Report of the African Political Parties Summit (APPS) 2025
(Accra, Republic of Ghana, August 12-14, 2025)

Hon. Chung Eui-yong, Chairperson of the ICAPP Standing Committee (SC), and Hon. Mushahid Sayed Hussain, Co-Chairperson and Special Rapporteur of the ICAPP SC, participated in the Africa Political Parties Summit (APPS) 2025, held in Accra, Republic of Ghana, from August 12 to 14, 2025, upon the invitation of H.E. John Dramani Mahama, President of the Republic of Ghana.

The Summit brought together representatives of 44 political parties from 26 countries, together with special guests from 16 countries and 11 ambassadors, and formally launched the African Political Parties Initiative (APPI). The program of APPS 2025 and the list of participants are attached as ***Attachments 1 and 2.***

Chairperson Chung on behalf of ICAPP delivered congratulatory remarks on August 12 at the Opening Ceremony of the Summit, and the copy of Chairperson Chung's remarks is attached as ***Attachment 3.***

Hon. Mushahid Hussain Sayed attended Plenary Session 9 on "Global Lessons in Political Reform," where he addressed the importance of institutionalizing inclusive leadership pipelines, while highlighting effective inter-party dialogue and coalition models, and Plenary Session 10 on "Political Innovation Showcase: Models that Move Politics," where he outlined ICAPP's history, objectives, and achievements, while underscoring its role as a platform for advancing political dialogue and fostering inter-regional solidarity, on August 14. Additionally, he hosted a dinner in honor of the APPS organizers, which was attended by, among others, Prof. Nelson Oppong, Executive Director of the Africa Governance Centre on August 14.

During their stay in Accra, Hon. Chung Eui-yong, and Hon. Mushahid Sayed Hussain met with the representatives of the Permanent Conference of Political Parties of Latin America and the Caribbean (*COPPPAL*) and signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on the Exchange of Observers and Cooperation on August 11, at the *Movenpick* Ambassador Hotel. The MOU between ICAPP and COPPPAL is attached as ***Attachment 4.*** The representatives of the COPPPAL were as follows:

- Hon**.** Alejandro Moreno Cardenas, President of COPPPAL and President of the Institutional Revolutionary Party (PRI), Mexico
- Hon. Sofia Carvajal Isunza, Executive Secretary
- Hon. Hugo Gutierrez Arroyo, Member of the Chamber of Deputies, Mexico

At the meeting, Hon. Alejandro Moreno presented an overview of the current political challenges in Mexico, including the infiltration of criminal organizations into government structures, repression of opposition parties, the erosion of judicial and legislative independence, threats against opposition members and their families, and ongoing media control. He also emphasized the need for raising international awareness on Mexico's democratic crisis and to mobilize global solidarity and support.

Chairperson Chung shared Korea's recent experiences in overcoming political and constitutional crises, emphasizing the importance of robust opposition to maintain democratic governance and close cooperation with political parties in other countries to safeguard

democratic governance. Co-Chairperson Mushahid Hussain Sayed suggested leveraging U.S.-based lobbying networks and international partnerships, while presenting fact sheets on the situation to international human rights organizations, and the UN Human Rights Council.

Both sides agreed to further strengthen cooperation and coordination between the two organizations, and to resume bilateral dialogue and trilateral cooperation with the newly emerging African partner. Mr. Moreno also expressed keen interest in attending the AEPF meeting to be held in Budapest as an observer in late November 2025.

On the same day, they also had a meeting with the representatives of the Africa Political Parties Initiative (APPI) and signed a MOU on Exchange of Observers and Cooperation at the *Movenpick* Ambassador Hotel. The MOU between the ICAPP and the APPI is attached as ***Attachment 5***. The representatives of the APPI were as follows:

- H.E. Jeffery Radebe, Special Envoy of H.E Cyril Raphomosa, President of the Republic of South Africa and also Chair of the Advisory Board of the APPI
- H.E. Edite Ten Jua, former Foreign Affairs Minister of Sao Tome and Principe, and Executive Secretary of the APPS
- Prof. Nelson Oppong, Executive Director of the AGC

Chairperson Chung provided an overview of the history and activities of the ICAPP, established in Manila in 2000 as an inclusive platform open to political parties of all ideologies. He invited the representatives of the APPI to the 13th ICAPP General Assembly, scheduled to be held in Seoul in November 2026.

At the meeting, both sides underscored the need for the MOU to serve not merely as a symbolic gesture, but as a foundation for establishing a structured and regular framework of cooperation, and engaged in substantive discussions on strengthening cooperation between the ICAPP and the APPI. Both sides concurred that the ICAPP–APPI partnership could evolve into a "New Asia–Africa Solidarity."

Looking ahead, they also agreed to explore concrete avenues of collaboration, including the convening of joint meetings, the invitation of APPI representatives to the 44th ICAPP Standing Committee Meeting in Baku and the AEPF meeting in Budapest, and the promotion of regular exchanges of experiences, joint programs, and ideological dialogue. Practical forms of cooperation, such as newsletters, think tank collaboration, and the issuance of joint communiqués, were also proposed.

In his concluding remarks, Chairperson Chung reaffirmed the ICAPP's strong commitment to deepen partnership with the APPI and to advancing the spirit of Asia–Africa solidarity through close cooperation and coordination between the ICAPP Secretariat in Seoul and AGC in Accra.

Attachments:

1. ***Program of the APPS 2025***
2. ***List of participants in the APPS 2025***
3. ***Copy of Chairman Chung's Congratulatory Remarks at the APPS 2025***
4. ***The MOU between the ICAPP and the COPPPAL***
5. ***The MOU between the ICAPP and the APPI***