Commonwealth Association of Architects (CAA) is a membership organization for professional bodies representing architects in Commonwealth countries. Formed in 1965 to promote co-operation for ‘the advancement of architecture in the Commonwealth’ and particularly to share and increase architectural knowledge, it currently has 35 members. The Association is best known for its procedures for the validation of courses in architecture which convene international visiting boards to schools to assess courses against set criteria. This results in a list of qualifications recommended for recognition by members.

Under the umbrella of the Commonwealth CAA subscribes to its core values, and in particular, developmental support to the smaller and younger members. The Commonwealth network is increasingly valued as a means of accelerating improvement in the world’s living conditions and to ensure a sustainable future for the planet. The built environment has a key part to play and CAA works to ensure the maximum participation of the architectural profession at all levels. Connections of benefit are required in a globalizing world and the value of CAA is sustained by the commonalities of the network; the use of a common language and a shared heritage in the practice and education of architecture.

Sir Robert Matthew was the first President of the Commonwealth Association of Architects and was a member of the Royal Institute of British Architects.

The 22nd General Assembly of CAA took place at Sarova White Sand Beach Hotel, off Malindi Road, Mombasa, Kenya on 14th August 2019. It was a proud moment for Pakistan that the CAA new President Ar. /Plnr. Kalim A. Siddiqui who took over the duties of his Office (2019 -2022). The commencement took place on 16th August 2019.

SECRETARIAT TEAM – LAHORE, PAKISTAN

President CAA appoints the following:

- Acting Executive Director - Ar. Maira Khan
- Manager - Ar. Zara Khan
- IT Incharge - Mr. Asim Jalal

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The Salient features of the 22nd General Assembly of CAA was as follows:

- The Ceremony started with opening remarks by the President CAA, **Ar. Perit Vincent Cassar**, followed by welcome statement by the host member organization - Architectural Association of Kenya (AAK).

- The Confirmation of the Minutes of the 21st General Assembly held in London was adopted.


- Validation & Accreditation Report, under the Education Committee was presented by Ar. Sithabile Mathe.

- The Communication Committee presented Website & Social Media and E-Journal Report by Ar. Jayantha Perera.

- The Chair of Practice Committee Report was presented by Ar. Chandana Edirisuriya.

- Report on the Robert Mathew Award 2019 was presented by Ar. /Plnr. Kalim A. Siddiqui

- Report was presented about the progress of the CAA Survey and Preparation for Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) 2020 followed by a presentation on “Survey of the Profession” in the Commonwealth, by Ar. Peter Oborn.

- An MOU was signed between Commonwealth Association of Architects (CAA) & African Union of Architects (AUA).

- This was followed by Nominations & Election of Council Members 2019 - 2022.

- The General Assembly concluded with the Address by the Incoming President (2019-2022), Ar. /Plnr. Kalim A. Siddiqui.
CAA announced the Robert Matthew Award 2019. The Award Cycle is 3 years and this year the award was facilitated by the Architectural Association of Kenya (AAK).

The CAA Trophy for the Robert Matthew Award 2019 goes to Prof. Perit Richard England from Malta.

The President of the African Union of Architects, Victor Leonel Miguel, handed over the CAA Trophy to Ar. Perit Vincent Cassar on behalf of Prof. Perit Richard England who was unable to travel due to ill health.
Newly Elected CAA Council (2019-2022)

Ar. /Plnr. Kalim A Siddiqui (Pakistan) – President
Ar. Peter Oborn (UK) - Senior Vice President
Ar. Vincent Cassar (Malta) - Honorary Secretary/Treasurer
Immediate Past President
Ar. Steven Oundo (Kenya) - Vice President Africa
Ar. Jumo Oino (Kenya) - Chair of Education Committee
Ar. Chandana Edirisuriya (Sri Lanka) - Chair of Communication Committee
Ar. Jayantha Perera (Sri Lanka) - Chair of Practice Committee
Ar. Sithabile Mathe (Botswana) – Chair Excom, Validation & Accreditation
Ar. Joseph Galea (Malta) - Vice President Europe
Ar. Jalal Ahmed (Bangladesh) - Vice President Asia

Secretariat:

Ar. Maira Khan (Pakistan) - Acting Executive Director
Ar. Zara Khan (Pakistan) - Manager
Mr. Asim Jalal (Pakistan) - IT Incharge

The following positions to be finalized as no nominations has been received to date.
- Vice President Americas
- Vice President Oceania
Ar Kalim A. Siddiqui planted a tree at Sarova White Sands Beach Resort on 17th Aug 2019 just before his departure marking a new dawn to the Commonwealth Association of Architects.