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Section I: Introduction

The Parliament of Canada's international and interparliamentary relations are carried out, in part, through parliamentary associations.

As of March 31, 2024, 12 parliamentary associations, plus the Canadian Delegation to the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly which falls under the Canada-Europe Parliamentary Association, were receiving funding from the Parliament of Canada and were under the administrative authority of the Joint Interparliamentary Council. These associations also receive full administrative support from the International and Interparliamentary Affairs Directorate.

The purpose of this report is to provide an overview of the parliamentary associations that fall under the Council, as well as their activities and expenditures for the 2023-2024 fiscal year. This section of the report provides information about parliamentary associations, their governance, and the support they receive. Section II provides a general overview of the associations' activities and expenditures for the fiscal year, whereas Section III provides information and data for each association for that same period.

We hope this report will provide helpful information on the activities of parliamentary associations and lead to a better understanding of the work of parliamentarians at the international level. For any additional information about this report or parliamentary associations, please contact the Joint Interparliamentary Council at JIC-CIM@parl.gc.ca.

Parliamentary Associations and Interparliamentary Groups

As mentioned on the previous page, [parliamentary associations](#)¹ receive funding from the Parliament of Canada, fall under the administrative authority of the Joint Interparliamentary Council and receive full administrative support from the International and Interparliamentary Affairs Directorate. Though their activities and objectives may vary, the associations share similar characteristics:

- they promote Canada’s interests abroad on an ongoing basis;
- they operate on bilateral and multilateral levels;
- they are composed of members of the Senate and of the House of Commons;
- they meet at annual general meetings where they elect their executive committees, as well as at other meetings to coordinate and direct activities with their bilateral counterparts or with the international secretariats of the multilateral organizations to which they belong.

As of March 31, 2024, there were 12 associations, plus the Canadian Delegation to the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly which falls under the Canada-Europe Parliamentary Association. These multilateral or bilateral associations can be found in **Table 1 and 2**, and are grouped into five regions: Global, Europe, Americas, Asia-Pacific and Africa.

There are also four [interparliamentary groups](#)², which can be found in **Table 3**, that have been recognized by the Parliament of Canada and help promote bilateral relations with the specific country to which they are related. These groups receive no funding from Parliament and minimal administrative support. This assistance is generally limited to administrative and procedural support for annual general meetings, maintaining the group’s constitution and collecting membership fees. Interparliamentary groups promote cooperation and understanding amongst countries and, like parliamentary associations, strengthen the relations between Canadian parliamentarians and their counterparts in other Parliaments. Membership fees from individual parliamentarians support the activities of these groups. This report does not provide information about their activities and expenditures.

¹ Although information about the activities of the associations can be found in Section III of this report, a detailed description of the structure, activities and objectives of each association is available at <https://www.parl.ca/diplomacy>.

² For a detailed description of the structure, activities and objectives of each group, visit the website at <https://www.parl.ca/diplomacy/en/groups>.

In addition to the parliamentary associations and the four recognized interparliamentary groups, there are a number of other groups, often referred to as “friendship groups” that do not receive administrative or financial support from the Parliament of Canada. These groups are not required to register their activities or membership with the Council, but they are encouraged to advise the International and Interparliamentary Affairs Directorate of their establishment in order to assist those who might wish to contact them. For more information about these groups, please consult the [Parliamentary Diplomacy Website](#).

Table 1 – List of Multilateral Parliamentary Associations

Multilateral Parliamentary Associations (7)	Region
Canada-Africa Parliamentary Association (CAAF)	Africa
Canada-Europe Parliamentary Association (CAEU) Canadian Delegation to the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly (SECO)	Europe
Canadian Branch of the Assemblée parlementaire de la Francophonie (CAPF)	Global
Canadian Branch of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CCOM)	Global
Canadian Group of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IIPU)	Global
Canadian NATO Parliamentary Association (CANA)	Global
Canadian Section of ParlAmericas (CPAM)	Americas

Table 2 – List of Bilateral Parliamentary Associations

Bilateral Parliamentary Associations (5)	Region
<u>Canada-China Legislative Association (CACN)</u>	Asia-Pacific
<u>Canada-France Inter-Parliamentary Association (CAFR)</u>	Europe
<u>Canada-Japan Inter-Parliamentary Group (CAJP)</u>	Asia-Pacific
<u>Canada-United Kingdom Inter-Parliamentary Association (RUUK)</u>	Europe
<u>Canada-United States Inter-Parliamentary Group (CEUS)</u>	Americas

Table 3 – List of Interparliamentary Groups (4)

Interparliamentary Groups (4)
<u>Canada-Germany Interparliamentary Group (CADE)</u>
<u>Canada-Ireland Interparliamentary Group (CAIE)</u>
<u>Canada-Israel Interparliamentary Group (CAIL)</u>
<u>Canada-Italy Interparliamentary Group (CAIT)</u>

Joint Interparliamentary Council

The [Joint Interparliamentary Council](#) is responsible for determining all budgetary and administrative matters relating to parliamentary associations. Specifically, the Council determines the level of funding to be distributed to each association within the limits of the total allotments approved by the Senate Standing Committee on Internal Economy, Budgets and Administration and the House of Commons Board of Internal Economy. In addition, the Council is also responsible for setting the overall general policy direction for parliamentary associations as well as for coordinating related activities and operating policies to ensure effective, efficient, consistent, and coherent support for international and interparliamentary activities while also promoting the best interests of the Parliament of Canada in its relations with other Parliaments.

During this fiscal year, the Council concluded its study of the reports of the Subcommittee on the Review of Parliament's Involvement with Associations and Recognized Interparliamentary Groups. It subsequently adopted a decision-making framework for requests for the creation of new parliamentary associations. The Council also published a revised Financial Management and Policy Guide for Parliamentary Associations aimed at reflecting changes to the budgetary process including proactive disclosure. The Council met in October and in February to make budgetary adjustments following the initial allocation of funds to associations. Lastly, in light of the ongoing limited internal capacity to support meetings during sitting weeks, the Council instructed associations to hold annual general meetings in a virtual format during periods of adjournment in 2024.

Members of the Joint Interparliamentary Council (on March 31, 2024)

Senate

Co-Chair

Hon. Raymonde Saint-Germain

Members

Hon. Pierre Dalphond

Hon. Percy E. Downe

Hon. Donald Neil Plett

House of Commons

Co-Chair

Chris d'Entremont

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Rachel Blaney

Michael Cooper

Francis Drouin

Hon. Mona Fortier, P.C.

Marilène Gill

Hon. David J. McGuinty, P.C.

Lianne Rood

Marc G. Serré

Supporting Parliamentary Associations

The [International and Interparliamentary Affairs Directorate](#) is a joint Senate-House of Commons directorate offering a single parliamentary team to coordinate the Parliament of Canada's international and interparliamentary relations and activities. The Parliamentary Associations staff are responsible for the ongoing administrative, logistical and procedural support for each association.

The Library of Parliament offers support through analysts who provide research and analysis services to associations. Finally, Global Affairs Canada's Parliamentary Affairs Unit is a close partner that provides support for official travel by parliamentarians, parliamentary associations and interparliamentary groups through documents, information sessions and coordination efforts with Canadian missions abroad.

Section II: 2023-2024 Activities and Expenditures – Overview

This section presents information related to the activities and expenditures of all parliamentary associations for the 2023-2024 fiscal year. These activities include travel, hosting of foreign delegations, general assemblies, executive committee meetings, and participation in special events and workshops.

The associations continued to face restrictions on the number of meetings that could be held simultaneously in the Parliamentary Precinct. However, they did manage to organize and participate in various events and activities with international colleagues, ambassadors and other stakeholders. This provided many opportunities for Senators and Members of Parliament to actively participate in the exchanges of ideas, information and experiences with other legislators at an international level.

In addition, interparliamentary associations and groups held their annual general meetings virtually, allowing parliamentarians to come together to review activities and achievements, discuss future directions and elect executive committees.

Webinars and virtual conferences continued to be part of the work of the associations, furthering the important work of parliamentary diplomacy.

Table 4 provides an overview of the activities of parliamentary associations for the 2023-2024 fiscal year. For instance, in this fiscal year, 73 delegations made up of Senators and Members of the House of Commons travelled to 38 countries while the Parliament of Canada welcomed 31 delegations from abroad.

Table 4 – 2023-2024 Statistics

Description	2022-2023	2023-2024
Senators who were members of parliamentary associations	56	55
Members of the House of Commons who were members of parliamentary associations	182	194
Outgoing delegations	61	73
Incoming delegations (Ottawa)	24	28
Incoming delegations (outside Ottawa)	2	3
Annual general meetings ³ (AGMs)	0	9
Executive committee meetings	25	27
Countries visited	31	38
Virtual / Hybrid meetings	45	40
Webinars, virtual special events or virtual workshops	36	43

³ In accordance with the decision of the Joint Interparliamentary Council, of November 25, 2022, parliamentary associations did not hold AGMs in 2023.

Table 5 provides data on the number of travel activities, participants in the travel activities as well as the average number of participants per travel activity. When compared to the previous fiscal year, the number of travel activities and the average number of travelling participants per travel activity have increased this fiscal year, returning to pre-pandemic levels.

Table 5 – Participation in Parliamentary Associations Travel Activities over Five Years

Description	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024
Number of travel activities (total)	57	0	2	63	76
Number of travel activities (abroad)	52	0	1	54	67
Number of travel activities (within Canada)	5	0	1	9	9
Number of participants ⁴ in travel activities	257	0	3	344	373
Senators	120	0	0	79	97
Members of the House of Commons	76	0	2	183	190
Employees	61	0	1	82	86
Average number of travelling participants per travel activity	4.51	0	1.5	5.46	4.91

⁴ The term participant refers to delegates (Senators and Members of the House of Commons) and employees who support delegates.

Tables 6 and 7 show a summary of the expenditures of all parliamentary associations for the past five years. For the 2023-2024 fiscal year, parliamentary associations had a budget of \$4,300,496 which is the same amount as the past five fiscal years. The contribution expenditures of \$1,690,464 show an increase of \$117,982 over the previous fiscal year. This can be explained by an increase of the fees assessed to Canada for membership in multilateral associations. Also, since invoices are received in foreign currencies, expenditures for contributions can vary based on fluctuating exchange rates. Total expenditures represent 95% of the available funding, resulting in a balance of \$208,932 at the end of the year.

Table 6 – Expenditures of Parliamentary Associations over Five Years

Descriptions	2019-2020 ^E	2020-2021 ^P	2021-2022 ^{E&P}	2022-2023	2023-2024
Main Estimates	4,300,496	4,300,496	4,300,496	4,300,496	4,300,496
Contributions ⁵	1,424,658	1,510,020	1,472,878	1,572,482	1,690,464
Total Expenditures for Activities	1,744,615	(15,253)	(13,217)	2,225,963	2,401,099
Budget Balance	1,131,223	2,805,729	2,840,835	502,051	208,932
Utilization Rate	74%	35%	34%	88%	95%
Expenditures for Conferences	232,763	28,533	110,077	177,916	0
Final Budget Balance	898,459	2,777,196	2,730,758	324,135	208,932

^E Election year: the level of activity is usually lower before and after an election due to the election campaign and the time required for Parliament to resume.

^P Pandemic year (COVID-19).

⁵ The fees assessed to Canada for membership in multilateral associations shown in Canadian dollars.

Table 7 – Activities Expenditures by Categories over Five Years

Categories	2019-2020 ^E	2020-2021 ^P	2021-2022 ^{E&P}	2022-2023	2023-2024
Transportation	1,179,116	6,862	13,386	1,487,749	1,453,638
Accommodation	372,123	732	1,722	454,312	598,116
Per Diems	145,010	1,313	1,168	210,505	261,064
Hospitality and Working Meals	103,198	2,640	1,114	52,328	93,207
Miscellaneous	47,558	1,846	3,186	37,409	62,881
Registration Fees	53,301	1,480	3,897	48,903	45,749
Revenues ⁶	(155,691)	(30,127)	(37,691)	(65,243)	(113,554)
Total Expenditures for Activities	1,744,615	(15,253)	(13,217)	2,225,963	2,401,099

^E Election year: the level of activity is usually lower before and after an election due to the election campaign and the time required for Parliament to resume.

^P Pandemic year (COVID-19).

⁶ These revenues come mainly from membership fees and, in the three fiscal years with higher amounts, funding associated with hosting conferences.

Table 8 provides a comparison of the various types of expenditures. **Table 9** and **Table 10** show the budgets, expenditures, as well as the percentage of expenditures of each association for the 2023-2024 fiscal year.

Table 8 – Percentage of 2023-2024 Gross Activity Expenditures by Type

Type	Percentage
Transportation	58%
Accommodations	24%
Per Diems	10%
Hospitality and Working Meals	4%
Miscellaneous	3%
Registration Fees	2%

Table 9 – Total expenditures for the 2023-2024 fiscal year

Parliamentary associations	Allocated Budget - Activities	Amended Budget - Activities⁷	Expenses Activities	Expenses Contributions	Expenses Total
Canada-Africa Parliamentary Association (CAAF)	219,000	210,000	200,954	0	200,954
Canada-Europe Parliamentary Association (CAEU)	287,000	329,590	312,891	0	312,891
Canadian Delegation to the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly (SECO)	188,000	193,700	192,543	341,127	533,670
Canadian Branch of the Assemblée parlementaire de la Francophonie (CAPF)	189,000	303,000	301,123	124,743	425,866
Canadian Branch of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CCOM)	165,000	173,900	139,695	189,744	329,438
Canadian Group of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (UIPU)	178,000	273,050	248,713	544,436	793,149
Canadian NATO Parliamentary Association (CANA)	287,000	287,000	263,205	464,133	727,338
Canadian Section of ParlAmericas (CPAM)	165,000	129,000	102,975	26,282	129,257
Canada-China Legislative Association (CACN)	146,000	159,350	145,287	0	145,287
Canada-France Inter-Parliamentary Group (CAFR)	91,000	71,000	75,018	0	75,018
Canada-Japan Inter-Parliamentary Group (CAJP)	150,000	150,000	141,120	0	141,120
Canada-United Kingdom Inter-Parliamentary Association (RUUK)	64,000	59,710	60,473	0	60,473
Canada-United States Inter-Parliamentary Group (CEUS)	280,000	224,000	217,102	0	217,102
Joint Interparliamentary Council (Operating Expenses) (ICCI)	1,000	0	0	0	0
Total⁸	2,410,000	2,563,300	2,401,099	1,690,464	4,091,564

⁷ Approved by the Joint Interparliamentary Council.

⁸ Differences in totals are due to rounding.

Table 10 – Percentage of total expenditures by Parliamentary Association for the 2023-2024 Fiscal Year

Parliamentary associations	Percentage of total expenditures (including contributions)	Percentage of total activities expenditures (excluding contributions)
Canada-Africa Parliamentary Association (CAAF)	5%	8%
Canada-Europe Parliamentary Association (CAEU)	8%	13%
Canadian Delegation to the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly (SECO)	13%	8%
Canadian Branch of the Assemblée parlementaire de la Francophonie (CAPF)	10%	13%
Canadian Branch of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CCOM)	8%	6%
Canadian Group of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (UIPU)	19%	10%
Canadian NATO Parliamentary Association (CANA)	18%	11%
Canadian Section of ParlAmericas (CPAM)	3%	4%
Canada-China Legislative Association (CACN)	4%	6%
Canada-France Inter-Parliamentary Group (CAFR)	2%	3%
Canada-Japan Inter-Parliamentary Group (CAJP)	3%	6%
Canada-United Kingdom Inter-Parliamentary Association (RUUK)	1%	3%
Canada-United States Inter-Parliamentary Group (CEUS)	5%	9%

Section III: Activities and Expenditures by Parliamentary Association



Canada-Africa Parliamentary Association (CAAF)

Objectives

The purpose of the Canada-Africa Parliamentary Association is to encourage exchanges between African and Canadian parliamentarians, to enhance Canadian parliamentarians' understanding of important issues and serious challenges facing the African continent, to propose initiatives to increase the understanding of bilateral and multilateral issues, and to foster cooperation in all areas of undertaking.

Members of the Executive Committee (on March 31, 2024)

Senate

Co-Chair

Hon. Amina Gerba

Vice-Chairs

Hon. Salma Ataullahjan

Hon. René Cormier

Directors

Hon. Marie-Françoise Mégie

Hon. Scott Tannas

House of Commons

Co-Chair

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Directors

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Jamie Schmale

2023-2024 Activities and Expenditures

The executive committee held a virtual meeting on April 14 to outline initiatives for the 2023-2024 fiscal year.

On May 18, the association organized a celebration to highlight the 20th Anniversary of the Canada-Africa Parliamentary Association and the Commemoration of Africa Day. A recognition ceremony in honour of the association's co-founders was held on October 26. The two Co-Chairs, accompanied by four association members, travelled to Yaoundé, Cameroon, for a bilateral mission from November 13 to 17. The executive committee held a virtual meeting on January 23 to discuss the latest mission to Yaoundé, Cameroon, and upcoming activities.

In February, the two Co-Chairs travelled to Ethiopia to attend meetings during the African Union Summit, before being joined by four association members for a bilateral mission in Tanzania.

Section III: Activities and Expenditures by Parliamentary Association

Activities	Participants	Transportation	Accommodation	Per Diems	Hospitality and Working Meals	Miscellaneous	Registration Fees	Total
2023-05-18 – 20th Anniversary of the Canada-Africa Parliamentary Association and Commemoration of Africa Day, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada	133	0	0	0	8,285	513	0	8,797
2023-10-26 – Recognition Ceremony in honour of CAAF's co-founders, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada	28	0	0	0	653	0	0	653
2023-11-13 – Bilateral Mission to Cameroon, Yaoundé, Cameroon	8	70,911	16,260	5,447	4,184	5,546	0	102,348
2024-02-16 – Observation mission on the margins of the African Union summit in Ethiopia and bilateral mission to the United Republic of Tanzania, Addis-Abeba, Dar Es Salam, Dodoma and Zanzibar	8	63,617	17,444	3,323	5,838	1,578	0	91,800
Executive Meetings, Annual General Meeting, Hospitality and General Operating Expenses	N/A	93	0	0	318	120	0	530
Sub-total	N/A	134,620	33,704	8,770	19,278	7,757	0	204,129
Revenue (Membership Fees)	N/A	0	0	0	0	(3,175)	0	(3,175)
Total⁹	N/A	134,620	33,704	8,770	19,278	4,582	0	200,954

⁹ Differences in totals are due to rounding.

Five-Year Summary

Fiscal Year	Number of Members	Contributions
2019-2020	77	N/A
2020-2021	78	N/A
2021-2022	79	N/A
2022-2023	99	N/A
2023-2024	127	N/A

Financial Data Over Five Years

Description	2019-2020 ^E	2020-2021 ^P	2021-2022 ^{E&P}	2022-2023	2023-2024
Allocated Budget	286,000	253,000	360,000	139,000	210,000
Expenses for Activities	13,897	(1,603)	(1,975)	115,364	200,954
Budget Balance	272,103	254,603	361,975	23,636	9,046

^E Election year: the level of activity is usually lower before and after an election due to the election campaign and the time required for Parliament to resume.

^P Pandemic year (COVID-19).



Canada-Europe Parliamentary Association (CAEU)

Objectives

The aim of the Canada-Europe Parliamentary Association is to provide a structured forum for the exchange of information and ideas between Canadian parliamentarians and parliamentarians from the European Parliament, the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, the Western European Union Assembly, and similar European parliamentary organizations, such as the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe Parliamentary Assembly (OSCE PA) and the Conference of Parliamentarians of the Arctic Region. The association also seeks to strengthen ties between the Parliament of Canada and the individual parliaments of all countries of Europe.

Members of the Executive Committee (on March 31, 2024)

Senate

Vice-President

Hon. David Mark Wells

Members

Hon. Peter M. Boehm

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Hon. Brian Francis

House of Commons

President

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Director, OSCE PA

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Members

Stéphane Bergeron

Luc Berthold

Don Davies

Angelo Iacono

Yvonne Jones

James Maloney

Jamie Schmale

2023-2024 Activities and Expenditures

Over the course of the 2023-24 fiscal year, the association participated in several sessions of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE), meetings and a conference of the Standing Committee of Parliamentarians of the Arctic Region (SCPAR), and two bilateral missions.

Association members selected to form the Canadian delegation to PACE attended the part-sessions in April, June, and October, and sent one member, in May, to attend an extraordinary meeting of the standing committee. The delegation shared a Canadian perspective in PACE debates that covered a range of topics, including the war in Ukraine; irregular migration; and current challenges to democracy and human-rights. Members of the Canadian delegation to PACE also held bilateral meetings on the margins of PACE sessions to better foster diplomatic ties and discuss matters of concern directly with their European counterparts.

Canada's two representatives on SCPAR attended a meeting in Egilsstaðir, Iceland and delegation members attended the 16th Conference of Parliamentarians of the Arctic Region in Kiruna, Sweden. Topics discussed during these forums included conservation of Arctic flora and fauna; protection of the Arctic marine environment; civil security and preparedness; and climate and waste management in the Arctic.

The association also sent delegations to the 42nd Interparliamentary Meeting (IPM) with the European Parliament's Delegation responsible for Relations with Canada in Normandy and Paris, France and Brussels, Belgium, and to Germany for a bilateral mission. During the 42nd IPM, a joint statement was signed with members of the European Parliament and the delegation visited NATO Headquarters, where they had an informative meeting with Deputy Secretary General, James Appathurai. The mission to Germany allowed delegation members to gain a better understanding of the country's role within the European Union and its actions in response to Russia's war of aggression in Ukraine.

Section III: Activities and Expenditures by Parliamentary Association

Activities	Participants	Transportation	Accommodation	Per Diems	Hospitality and Working Meals	Miscellaneous	Registration Fees	Total
2023-04-25 – Meeting of the Standing Committee of Parliamentarians of the Arctic Region, Washington, D.C., United States of America	3	7,399	6,938	1,187	0	0	0	15,524
2023-04-27 – Second Part of the 2023 Ordinary Session of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE), Strasbourg, France	8	5,021	13,093	10,337	0	436	0	28,888
2023-05-15 – Extraordinary meeting of the Standing Committee for the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE), Reykjavík, Iceland	1	5,522	800	552	0	0	0	6,873
2023-06-05 – 42nd Interparliamentary Meeting with the European Parliament's Delegation responsible for Relations with Canada -- Normandy and Paris, France, Brussels, Belgium	7	26,513	15,593	5,798	0	348	0	48,251
2023-06-19 – Third Part of the 2023 Ordinary Session of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE), Strasbourg, France	6	23,187	10,130	7,701	861	216	0	42,095
2023-10-09 – Fourth Part of the 2023 Ordinary Session of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE) and Parliamentary Mission to Germany, Strasbourg, France and Berlin, Germany	8	54,471	22,818	16,147	2,704	414	0	96,553
2023-10-16 – Meeting of the Standing Committee of Parliamentarians of the Arctic Region, Egilsstaðir, Iceland	3	12,361	1,392	1,436	0	0	0	15,188
2024-03-20 – 16th Conference of Parliamentarians of the Arctic Region, Kiruna, Sweden	6	22,926	8,928	3,863	0	553	0	36,269

Section III: Activities and Expenditures by Parliamentary Association

Activities	Participants	Transportation	Accommodation	Per Diems	Hospitality and Working Meals	Miscellaneous	Registration Fees	Total
2024-04-15 – Second Part of the 2024 Ordinary Session of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE), Strasbourg, France ¹⁰	8	15,773	0	0	0	0	0	15,773
2024-06-24 – Third Part of the 2024 Ordinary Session of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE), Strasbourg, France ¹¹	4	9,279	0	0	0	0	0	9,279
Executive Meetings, Annual General Meeting, Hospitality and General Operating Expenses	N/A	53	0	0	268	2,500	0	2,822
Sub-total	N/A	182,505	79,691	47,020	3,833	4,467	0	317,516
Revenue (Membership Fees)	N/A	0	0	0	0	(4,625)	0	(4,625)
Total¹¹	N/A	182,505	79,691	47,020	3,833	(158)	0	312,891

¹⁰ Expenditures incurred in fiscal year 2023-2024 for activity to be held in fiscal year 2024-2025.

¹¹ Differences in totals are due to rounding.

Five-Year Summary

Fiscal Year	Number of Members	Contributions
2019-2020	154	N/A
2020-2021	126	N/A
2021-2022	137	N/A
2022-2023	156	N/A
2023-2024	185	N/A

Financial Data Over Five Years

Description	2019-2020 ^E	2020-2021 ^P	2021-2022 ^{E&P}	2022-2023	2023-2024
Allocated Budget	263,000	295,000	227,000	289,000	329,590
Expenses for Activities	234,275	(2,160)	(3,402)	255,449	312,891
Budget Balance	28,726	297,160	230,402	33,551	16,699

^E Election year: the level of activity is usually lower before and after an election due to the election campaign and the time required for Parliament to resume.

^P Pandemic year (COVID-19).



Canadian Delegation to the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly (SECO)

Objectives

The Canadian Delegation to the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly exists within the rubric of the Canada-Europe Parliamentary Association, sharing the same membership and addressing the same objectives. These objectives include providing a forum for the exchange of information and ideas between Canadian parliamentarians and the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly (OSCE PA), as well as providing opportunities to identify mutual goals and issues of common concern and striving for their attainment and resolution. The primary purpose of the OSCE PA, the parliamentary arm of the OSCE, is to facilitate interparliamentary dialogue and to issue recommendations to the OSCE concerning its three dimensions of action: the politico-military dimension, the economic and environmental dimension, and the human dimension.

Director of the Canadian Delegation to the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly (on March 31, 2024)

Senate

House of Commons

Director

Hon. Hedy Fry, P.C.

2023-2024 Activities and Expenditures

During this fiscal year, SECO hosted the 30th Annual Session in Vancouver, British Columbia, welcoming more than 225 parliamentarians from 50 OSCE participating States. The association also participated in the Autumn and Winter sessions in Yerevan, Armenia and Vienna, Austria. The Canadian delegates who participated in the three sessions intervened and contributed to discussions in plenary sessions and committees on various topics to highlight Canada's views and to listen and learn from other countries' positions and views. Finally, John Aldag attended a meeting of the OSCE PA's Bureau in Copenhagen, Denmark, to discuss the upcoming activities of the Assembly.

As well, the International Secretariat continued to engage with its members virtually by holding various Web dialogues on a wide range of topics, such as the role of the OSCE PA in addressing the conflict in Ukraine, violence against women journalists, and human rights.

Section III: Activities and Expenditures by Parliamentary Association

Activities	Participants	Transportation	Accommodation	Per Diems	Hospitality and Working Meals	Miscellaneous	Registration Fees	Total
2023-04-23 – Bureau Meeting of the OSCE PA, Copenhagen, Denmark	2	17,436	2,301	1,429	0	0	0	21,167
2023-06-30 – OSCE Parliamentary Assembly 30th Annual Session, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada	14	7,164	47,284	5,971	0	0	0	60,419
2023-11-17 – Meeting of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly Special Representative on Gender Issues with Armenian Gender Equality NGOs, Yerevan, Armenia	18	0	0	0	1,941	0	0	1,941
2023-11-18 – 21st Autumn Meeting, Yerevan, Armenia	5	45,843	7,258	3,012	0	0	0	56,113
2024-02-20 – Meeting of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly Special Representative on Gender Issues with Hungarian Gender Equality NGOs, Budapest, Hungary	2	41	1,055	855	0	493	0	2,444
2024-02-22 – 23rd Winter Meeting, Vienna, Austria	9	35,610	8,574	4,816	0	1,041	0	50,041
Executive Meetings, Annual General Meeting, Hospitality and General Operating Expenses	N/A	19	0	0	0	400	0	419
Sub-total	N/A	106,113	66,472	16,084	1,941	1,933	0	192,543
Revenue (Membership Fees)	N/A	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total¹²	N/A	106,113	66,472	16,084	1,941	1,933	0	192,543

¹² Differences in totals are due to rounding.

Five-Year Summary

Fiscal Year	Number of Members	Contributions
2019-2020	154	293,919
2020-2021	126	284,629
2021-2022	137	296,452
2022-2023	156	298,328
2023-2024	185	341,127

Financial Data Over Five Years

Description	2019-2020 ^E	2020-2021 ^P	2021-2022 ^{E&P}	2022-2023	2023-2024
Allocated Budget	242,000	194,000	150,000	242,000	193,700
Expenses for Activities	225,546	0	0	219,756	192,543
Budget Balance	16,454	194,000	150,000	22,244	1,157

^E Election year: the level of activity is usually lower before and after an election due to the election campaign and the time required for Parliament to resume.

^P Pandemic year (COVID-19).



Canadian Branch of the Assemblée parlementaire de la Francophonie (CAPF)

Objectives

The Parliament of Canada is a founding member and plays an important role within the Assemblée parlementaire de la Francophonie (APF). The objectives of the Canadian Branch of the Assemblée parlementaire de la Francophonie (CAPF) are to encourage initiatives which promote the spread of the French language; to support the study of cultural, economic and social matters of common interest in order to bring about close cooperation among parliamentarians who are members of the APF and to help establish genuine intercultural dialogue; and to encourage activities and events likely to lead to exchanges among federal and provincial parliamentarians and their counterparts in other French-speaking countries.

Members of the Executive Committee (on March 31, 2024)

Senate

Members

Hon. Réjean Aucoin
Hon. Éric Forest
Hon. Amina Gerba
Hon. Leo Housakos

House of Commons

Chair

Francis Drouin

Vice-Chairs

Darrell Samson
René Villemure

Members

Alexandre Boulerice
Bernard Généreux
Joël Godin
Laila Goodridge
Marie-France Lalonde

2023–2024 Activities and Expenditures

The Canadian Branch of the Assemblée parlementaire de la Francophonie participated in the following events in 2023: the Meeting of the APF Political Committee, Paris, France, in April; the Meeting of the APF Cooperation and Development Committee, Quebec City, Canada, in May; the Bureau Meeting and 48th Annual Session of the APF, Tbilisi, Georgia, in July; the 38th Session of the APF America Regional Assembly, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and the Leadership Workshop for Women Parliamentarians, Bucharest, Romania, in September; and the Working Group on Reforming the APF Constitution, Geneva, Switzerland, in November. In 2024, the Branch participated in the Bureau Meeting of the APF, Brussels, Belgium, January. In April 2023, CAPF hosted the Meeting of the APF Education, Communication and Cultural Affairs Committee and an investiture ceremony of the Ordre de la Pléiade at the Senate of Canada in Ottawa.

CAPF also participated in three Canadian events in October 2023: the Annual General Assembly of the Réseau francophone d'éthique et de déontologie, Quebec City; the 33rd Annual Congress of the Fédération nationale des conseils scolaires francophones, Sudbury; and the 76th Conference of the Association canadienne d'éducation de langue française, Winnipeg.

Lastly, CAPF Chair Francis Drouin conducted several missions on behalf of the APF as international President, a role he has held since July 2022: the 29th Assembly of the Africa Region, Niamey, Niger, in May 2023; the 9th Jeux de La Francophonie, Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of the Congo, and Brazzaville, Republic of the Congo, in August 2023; the Ministerial Conference of La Francophonie, Yaoundé, Cameroon, and a Good Offices Mission in Libreville, Gabon, in November 2023; the Pan-Canadian Youth Parliament in January 2024; and the United Nations in New York City, United States, June 2023, September 2023 and February 2024.

Section III: Activities and Expenditures by Parliamentary Association

Activities	Participants	Transportation	Accommodation	Per Diems	Hospitality and Working Meals	Miscellaneous	Registration Fees	Revenues	Total
2023-04-17 – Meeting of the APF Political Committee and the Working Group on Reforming the APF Constitution, Paris, France	2	394	3,037	1,427	0	97	0	0	4,954
2023-04-24 – Ceremony of the "Ordre de la Pléiade", Ottawa, Ontario, Canada	121	0	0	0	5,437	1,821	0	0	7,258
2023-04-24 – Meeting of the APF Education, Communication and Cultural Affairs Committee, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada	29	475	0	0	6,511	700	0	0	7,686
2023-05-16 – 29th Assembly of the Africa Region of the APF, Niamey, Niger	2	20,398	3,261	459	0	1,086	0	(11,567)	13,636
2023-05-24 – Meeting of the APF Cooperation and Development Committee and Symposium on Scientific Information in Parliaments, Quebec, Quebec, Canada	7	1,179	1,474	528	0	26	0	0	3,207
2023-06-09 – Mission to the United Nations, New York, New York, United States of America	2	1,697	825	481	140	0	0	(1,209)	1,934
2023-07-04 – Bureau Meeting and 48th Annual Session of the APF, Tbilisi, Georgia	7	47,880	9,175	4,991	0	255	0	0	62,300
2023-08-03 – 9th Jeux de la Francophonie, Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of Congo	2	22,536	0	2,284	296	324	0	(10,576)	14,863
2023-09-05 – 38th Session of the APF America Regional Assembly, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, United States of America	9	16,366	6,953	5,290	0	117	2,522	0	31,248
2023-09-20 – Parliamentary Mission to the United Nations, New York, New York, United States of America	2	2,223	413	404	0	0	0	(1,429)	1,611
2023-09-25 – Leadership Workshop for Parliamentarians Women of the APF, Bucharest, Romania	1	7,090	822	553	0	147	0	0	8,612

Section III: Activities and Expenditures by Parliamentary Association

Activities	Participants	Transportation	Accommodation	Per Diems	Hospitality and Working Meals	Miscellaneous	Registration Fees	Revenues	Total
2023-10-26 – 33rd Annual Congress of the Fédération nationale des conseils scolaires francophones (FNCSF), Sudbury, Ontario, Canada	2	0	0	0	0	0	1,469	0	1,469
2023-11-04 – Ministerial Conference of La Francophonie, Yaounde, Cameroon	2	7,473	2,631	689	0	323	0	(3,536)	7,580
2023-11-06 – Good Offices Mission, Libreville, Gabon	2	8,821	183	562	0	370	0	(4,591)	5,344
2023-11-23 – Working Group on Reforming the APF Constitution, Geneva, Switzerland	3	25,892	3,496	1,921	0	117	0	0	31,426
2024-01-25 – Bureau Meeting of the APF, Brussels, Belgium	4	35,150	7,627	2,923	0	164	0	0	45,865
2024-02-22 – Parliamentary Mission to the United Nations, New York, New York, United States of America ¹³	2	2,542	1,096	688	838	0	0	(2,574)	2,590
2024-04-03– Meetings of the APF Education, Culture and Communication Committee and the Parliamentary Network on HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, Bucharest, Romania ¹⁴	1	7,363	0	0	0	0	0	0	7,363
2024-04-10 – Meeting of the Commission on Economic, Social and Environmental Affairs, Luang Prabang, Laos ¹⁴	1	8,939	0	0	0	0	0	0	8,939
2024-04-24 – Meeting of the APF Parliamentary Affairs Committee, Podgorica, Montenegro ¹⁴	3	22,485	0	0	0	0	0	0	22,485

¹³ Reimbursement for hospitality expenses captured in fiscal year 2024-2025.

¹⁴ Expenditures incurred in fiscal year 2023-2024 for activity to be held in fiscal year 2024-2025.

Section III: Activities and Expenditures by Parliamentary Association

Activities	Participants	Transportation	Accommodation	Per Diems	Hospitality and Working Meals	Miscellaneous	Registration Fees	Revenues	Total
2024-04-27 – Meetings of the APF Political Commission and Working Group on Reforming the APF Constitution, Luxembourg, Luxembourg ¹⁴	2	11,366	0	0	0	0	0	0	11,366
Executive Meetings, Annual General Meeting, Hospitality and General Operating Expenses	N/A	94	0	0	1,007	435	0	0	1,536
Sub-total	N/A	250,364	40,991	23,200	14,230	5,979	3,991	(35,483)	303,273
Revenue (Membership Fees)	N/A	0	0	0	0	(2,150)	0	0	(2,150)
Total¹⁵	N/A	250,364	40,991	23,200	14,230	3,829	3,991	(35,483)	301,123

¹⁵ Differences in totals are due to rounding.

Five-Year Summary

Fiscal Year	Number of Members	Contributions
2019-2020	63	127,107
2020-2021	65	131,799
2021-2022	63	131,942
2022-2023	75	123,493
2023-2024	86	124,743

Financial Data Over Five Years

Description	2019-2020 ^E	2020-2021 ^P	2021-2022 ^{E&P}	2022-2023	2023-2024
Allocated Budget	238,205	171,000	170,000	276,500	303,000
Expenses for Activities	194,114	1,050	4,491	269,599	301,123
Budget Balance	44,091	169,950	165,509	6,901	1,877

^E Election year: the level of activity is usually lower before and after an election due to the election campaign and the time required for Parliament to resume.

^P Pandemic year (COVID-19).



Canadian Branch of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CCOM)

Objectives

The Canadian Branch of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association provides the primary means for the Parliament of Canada to hold regular consultation with members of the Commonwealth Parliaments. As the parliamentary wing of the Commonwealth, the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA) seeks to foster the study of and respect for parliamentary institutions. It pursues these objectives by means of annual Commonwealth parliamentary conferences and regional conferences, the interchange of delegations, seminars, and publications – notably *The Parliamentarian* (the Journal of Commonwealth Parliaments) – and a wide range of other resources available on the CPA website at www.cpahq.org.

Members of the Executive Committee (on March 31, 2024)

Senate

Vice-Chair

Hon. Rosemary Moodie

Members

Hon. Andrew Cardozo

Hon. Marty Deacon

Hon. F. Gigi Osler

Hon. David Mark Wells

House of Commons

Chair

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John Barlow

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Richard Cannings

Marie-Hélène Gaudreau

Robert Kitchen

James Maloney

Lianne Rood

Jamie Schmale

Hon. Judy Sgro

2023-2024 Activities and Expenditures

Over the course of the year, the association met with visiting parliamentarians, participated in a number of domestic and international conferences and seminars, undertook bilateral visits and organized a parliamentary seminar.

In May, the association hosted a delegation from the United Kingdom (UK) and also met separately with the Right Honourable Sir Lindsay Hoyle, Speaker of the House of Commons of the UK. In June, members met with parliamentarians from the Falkland Islands to discuss issues of mutual interest. In July, the association took part in the CPA Regional Conference in Regina, which also included the Region's Commonwealth Women Parliamentarians (CWP) Conference. In October, a delegation participated in the Canadian Regional Seminar, which was held in Toronto. The following month, a delegation conducted a bilateral visit to Guyana, where topics discussed included the state of parliamentary democracy, climate change, border sovereignty, natural resources and infrastructure. In November, association delegates attended the Commonwealth Conference on Parliamentary Security and Oversight of National Security in London, England. In December, the branch's representative for the Canadian Region's CWP network attended the workshop on Champions for Gender Equality in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania. In February, the association hosted delegates from the UK House's Procedure Committee to discuss the devolution of powers within federal systems. In March, a delegation conducted a bilateral visit to Barbados and Saint Lucia, where members engaged in a series of activities to foster cooperation with parliamentarians and reinforce diplomatic relations. The association also sent parliamentarians to London, England, for the Westminster Seminar, where they deepened their understanding of parliamentary procedure and practices. The association also hosted parliamentarians from across the Commonwealth for the 15th Canadian Parliamentary Seminar; a forum that is meant to strengthen parliamentarians' understanding of the principles of democracy and share best practices and hold discussions on issues of mutual importance. On March 18, the association hosted members of the diplomatic corps and other dignitaries for its annual Commonwealth Day reception.

Section III: Activities and Expenditures by Parliamentary Association

Activities	Participants	Transportation	Accommodation	Per Diems	Hospitality and Working Meals	Miscellaneous	Registration Fees	Revenues	Total
2023-07-22 – 59th Canadian Regional Conference, Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada	5	417	4,520	1,106	66	0	2,400	(1,722)	6,788
2023-09-30 – 66th Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference, Accra, Ghana	5	35,149	10,895	2,310	61	1,105	0	(16,371)	33,149
2023-10-12 – 43rd Canadian Regional Parliamentary Seminar, Toronto, Ontario, Canada	4	626	3,368	394	41	0	1,200	0	5,629
2023-11-13 – Bilateral Visit to Guyana, Georgetown, Guyana	5	7,838	21,737	2,740	148	878	0	0	33,341
2023-11-21 – Commonwealth Conference on Parliamentary Scrutiny and Oversight of National Security, London, England	2	4,669	3,373	1,634	0	0	499	0	10,174
2024-03-03 – Bilateral Visit to the Caribbean, Bridgetown, Barbados, Castries, Saint Lucia	5	15,883	11,807	8,056	1,898	1,063	0	0	38,708
2024-03-11 – 72nd Westminster Seminar: Parliamentary Practice and Procedure, London, United Kingdom	2	5,433	4,918	2,177	0	0	1,022	0	13,551
2024-03-18 – 15th Canadian Parliamentary Seminar, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada	19	1,331	0	0	12,711	156	0	(16,008)	(1,810)
2024-03-20 – Commonwealth Day reception, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada	63	0	0	0	2,649	0	0	0	2,649
Executive Meetings, Annual General Meeting, Hospitality and General Operating Expenses	N/A	0	0	0	1,555	331	0	(46)	1,840
Sub-total	N/A	71,346	60,619	18,418	19,129	3,534	5,121	(34,146)	144,020
Revenue (Membership Fees)	N/A	0	0	0	0	(4,325)	0	0	(4,325)
Total¹⁶	N/A	71,346	60,619	18,418	19,129	(791)	5,121	(34,146)	139,695

¹⁶ Differences in totals are due to rounding.

Five-Year Summary

Fiscal Year	Number of Members	Contributions
2019-2020	118	171,447
2020-2021	122	176,512
2021-2022	114	178,703
2022-2023	144	176,324
2023-2024	173	189,744

Financial Data Over Five Years

Description	2019-2020 ^E	2020-2021 ^P	2021-2022 ^{E&P}	2022-2023	2023-2024
Allocated Budget	217,000	176,000	126,000	139,000	173,900
Expenses for Activities	107,404	(2,214)	(2,598)	105,263	139,695
Budget Balance	109,596	178,214	128,598	33,737	34,205

^E Election year: the level of activity is usually lower before and after an election due to the election campaign and the time required for Parliament to resume.

^P Pandemic year (COVID-19).



Canadian Group of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (UIPU)

Objectives

The Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) is the international organization of Parliaments of sovereign States. The IPU works for peace and cooperation among peoples and for the firm establishment of representative institutions. To that end, it: fosters contacts, coordination, and the exchange of experience among parliaments and parliamentarians of all countries; considers questions of international interest and concern and expresses its views on such issues in order to bring about action by parliaments and parliamentarians; contributes to the defence and promotion of human rights; and contributes to better knowledge of the working of representative institutions and to the strengthening and development of their means of action. The activities of the IPU provide important opportunities for exchanges. The objectives of the association's delegations are to represent the values, interests and points of view of the Parliament of Canada in this forum.

Members of the Executive Committee (on March 31, 2024)

Senate

Vice-President

Hon. Salma Ataullahjan

Members

Hon. Robert Black

Hon. Mohamed-Iqbal Ravalia

Hon. Raymonde Saint-Germain

House of Commons

President

Hon. David J. McGuinty, P.C.

Second Vice-President

Andréanne Larouche

Members

Pam Damoff

Iqra Khalid

Stephanie Kusie

Lindsay Mathysen

Hon. Michelle Rempel Garner, P.C.

Jamie Schmale

Brenda Shanahan

Francis Scarpaleggia

2023-2024 Activities and Expenditures

The association participated in the 147th Assembly of the IPU in Luanda, Angola, in October, and the 148th Assembly in Geneva, Switzerland, in March. Delegates participated in the General Debates on the themes of “Parliamentary action for peace, justice and strong institutions ([Sustainable Development Goal (SDG)] 16)” and “Parliamentary diplomacy: Building bridges for peace and understanding.” Delegates also successfully proposed amendments to resolutions on orphanage trafficking, autonomous weapon systems and climate action.

The association also participated in three IPU activities in New York related to the work of the United Nations (UN) system. In July, delegates attended the Parliamentary Forum at the UN High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development to take stock of the role of parliaments in implementing the SDGs. In February, delegates took part in the Annual Parliamentary Hearing at the UN, which focused on building a peaceful future. In March, the association attended a joint IPU-UN Women Parliamentary Meeting on advancing gender equality to end poverty.

In addition to the in-person events, association members participated in virtual workshops, seminars, panel discussions, and conferences.

Section III: Activities and Expenditures by Parliamentary Association

Activities	Participants	Transportation	Accommodation	Per Diems	Hospitality and Working Meals	Miscellaneous	Registration Fees	Total
2023-07-18 – Parliamentary Forum at the UN High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development, New York, New York, United States of America	2	1,434	2,220	723	0	17	0	4,395
2023-10-23 – 147th IPU Assembly and Related Meetings, Luanda, Angola	7	62,691	26,819	12,054	0	2,016	0	103,580
2024-02-08 – Annual Parliamentary Hearing at the United Nations: Putting an End to Conflicts: Prescriptions for a Peaceful Future, New York, New York, United States of America	7	7,505	3,247	3,030	0	0	0	13,783
2024-03-12 – Parliamentary Meeting on the Occasion of the 68th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women, New York, New York, United States of America	8	9,367	6,300	2,790	0	32	0	18,488
2024-03-23 – 148th IPU Assembly and Related Meetings, Geneva, Switzerland	11	63,315	21,020	19,740	0	237	0	104,312
2024-05-28 – Information Seminar on the Structure and Functioning of the Inter-Parliamentary Union, Geneva, Switzerland ¹⁷	1	7,342	0	0	0	0	0	7,342
Executive Meetings, Annual General Meeting, Hospitality and General Operating Expenses	N/A	0	0	0	154	60	0	214
Sub-total	N/A	151,655	59,606	38,338	154	2,361	0	252,113
Revenue (Membership Fees)	N/A	0	0	0	0	(3,400)	0	(3,400)
Total¹⁸	N/A	151,655	59,606	38,338	154	(1,039)	0	248,713

¹⁷ Expenditures incurred in fiscal year 2023-2024 for activity to be held in fiscal year 2024-2025.

¹⁸ Differences in totals are due to rounding.

Five-Year Summary

Fiscal Year	Number of Members	Contributions
2019-2020	82	436,542
2020-2021	93	468,027
2021-2022	84	447,309
2022-2023	111	503,086
2023-2024	136	544,436

Financial Data Over Five Years

Description	2019-2020 ^E	2020-2021 ^P	2021-2022 ^{E&P}	2022-2023	2023-2024
Allocated Budget	195,000	174,000	209,000	256,000	273,050
Expenses for Activities	79,927	(2,056)	(2,100)	212,849	248,713
Budget Balance	115,073	176,056	211,100	43,151	24,337

^E Election year: the level of activity is usually lower before and after an election due to the election campaign and the time required for Parliament to resume.

^P Pandemic year (COVID-19).



Canadian NATO Parliamentary Association (CANA)

Objectives

The Canadian NATO Parliamentary Association aims to increase knowledge of the work of North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) and the NATO Parliamentary Assembly (NATO PA) among its members and the public. It also provides Canadian parliamentarians with the opportunity to participate in NATO PA activities and to make and maintain contact with their counterparts from other NATO countries.

The NATO PA is an interparliamentary organization that brings together about 362 parliamentarians from the national parliaments of the 32 NATO member countries, as well as from nine NATO PA associate countries, four Mediterranean associate countries and eight parliamentary observer delegations. The NATO PA's work deals with social, cultural, political, and economic questions, as well as military matters, all of which are of vital concern as NATO seeks to address new and emerging defence and security challenges. NATO PA delegates participate in Spring and Annual sessions, as well as other meetings and information exchanges with colleagues throughout Europe and North America but sometimes also in Asia and Africa.

Members of the Executive Committee (on March 31, 2024)

Senate

Counsellors

Hon. Claude Carignan, P.C.
Hon. Jane Cordy
Hon. Rebecca Patterson
Hon. Mohamed-Iqbal Ravalia

House of Commons

Chair

Julie Dzerowicz

Vice-Chairs

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Pierre Paul-Hus

Counsellors

Yvan Baker
Rachel Blaney
Darren Fisher
Cheryl Gallant
Christine Normandin
Jamie Schmale
Brenda Shanahan

2023-2024 Activities and Expenditures

The association began the year by hosting two NATO PA sub-committees in Ottawa, Halifax and Montreal in April 2023 - something that had not been done since 2017. The association's program for the year also included the 2023 Spring Session in Luxembourg; the 69th Annual Session in Denmark; the 23rd Parliamentary Transatlantic Forum in Washington, D.C., and Annapolis, United States; the 2024 Joint Meetings of three NATO PA committees in Belgium; and the 2024 Spring Standing Committee meeting in Estonia.

An association member also travelled with a NATO PA subcommittee to three US cities. To round out the year's activities, in February 2024, the association hosted a moderated panel breakfast discussion with ambassadors from NATO member countries in Ottawa.

The subjects discussed at these events included the war in Ukraine; NATO's nuclear policies and deterrence; the accession of Finland and Sweden to NATO; China's assertiveness and the Indo-Pacific region; NATO's implementation of the Women, Peace and Security agenda; artificial intelligence and other emerging and disrupting technologies; and the defence, security and foreign policy priorities of certain NATO members.

Finally, throughout 2023–2024, several association members contributed to the NATO PA's work through their roles as committee and sub-committee chairs, vice-chairs and rapporteurs.

Section III: Activities and Expenditures by Parliamentary Association

Activities	Participants	Transportation	Accommodation	Per Diems	Hospitality and Working Meals	Miscellaneous	Registration Fees	Total
2023-04-17 – Joint Visit the Sub-Committee on Transatlantic Relations (PCTR) and Sub-Committee on Transatlantic Defence and Security Cooperation (DSCTC), Ottawa, Ontario, Halifax, Nova Scotia and Montreal, Quebec, Canada	92	12,779	3,613	1,384	7,086	4,966	0	29,828
2023-05-19 – Bureau Meeting and Spring Session, Luxembourg, Luxembourg	8	69,100	7,702	5,318	0	0	0	82,121
2023-10-06 – 69th Annual Session, Copenhagen, Denmark	10	33,338	12,008	7,710	2,324	11	0	55,391
2023-12-04 – Parliamentary Transatlantic Forum, Washington, D.C., United States of America	4	5,002	5,020	1,938	208	0	1,783	13,950
2024-02-19 – Joint Committee Meetings of Defense Security Committee (DSC), Economics and Security Committee (ESC), and the Political Committee (PC), Brussels, Belgium	12	31,459	15,257	8,740	2,172	0	0	57,629
2024-03-11 – Visit of the Sub-Committee on Future Security and Defence Capabilities’ (DSCFC), Boston, Massachusetts, New Haven, Connecticut and New York, New York, United States of America	1	1,402	2,348	874	0	0	383	5,007
2024-03-23 – Spring Standing Committee Meeting, Tallinn, Estonia	2	16,317	1,134	651	631	0	0	18,733
2024-04-22 – Joint visit of the Sub-Committee on Transatlantic Relations (PCTR) and the Sub-Committee on Transatlantic Economic Relations (ESCTER), New York, New York and Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, United States of America ¹⁹	1	1,036	0	0	0	0	0	1,036

¹⁹ Expenditures incurred in fiscal year 2023-2024 for activity to be held in fiscal year 2024-2025.

Section III: Activities and Expenditures by Parliamentary Association

Activities	Participants	Transportation	Accommodation	Per Diems	Hospitality and Working Meals	Miscellaneous	Registration Fees	Total
Executive Meetings, Annual General Meeting, Hospitality and General Operating Expenses	N/A	689	230	106	635	3,025	0	4,685
Sub-total	N/A	171,123	47,312	26,721	13,056	8,002	2,166	268,380
Revenue (Membership Fees)	N/A	0	0	0	0	(5,175)	0	(5,175)
Total²⁰	N/A	171,123	47,312	26,721	13,056	2,827	2,166	263,205

²⁰ Differences in totals are due to rounding.

Five-Year Summary

Fiscal Year	Number of Members	Contributions
2019-2020	175	369,783
2020-2021	121	424,061
2021-2022	118	393,720
2022-2023	151	445,265
2023-2024	207	464,133

Financial Data Over Five Years

Description	2019-2020 ^E	2020-2021 ^P	2021-2022 ^{E&P}	2022-2023	2023-2024
Allocated Budget	339,000	301,000	408,000	320,000	287,000
Expenses for Activities	230,781	(3,075)	158	295,362	263,205
Budget Balance	108,219	304,075	407,842	24,638	23,795

^E Election year: the level of activity is usually lower before and after an election due to the election campaign and the time required for Parliament to resume.

^P Pandemic year (COVID-19).



Canadian Section of ParlAmericas (CPAM)

Objectives

Recognizing that strengthening democracy, creating prosperity and realizing human potential are the hemisphere’s most pressing priorities, the objectives of the Canadian Section of ParlAmericas are to:

- promote parliamentary participation in the inter-American system and to contribute to interparliamentary dialogue;
- maintain contact with parliamentary representatives of member states of the Organization of American States (OAS); and
- meet periodically with all such representatives, for joint public discussions of common problems and priorities, including those related to ParlAmericas’ three thematic networks: the Open Parliament Network, the Parliamentary Network on Climate Change and the Parliamentary Network for Gender Equality.

Members of the Executive Committee (on March 31, 2024)

Senate

Vice-Chair

Hon. Rosa Galvez

Counsellors

Hon. Sharon Burey
Hon. Clément Gignac
Hon. Michael L. MacDonald

House of Commons

Chair

Marc G. Serré

Vice-Chair

Patricia Lattanzio

Counsellors

Randy Hoback
Stephanie Kusie
Alistair MacGregor
Jamie Schmale
Nathalie Sinclair-Desgagné
Patrick Weiler

2023-2024 Activities and Expenditures

In April, members traveled to Santiago, Chile for the 7th gathering of the ParlAmericas Open Parliament Network. Members participated in forums on various topics including the impact of the digital transformation on democratic systems, considering not only the opportunities and challenges that have emerged in recent years due to the widespread use of the internet and information and communications technologies but also how initiatives for transparent and accountable digital governance can be implemented within the paradigm of open parliament.

In September, members participated in the 7th Gathering of the ParlAmericas Parliamentary Network on Climate Change and the 15th Gathering of the ParlAmericas Parliamentary Network for Gender Equality. The members participated in discussions on food security issues through a gender-inclusive and intersectional lens. Participants also explored multisectoral and innovative practices that are sustainable, inclusive and resilient, with a particular focus on the role of women's leadership in these initiatives.

In February, the Canadian section of ParlAmericas hosted two meet and greet breakfasts for ambassadors from the ParlAmericas regions.

In March, the Association held bilateral meetings in Costa Rica and in the Dominican Republic. Amongst the topics discussed were immigration, trade, corporate social responsibility of Canadian enterprise and gender equality

Section III: Activities and Expenditures by Parliamentary Association

Activities	Participants	Transportation	Accommodation	Per Diems	Hospitality and Working Meals	Miscellaneous	Registration Fees	Total
2023-04-20 – 7th Gathering of ParlAmericas Open Parliament Network, Santiago, Chile	10	801	6,505	5,948	0	22	0	13,275
2023-09-28 – 7th Gathering of the ParlAmericas Parliamentary Network on Climate Change and the 15th Gathering of the ParlAmericas Parliamentary Network Gender Equality, Mexico City, Mexico	5	11,344	3,092	2,503	0	30	0	16,969
2024-03-11 – Bilateral Visit to Costa Rica and Dominican Republic, San Jose, Costa Rica and Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic	8	34,739	18,525	5,019	3,621	5,091	0	66,995
2024-03-12 – Meeting with Organization of American States (OAS), Washington, D.C., United States of America	2	3,497	3,454	959	0	0	0	7,909
Executive Meetings, Annual General Meeting, Hospitality and General Operating Expenses	N/A	0	0	0	1,092	60	0	1,152
Sub-total	N/A	50,382	31,574	14,428	4,713	5,203	0	106,300
Revenue (Membership Fees)	N/A	0	0	0	0	(3,325)	0	(3,325)
Total²¹	N/A	50,382	31,574	14,428	4,713	1,878	0	102,975

²¹ Differences in totals are due to rounding.

Five-Year Summary

Fiscal Year	Number of Members	Contributions
2019-2020	102	25,861
2020-2021	95	24,993
2021-2022	86	24,753
2022-2023	106	25,988
2023-2024	133	26,282

Financial Data Over Five Years

Description	2019-2020 ^E	2020-2021 ^P	2021-2022 ^{E&P}	2022-2023	2023-2024
Allocated Budget	250,000	170,000	6,000	166,000	129,000
Expenses for Activities	163,746	(1,417)	(950)	125,915	102,975
Budget Balance	86,254	171,417	6,950	40,085	26,025

^E Election year: the level of activity is usually lower before and after an election due to the election campaign and the time required for Parliament to resume.

^P Pandemic year (COVID-19).



Canada-China Legislative Association (CACN)

Objectives

The Canada-China Legislative Association provides a forum for the discussion of bilateral and multilateral challenges and opportunities facing the two countries. It promotes the exchange of information between Canadian parliamentarians and representatives of the National Peoples' Congress of the Peoples' Republic of China in order to encourage better understanding and closer ties between the two countries. A key component of the association's activities consists of annual bilateral meetings between Canadian federal parliamentarians and their counterparts from the National People's Congress.

Members of the Executive Committee (on March 31, 2024)

Senate

Co-Chair

Hon. Paul J. Massicotte

Vice-Chairs

Hon. Victor Oh

Hon. Scott Tannas

House of Commons

Co-Chair

Majid Jowhari

Vice-Chairs

Shaun Chen

Paul Chiang

Michael Cooper

Don Davies

Yves Perron

2023-2024 Activities and Expenditures

The association travelled to Beijing and Shanghai, China, to attend the group's 24th Bilateral Meeting in March 2024 with their Chinese counterparts, the first time the groups had interacted in person in over five years. In collaboration with the Canada-Japan Inter-Parliamentary Group, the association sent a large delegation from both the Senate and the House of Commons to attend the 31st Annual Meeting of the Asia-Pacific Parliamentary Forum in November in Manila, Philippines, attending the working groups and committees for drafting resolutions, as well as meeting with other delegations. They similarly participated in the 44th General Assembly of the ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly in Jakarta, Indonesia, in August. In addition, members of the association had meetings with His Excellency Cong Peiwu, the Chinese Ambassador to Canada, to discuss Canada-China relations and the planning for the Bilateral Meeting.

Section III: Activities and Expenditures by Parliamentary Association

Activities	Participants	Transportation	Accommodation	Per Diems	Hospitality and Working Meals	Miscellaneous	Registration Fees	Total
2023-08-06 – 44th General Assembly of the ASEAN Interparliamentary Assembly (AIPA), Jakarta, Indonesia	2	19,477	2,961	1,080	0	154	0	23,673
2023-11-23 – 31st Annual Meeting of the Asia-Pacific Parliamentary Forum (APPF), Manilla, Philippines	2	18,138	2,898	901	0	0	0	21,937
2024-03-25 – 24th Bilateral Meeting, Beijing and Shanghai, China	7	67,029	13,900	6,803	53	13,709	0	101,493
Executive Meetings, Annual General Meeting, Hospitality and General Operating Expenses	N/A	0	0	0	35	0	0	35
Sub-total	N/A	104,644	19,759	8,784	88	13,863	0	147,128
Revenue (Membership Fees)	N/A	0	0	0	0	(1,850)	0	(1,850)
Total²²	N/A	104,644	19,759	8,784	88	12,013	0	145,287

²² Differences in totals are due to rounding.

Five-Year Summary

Fiscal Year	Number of Members	Contributions
2019-2020	94	N/A
2020-2021	69	N/A
2021-2022	52	N/A
2022-2023	67	N/A
2023-2024	74	N/A

Financial Data Over Five Years

Description	2019-2020 ^E	2020-2021 ^P	2021-2022 ^{E&P}	2022-2023	2023-2024
Allocated Budget	236,000	186,000	204,000	92,000	159,350
Expenses for Activities	166,764	(1,725)	(1,300)	80,944	145,287
Budget Balance	69,236	187,725	205,300	11,056	14,063

^E Election year: the level of activity is usually lower before and after an election due to the election campaign and the time required for Parliament to resume.

^P Pandemic year (COVID-19).



Canada-France Inter-Parliamentary Association (CAFR)

Objectives

The Canada-France Inter-Parliamentary Association serves as a forum in which Canadian and French parliamentarians can exchange information and ideas. The association normally meets once a year for their Annual Meeting, alternating meeting sites between Canada and France. The Association also organizes smaller gatherings on specific issues. An objective of the association is to put forward to the governments and Parliaments of the two countries initiatives with the potential to foster a better understanding of internal or bilateral issues, as well to promote bilateral cooperation in political, economic, social, cultural and parliamentary spheres.

Members of the Executive Committee (on March 31, 2024)

Senate

Vice-Chair

Hon. René Cormier

Members

Hon. Réjean Aucoin

Hon. Claude Carignan, P.C.

Hon. Pierre J. Dalphond

House of Commons

Chair

Marie-France Lalonde

Vice-Chair

Denis Trudel

Members

Luc Berthold

Hon. Mona Fortier

Jacques Gourde

Carol Hughes

Darrell Samson

Dominique Vien

2023-2024 Activities and Expenditures

From April 1 to 8, Canadian parliamentarians travelled to the Île-de-France and Normandy regions in France for the 49th Annual Meeting of the association. The two themes of the Annual Meeting, which were carried over from the 48th Annual Meeting, were cultural diversity in the digital world and ecological transition and green technologies. From November 27 to 30, members participated in the 7th annual Paris Conference hosted by the International Economic Forum of the Americas, as well as the Canada-France Chamber of Commerce Gala. From March 4 to 8, the association participated in a mission to Paris to discuss housing, artificial intelligence and the Canada-European Union Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement.

Section III: Activities and Expenditures by Parliamentary Association

Activities	Participants	Transportation	Accommodation	Per Diems	Hospitality and Working Meals	Miscellaneous	Registration Fees	Total
2023-04-01 – 49th Annual Meeting, Ile-de-France and Normandy, France	10	558	19,301	10,200	0	332	0	30,391
2023-11-27 – 7th Paris Conference of "Forum économique international des Amériques" and the Gala for the Canada-France Chamber of Commerce, Paris, France	4	5,850	6,559	2,830	223	0	764	16,226
2024-03-04 – Mission to France, Paris, France	6	14,425	9,920	6,781	40	0	0	31,166
Executive Meetings, Annual General Meeting, Hospitality and General Operating Expenses	N/A	24	0	0	187	0	0	211
Sub-total	N/A	20,856	35,780	19,811	450	332	764	77,993
Revenue (Membership Fees)	N/A	0	0	0	0	(2,975)	0	(2,975)
Total²³	N/A	20,856	35,780	19,811	450	(2,643)	764	75,018

²³ Differences in totals are due to rounding.

Five-Year Summary

Fiscal Year	Number of Members	Contributions
2019-2020	72	N/A
2020-2021	80	N/A
2021-2022	72	N/A
2022-2023	93	N/A
2023-2024	119	N/A

Financial Data Over Five Years

Description	2019-2020 ^E	2020-2021 ^P	2021-2022 ^{E&P}	2022-2023	2023-2024 ²⁴
Allocated Budget	39,000	81,000	127,000	108,000	71,000
Expenses for Activities	25,710	(2,000)	(1,800)	115,138	75,018
Budget Balance	13,290	83,000	128,800	(7,138)	(4,018)

^E Election year: the level of activity is usually lower before and after an election due to the election campaign and the time required for Parliament to resume.

^P Pandemic year (COVID-19).

²⁴ On December 4, 2023, the JIC authorized parliamentary associations to forecast over their allocated budget by no more than \$10,000 as a strategy to maximize utilization of the total envelope for fiscal year 2023-2024.



Canada-Japan Inter-Parliamentary Group (CAJP)

Objectives

The Canada-Japan Inter-Parliamentary Group promotes exchanges between Japanese and Canadian parliamentarians, proposes initiatives likely to lead to a better mutual understanding of bilateral and multilateral matters and works to develop cooperation between the two countries. A key component of the Inter-Parliamentary Group’s activities consists of annual bilateral meetings between Canadian federal parliamentarians and their counterparts from the Diet of Japan.

Members of the Executive Committee (on March 31, 2024)

Senate

Co-Chair

Hon. Stan Kutcher

Vice-Chair

Hon. Krista Ann Ross

Members

Hon. Michael L. MacDonald

House of Commons

Co-Chair

Terry Sheehan

Vice-Chair

Angelo Iacono

Members

Gord Johns

Sébastien Lemire

Lianne Rood

Jamie Schmale

Francesco Sorbara

2023-2024 Activities and Expenditures

The association's executive committee hosted a lunch in May with His Excellency Kanji Yamanouchi, Ambassador of Japan to Canada, to discuss Canada-Japan relations and the Ambassador's experiences since arriving in Canada the previous year. In November, the Co-Chairs travelled on their annual visit to Japan, visiting Hakodate, Sapporo, and Tokyo. They met with Diet members, including those of the Japan-Canada Diet Friendship League and the Japan-Canada Friendship League in the Hokkaido Legislative Assembly, civil society stakeholders, academics, and entrepreneurs. The following week, in collaboration with the Canada-Japan Inter-Parliamentary Group, the association sent a large delegation from both the Senate and the House of Commons to attend the 31st Annual Meeting of the Asia-Pacific Parliamentary Forum in Manila, Philippines, attending the working groups and committees for drafting resolutions, as well as meeting with other delegations. They similarly participated in the 44th General Assembly of the ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly in Jakarta, Indonesia in August. Throughout the year, members of the association maintained an active and open relationship with the Ambassador and staff of the Embassy of Japan in Canada, including attending the celebrations of the Emperor's Birthday that were organized in February.

Section III: Activities and Expenditures by Parliamentary Association

Activities	Participants	Transportation	Accommodation	Per Diems	Hospitality and Working Meals	Miscellaneous	Registration Fees	Total
2023-08-06 – 44th General Assembly of the ASEAN Interparliamentary Assembly, Jakarta, Indonesia	1	11,461	1,635	554	62	0	0	13,712
2023-08-27 – 21st Bilateral Meeting of the CAJP and the Japan-Canada Diet Friendship League, Ottawa, Canada	19	5,794	0	0	6,126	185	0	12,106
2023-11-13 – Co-Chairs' Annual Visit to Japan, Hakodate, Sapporo, and Tokyo, Japan	3	4,822	9,423	4,141	1,436	3,274	0	23,096
2023-11-23 – 31st Annual Meeting of the Asia-Pacific Parliamentary Forum, Manilla, Philippines	7	63,507	10,384	2,884	221	320	0	77,316
2024-05-13 – 22nd Bilateral Meeting, Tokyo and Tohoku, Japan ²⁵	2	17,377	0	0	0	0	0	17,377
Executive Meetings, Annual General Meeting, Hospitality and General Operating Expenses	N/A	10	0	0	1,054	0	0	1,064
Sub-total	N/A	102,971	21,443	7,578	8,899	3,778	0	144,670
Revenue (Membership Fees)	N/A	0	0	0	0	(3,550)	0	(3,550)
Total²⁶	N/A	102,971	21,443	7,578	8,899	228	0	141,120

²⁵ Expenditures incurred in fiscal year 2023-2024 for activity to be held in fiscal year 2024-2025.

²⁶ Differences in totals are due to rounding.

Section III: Activities and Expenditures by Parliamentary Association

Five-Year Summary

Fiscal Year	Number of Members	Contributions
2019-2020	74	N/A
2020-2021	82	N/A
2021-2022	78	N/A
2022-2023	103	N/A
2023-2024	142	N/A

Financial Data Over Five Years

Description	2019-2020 ^E	2020-2021 ^P	2021-2022 ^{E&P}	2022-2023	2023-2024
Allocated Budget	181,000	157,000	299,000	130,000	150,000
Expenses for Activities	81,131	3,384	(1,702)	119,230	141,120
Budget Balance	99,869	153,616	300,702	10,770	8,880

^E Election year: the level of activity is usually lower before and after an election due to the election campaign and the time required for Parliament to resume.

^P Pandemic year (COVID-19).



Canada-United Kingdom Inter-Parliamentary Association (RUUK)

Objectives

The Canada-United Kingdom Inter-Parliamentary Association aims to broaden the traditional bilateral ties between these two countries through a modern and dynamic relationship. Its objectives include developing greater understanding of the differences in the operation of the parliaments of the two countries and increasing cooperation between parliamentarians on matters of mutual concern in international bodies on domestic issues.

Members of the Executive Committee (on March 31, 2024)

Senate

Vice-Chair

Hon. Iqbal-Mohamed Ravalia

Members

Hon. Robert Black

Hon. Leo Housakos

House of Commons

Chair

James Maloney

Vice-Chair

Julie Vignola

Members

John Barlow

Michael Barrett

Kody Blois

Matt Jeneroux

Brian Masse

Salma Zahid

2023-2024 Activities and Expenditures

In April, the association hosted a luncheon in honour of the Right Honourable Alison Johnstone, the Presiding Officer of the Scottish Parliament. From May 5-17, 2024, the Association welcomed a delegation of four United Kingdom (UK) parliamentarians to Ottawa and organized a series of meetings and roundtable sessions with over 20 Canadian parliamentarians, experts, and civil society organizations. On May 29, 2023, the association hosted a meeting with the Right Honourable Sir Lindsay Hoyle, Speaker of the House of Commons of the UK. In November, a delegation of parliamentarians visited London, Cardiff, and Edinburgh to engage on matters of mutual interest and strengthen the working relationship between Canadian and UK parliamentarians. On February 5, the association hosted a luncheon for members of the UK House of Commons Select Procedure Committee to discuss the committee's study into the UK territorial constitution and compare devolution frameworks.

Section III: Activities and Expenditures by Parliamentary Association

Activities	Participants	Transportation	Accommodation	Per Diems	Hospitality and Working Meals	Miscellaneous	Registration Fees	Total
2023-04-17 – Luncheon in Honour of the Visit to Canada of the Right Honourable Alison Johnstone, Presiding Officer of the Scottish Parliament and Delegation, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada	14	0	0	0	812	30	0	842
2023-05-15 – Visit to Canada of a delegation from the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association United Kingdom, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada	15	189	0	0	1,123	200	0	1,512
2023-09-19 – Meeting with David Rutley, M.P., Parliamentary Under Secretary of State (Americas and Caribbean) of the United Kingdom, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada	14	0	0	0	142	0	0	142
2023-11-13 – Bilateral Visit to the United Kingdom, London, England, Cardiff, Wales and Edinburgh, Scotland	9	29,557	18,123	7,819	229	5,133	0	60,860
2024-02-05 – Luncheon in Honour of the United-Kingdom House of Commons Procedure Committee, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada	20	0	0	0	1,251	0	0	1,251
Executive Meetings, Annual General Meeting, Hospitality and General Operating Expenses	N/A	0	0	0	41	0	0	41
Sub-total	N/A	29,746	18,123	7,819	3,598	5,363	0	64,648
Revenue (Membership Fees)	N/A	0	0	0	0	(4,175)	0	(4,175)
Total²⁷	N/A	29,746	18,123	7,819	3,598	1,188	0	60,473

²⁷ Differences in totals are due to rounding.

Five-Year Summary

Fiscal Year	Number of Members	Contributions
2019-2020	103	N/A
2020-2021	109	N/A
2021-2022	105	N/A
2022-2023	141	N/A
2023-2024	167	N/A

Financial Data Over Five Years

Description	2019-2020 ^E	2020-2021 ^P	2021-2022 ^{E&P}	2022-2023	2023-2024 ²⁸
Allocated Budget	72,000	64,000	89,000	68,000	59,710
Expenses for Activities	(1,521)	(2,750)	(2,593)	42,585	60,473
Budget Balance	73,521	66,750	91,593	25,415	(763)

^E Election year: the level of activity is usually lower before and after an election due to the election campaign and the time required for Parliament to resume.

^P Pandemic year (COVID-19).

²⁸ On December 4, 2023, the JIC authorized parliamentary associations to forecast over their allocated budget by no more than \$10,000 as a strategy to maximize utilization of the total envelope for fiscal year 2023-2024.



Canada-United States Inter-Parliamentary Group (CEUS)

Objectives

The aim of the Canada-United States Inter-Parliamentary Group is to find points of convergence in the respective national policies of both countries, initiate dialogue on points of divergence, encourage exchanges of information, and promote better understanding between Canadian and American parliamentarians on shared issues of concern including economic and trade issues, environmental, energy and shared resource issues, and defence, security and humanitarian issues, among others. To achieve its goals, the association undertakes a wide variety of activities including its annual meeting, bilateral meetings on specific topics of mutual concern, Congressional visits, and attendance at national and regional conferences.

Members of the Executive Committee (on March 31, 2024)

Senate

Co-Chair

Hon. Michael L. MacDonald

Vice-Chairs

Hon. Jane Cordy

Hon. Jim Quinn

Hon. Marty Deacon

Hon. Rosemary Moodie

House of Commons

Co-Chair

Hon. John McKay, P.C.

Vice-Chairs

Vance Badawey

Michael Cooper

Lena Metlege Diab

Anthony Housefather

Larry Maguire

James Maloney

Brian Masse

Anna Roberts

Lianne Rood

Simon-Pierre Savard-Tremblay

Francesco Sorbara

2023-2024 Activities and Expenditures

The association attended two Congressional Visits in May and November. The delegations held numerous meetings in Washington, D.C., with both Senators and Congressional Representatives. The meetings focused on issues such as trade, commerce, energy, environment and defense. Throughout the months of July, August, and December, the association attended various conferences across both countries that were hosted by the Council of State Governments, the National Governors Association, the Pacific Northwest Economic Region, and the National Conference of State Legislatures, which featured discussions on a range of policy interests and critical topics. In October, the association hosted the New York-Canada Task force to discuss important themes related to enhancing their cross-border trade and relationship. Following this visit, members were invited to attend the recognition of Canada Day in the state of New York hosted by the Consul General.

Section III: Activities and Expenditures by Parliamentary Association

Activities	Participants	Transportation	Accommodation	Per Diems	Hospitality and Working Meals	Miscellaneous	Registration Fees	Revenues	Total
2023-05-15 – Bilateral Meeting with the United States Senate, Washington, D.C., United States of America	11	11,987	21,035	4,621	0	278	0	0	37,921
2023-06-26 – Western Governors Association Annual Meeting, Boulder, Colorado, United States of America	1	2,154	1,829	410	0	0	1,910	0	6,303
2023-07-08 – Council of State Government, South Southern Legislative Annual Conference, Charleston, South Carolina, United States of America	3	4,454	6,263	1,702	0	0	2,414	0	14,833
2023-07-09 – Council of State Governments, Midwest Regional Conference, Detroit, Michigan, United States of America	3	2,362	3,190	624	0	0	1,919	0	8,095
2023-07-16 – Pacific Northwest Economic Region Annual Summit (PNWER), Boise, Idaho, United States of America	4	3,713	3,880	1,750	0	0	2,688	0	12,031
2023-08-14 – National Conference of State Legislature Annual Meeting (NCSL), Indianapolis, Indiana, United States of America	7	8,840	10,131	4,218	0	0	12,246	0	35,435
2023-08-20 – Council of State Governments, Eastern Regional Conference Annual Meeting, Toronto, Ontario, Canada	7	6,425	5,003	1,112	0	0	3,795	0	16,336
2023-11-12 – Annual Meeting of the Council of State Governments (CSG), Western Legislative Conference, Los Angeles, California, United States of America	3	4,820	4,341	1,301	0	0	2,309	0	12,770
2023-11-14 – Congressional visit, Washington, D.C., United States of America	12	18,086	17,637	4,954	3,476	0	0	0	44,152
2023-12-06 – Council of State Governments National Conference (CSG), Raleigh, North Carolina, United States of America	7	9,145	8,053	2,288	0	30	6,425	0	25,942

Section III: Activities and Expenditures by Parliamentary Association

Activities	Participants	Transportation	Accommodation	Per Diems	Hospitality and Working Meals	Miscellaneous	Registration Fees	Revenues	Total
2024-02-27 – “Canada Day in Albany” hosted by the New York Consulate General of Canada in Albany, New York, New York, United States of America	3	5,272	1,679	1,114	0	0	0	0	8,065
Executive Meetings, Annual General Meeting, Hospitality and General Operating Expenses	N/A	55	0	0	363	0	0	0	418
Sub-total	N/A	77,313	83,041	24,094	3,839	307	33,707	0	222,302
Revenue (Membership Fees)	N/A	0	0	0	0	(5,200)	0	0	(5,200)
Total²⁹	N/A	77,313	83,041	24,094	3,839	(4,893)	33,707	0	217,102

²⁹ Differences in totals are due to rounding.

Section III: Activities and Expenditures by Parliamentary Association

Five-Year Summary

Fiscal Year	Number of Members	Contributions
2019-2020	148	N/A
2020-2021	123	N/A
2021-2022	144	N/A
2022-2023	174	N/A
2023-2024	208	N/A

Financial Data Over Five Years

Description	2019-2020 ^E	2020-2021 ^P	2021-2022 ^{E&P}	2022-2023	2023-2024
Allocated Budget	267,000	287,000	199,000	281,000	224,000
Expenses for Activities	223,633	(687)	554	268,517	217,102
Budget Balance	43,367	287,687	198,446	12,483	6,898

^E Election year: the level of activity is usually lower before and after an election due to the election campaign and the time required for Parliament to resume.

^P Pandemic year (COVID-19).