



CHEA-AR

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ASSOCIATION - AFRICA REGION**

**11TH BIENNIAL COMMONWEALTH
HANSARD EDITORS ASSOCIATION
- AFRICA REGION (CHEA-AR)
CONFERENCE**

11th - 15th August, 2025

Alisa Hotel, North Ridge - Accra

11TH BIENNIAL COMMONWEALTH HANSARD EDITORS ASSOCIATION - AFRICA REGION (CHEA-AR) CONFERENCE

THEME:

Charting the Future of Hansard:
Embracing Innovation and Technology for Enhanced
Parliamentary Reporting in Africa

PROGRAMME

DAY ONE Sunday, 10th August, 2025

Arrival of delegates/ Registration

DAY TWO

OPENING CEREMONY – Monday, 11th August, 2025

9.00 a.m. - 9.30 a.m. – Registration of Participants

SESSION ONE: OPENING CEREMONY — 10.00 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.

- Prayers
- Ghana National Anthem (Yen ara asaase ni),
- African Union Anthem;
- Welcome remarks by the Host Editor (Ghana); — (5 mins)
- Remarks by President of CHEA-AR; — (5 mins)
- Remarks by the Clerk to Parliament of Ghana; — (10 mins)
- Remarks by the Minority Leader — (10 mins)
- Remarks by the Majority Leader — (10 mins)
- Performance by Ehi Momo Dance Ensemble — (10 mins)
- Keynote address and official opening by the Guest of Honour – Speaker of Parliament of Ghana, Rt. Hon Alban Sumana Kingsford Bagbin; — (30 mins)
- Group photograph — (20 mins)

Lunch Break – 12.30 p.m. - 2.00 p.m.

SESSION TWO: PRESENTATION OF PAPERS



Session Chair: **GHANA**

2.00 p.m. - 3.00 p.m.

Presentation 1

The Hansard and Social Media Challenges and Prospects for a Member – The Majority Perspective: [Dr Zanetor Agyeman-Rawlings, Member of Parliament, Klottey Korle Constituency, Ghana.] — (30 mins)

Discussions — (30 mins)

SESSION THREE: DELEGATES MEETING – CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS



Session Chair: **MALAWI**

3.15 p.m. - 4.30 p.m.

- Consideration of Association's Reports
 - Report by the President — (10 mins)
 - Report by Treasurer of CHEA-AR — (10 mins)
- Deliberation on the Reports by Delegates — (30 mins)
- Proposals for Next Host — (10 mins)
- Handing over of the Presidency — (10 mins)
- Acceptance speech by the new President — (5 mins)

Closing — 4.30 p.m.

SESSION FOUR: AKWAABA NIGHT — 7.00 p.m. – 9.30 p.m.

DAY THREE Tuesday, 12th August, 2025

8.30 a.m. - 9.00 a.m. Registration of Participants

SESSION ONE: PRESENTATION OF PAPERS



Session Chair: **KENYA**

9.00 a.m. – 11.35 a.m.

Presentation 2

Ethics and Accuracy: Navigating Hansard Reporting in the Tech Era: [Alhaji Abu Dahamani Issaka, Former Editor of Debates, Parliament of Ghana] — (30 mins)

Presentation 3

The Importance of the Hansard to Academia in a Digital World: [Prof. Seidu Mahama Alidu, Former Head, Political Science Department, University of Ghana.] — (30 mins)

Presentation 4

The Importance of the Hansard to CSOs and Research in a Digital World: [Dr Rasheed Draman, Executive Director, ACEPA] — (30 mins)

Presentation 5

Easing Public Access to Hansards in an Era of Parliamentary Modernisation: [Sammy Obeng, Executive Director, Parliamentary Network Africa.] — (20 mins)

Discussions — (20 mins)

Presentation 6

Demonstration of Automatic Transcription [Mr. Leslie Nii Tei Addico, Director, ICT, Parliament of Ghana] — (15 mins)

Health Break — 11.35 a.m. – 11.45 a.m.

SESSION TWO: PRESENTATION OF PAPERS



Session Chair: **ESWATINI**

11.45 a.m. - 1.00 p.m.

Presentation 7

The CPST beyond 2030: Opportunities for African Parliaments
[Prof. Nyokabi Kamau, Executive Director, Centre for Parliamentary Studies & Training, Kenya] — (30 mins)

Presentation 8

The Need for Standardisation and Harmonisation of Training of Hansard Officers in Africa in the Age of AI - Towards the Establishment of an African Hansard Academy [Dr Ernest Darfour, Parliamentary Training Institute, Parliament of Ghana] — (30 mins)

Discussions — (15 mins)

Lunch Break — 1.00 p.m. – 2.00 p.m.

SESSION THREE: BREAKOUT SESSION



Session Chair: **GHANA**

2.00 p.m. — 4.30 p.m.

Topics to be discussed:

- Training of Hansard Staff on new Technologies and Equipment
- ICT and AI in Hansard production

Reports from the breakout sessions and Discussions.

DAY FOUR

Wednesday, 13th August, 2025

9.00 a.m. - 9.30 a.m. Registration of Participants

SESSION ONE: PRESENTATION OF PAPERS



Session Chair: **ZAMBIA**

9.30 a.m. 11.30- a.m.

Presentation 9

The new Hansard Practice: Analysis of the Parliament of Ghana
[Alhaji Adam Iddrisu, Editor of Debates, Parliament of Ghana.]
— (20 mins)

Presentation 10

Hansard in the AI World: [Mr Godwin Vifa] — (20 mins)

Presentation 11

Rewriting the Record: Hansard in the Age of AI and Instant Media:
[Mr Joseph Tetey] — (20 mins)

Presentation 12

Hansard in the Age of AI and New Media: Challenges, Prospects,
and a Path to Enduring Relevance [Nana Agyemang-Prempeh]
— (20 mins)

Presentation 13

From Shorthand to Silicon: The Future of Hansard Reporting in
the Age of Artificial Intelligence: [Ms Jessica Adu-Mensah and Ms
Ann Marie Ama Edem Akli] — (25 mins)

Discussions — (15 mins)

Coffee break — 11.30 a.m. – 11.40 a.m.



Session Chair: **UGANDA**

11.40 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.

Presentation 14

Modernising Ghana's Hansard: Legal and Policy Perspectives on AI, Technology, and New Media Integration - Lessons from Advanced Commonwealth Jurisdictions: [Ms Nunana Toppar] — (20 mins)

Presentation 15

Charting the Future of Hansard: Embracing Innovation and Technology for Enhanced Parliamentary Reporting in Africa: [Ms Gifty Haja Sumani] — (20 mins)

Presentation 16

Charting the Future of Hansard: Embracing Innovation and Technology for Enhanced Parliamentary Reporting in Africa - The Role of Hansard Departments: [Mr Ebenezer Arthur] — (20 mins)

Discussions — (20 mins)

Lunch Break — 1.00 p.m. – 2.00 p.m.

SESSION THREE: PLENARY SESSION OF DELEGATES

2.00 p.m. - 4.30 p.m.

Topic: Consideration of Reports/Draft Resolutions

Closing — 4.30 p.m.

DAY FIVE

Thursday, 14th August, 2025

8.30 a.m. – Taste of Accra

6.00 p.m. – **Omanye Ablawo (Cocktail)**

7.00 p.m. – Remarks by the President of CHEA-AR

7.15 p.m. – Remarks by the Clerk to Parliament of Ghana

8.00 p.m. – Networking and Socialising

DAY SIX

Friday, 15th August, 2025

SESSION ONE: LAUNCH OF CHEA-AR WEBSITE



Session Chair: **SOUTH AFRICA**

9.00 a.m. - 10.00 a.m.

- Brief on the Website by Immediate Past-President of CHEA-AR
- Features of the Website by Chairperson, Website Committee
- Launch of the Website by Immediate Past-President of CHEA-AR

SESSION TWO: DRAFTING OF CONFERENCE RESOLUTIONS

Breakout Session to draft resolutions – 10.00 am – 11.00 am

Health Break – 11.00 a.m. – 11.20 a.m.

SESSION TWO: CLOSING DAY AND THE WAY FORWARD



Session Chair: **GHANA**

11.20 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.

- Consideration of Draft Resolutions
- Announcement of Host for next conference
- Communique

12.30 p.m. – 1.00 p.m. Closing formalities

Lunch

Departures

*Thank
You*



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