-year projects, a progress report that details the progress the Region/Branch is making towards completing the activity is to be provided at the end of each year. The CPA Headquarters Secretariat will provide guidance on what information is to be included in the progress report.

The provision of CWP Gender Strengthening Fund forms a key part of the CPA's efforts to provide greater capacity to the Branches and Regions of the CPA. Therefore, the CPA Headquarters Secretariat invites Branches and Regions to consider exploring more active and engaging ways of delivering activities that will work towards achieving the network's mission.

Should your Branch or Region require some assistance with exploring a topic, a new method of delivering its desired activity, please kindly visit the CWP website using the link below to view a list of activities and projects that Branches and Regions have delivered with the Funds over the years.

<https://www.cpahq.org/our-networks/commonwealth-women-parliamentarians/cwp-gender-strengthening-fund/cwp-gender-strengthening-funds-idea-s-repository/>

For any further information on the CWP Gender Strengthening Fund or the contents of this letter, please do not hesitate to get in touch with the CWP Coordinator, Avni Kondhia, via programmes@cpahq.org.

Yours sincerely,



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