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Commonwealth Parliamentarians from the Cayman Islands to address global issues and examine parliamentary democracy at 69th Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference in South Africa

Members of Parliament from the **Parliament of the Cayman Islands** are attending one of the largest annual gatherings of Commonwealth Parliamentarians that is taking place this week at the **69th Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference (CPC)** hosted by the Parliament of South Africa and the CPA South Africa Branch.

The Parliament of the Cayman Islands delegation attending the 69th CPC includes:

- Hon. D. Ezzard Miller, Speaker
- Hon. Kenneth Bryan, JP, MP, Deputy Leader of the Opposition
- Hon. Pearlina McGaw-Lumsden, JP, MP, Deputy Speaker
- Mr. Christopher Saunders, JP, MP
- Ms. Nordra Walcott, Assistant Clerk

The flagship event will bring together over 700 Parliamentarians, parliamentary staff and decision makers from across the Commonwealth for this unique conference. The CPC offers the prospect of the coming together of the CPA's global membership to address the critical issues facing today's Parliaments.

The 69th CPC will be attended by Speakers, Presiding Officers and Members of Parliament from across the membership of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA). The CPA is the **only parliamentary association to bring together national, state, provincial and territorial Legislatures** and the CPA's membership includes almost 180 Parliaments and Legislatures across the Commonwealth.

The Head of the CPA **Cayman Islands** Branch's delegation, **Hon. D. Ezzard Miller**, said: *"We are delighted to be able to attend the 69th Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference (CPC) and CPA General Assembly to represent the **Parliament of the Cayman Islands**. The CPA's annual conference offers the opportunity for Members to benefit from professional development, supportive learning and the sharing of best practice with colleagues from Commonwealth Parliaments together with the participation of leading international organisations."*

The main conference theme for the 69th CPC is: **'Strengthening International Law and Parliamentary Democracy in a Changing World Order: Commonwealth Leadership'**. The conference will explore a wide range of workshop topics including the promotion of inter-parliamentary dialogue for inclusive trade, accessible Parliaments and inclusion for people with disabilities; climate adaptation and resilience, Artificial Intelligence in Parliaments, the role of Parliaments in protecting human rights and promoting peace, and post-Legislative Scrutiny.

During the 69th Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference, there will also be a number of additional conferences and meetings including: **42nd CPA Small Branches Conference**; **10th Commonwealth Women Parliamentarians (CWP) Conference**; meetings of the **Commonwealth Parliamentarians with Disabilities (CPwD) network**; the **2026 CPA General Assembly** and meetings of the **CPA Executive Committee**; and the **60th Society of Clerks-at-the-Table (SOCATT) meetings**.

The **4th Lifaka Lecture** will also take place as well as the presentations for the **2026 Commonwealth Parliamentarian of the Year Awards** and the **Green Mace Initiative**.



Information about the 69th Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference (CPC) can be found at the CPA website www.cpahq.org/69-cpc.

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Notes to Editors:

69th Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference, 13 to 19 September 2026, Cape Town, South Africa #69CPC

The **Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference** is the annual conference of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA). The **69th Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference** will take place in Cape Town, South Africa hosted by the Parliament of South Africa and the CPA South Africa Branch. The Parliament of South Africa previously hosted the 59th Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference in 2013.

Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference (CPC) - The Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA) organises its annual Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference (CPC) to address global political issues and developments in the parliamentary system through conference workshops and sessions for leading Parliamentarians representing Parliaments and Legislatures throughout the Commonwealth. These plenary conferences were biennial from 1948 to 1959 and annual since 1961. A summary of the main views expressed in conference debates is sent to Members, Commonwealth governments and international agencies. The conference period also includes meetings of the CPA's General Assembly, the CPA Executive Committee, CPA Small Branches Conference, Commonwealth Women Parliamentarians (CWP) Conference, meetings of the Commonwealth Parliamentarians with Disabilities network and the Society of Clerks-at-the-Table (SoCATT) meeting for Parliamentary Clerks and Secretaries. The following CPA Branches and Regions have hosted Commonwealth Parliamentary Conferences in recent years: 2025 Barbados; 2024 New South Wales; 2023 Ghana; 2022 Canada Region (in Nova Scotia); 2021 and 2020 No CPC held; 2019 Uganda; 2018 No CPC held; 2017 Bangladesh; 2016 CPA Headquarters Secretariat in London UK; 2015 No CPC held; 2014 Cameroon; 2013 South Africa; 2012 Sri Lanka; 2011 United Kingdom; 2010 Kenya; 2009 Tanzania; 2008 Malaysia.

The **Commonwealth Parliamentary Association** (CPA) exists to develop, promote and support Parliamentarians and their staff to identify benchmarks of good governance and to implement the enduring values of the Commonwealth. The CPA is an international community of around 180 Commonwealth Parliaments and Legislatures working together to deepen the Commonwealth's commitment to the highest standards of democratic governance. Visit www.cpahq.org.

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