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PRESS RELEASE

Members of Parliament attend the 67th Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference (CPC) in Sydney, Australia

--Thursday, 7th November 2024 – The Honourable Valerie Woods, Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Honourable Carolyn Trench Sandiford, President of the Senate, the Honourable Jorge Espot, Minister of State for Investment, and Ms. Eudice Gibson, Senior Clerk Assistant, are currently attending the 67th Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference (CPC), in Sydney, Australia, from the 3rd - 8th November 2024. This year's theme of the 67th CPC is ***Engage, Empower, Sustain: Charting the course for resilient democracy.***

Hosted by the Parliament of New South Wales and CPA New South Wales Branch, the 67th CPC is one of the largest gatherings of Commonwealth Parliamentarians, attracting over 700 decision-makers and parliamentary staff from across the globe. The conference offers a unique opportunity for networking and collaboration, with a focus on critical issues such as gender equality, disability inclusion, and the strengthening of democratic institutions.

As part of the event, several key meetings and conferences were being held, including:

- The 40th CPA Small Branches Conference, where Speaker Woods was elected as its Chairperson for a three-year term;
- The 8th CPA Commonwealth Women Parliamentarians (CWP) Conference;
- Meetings of the Commonwealth Parliamentarians with Disabilities (CPwD), the CPA Executive Committee, and the CPA Interim Executive Board;
- The 67th CPA General Assembly; and
- The 58th Society of Clerks at the Table (SOCATT) meeting.

The Belize delegation's participation in the CPC aligns with the country's commitment to strengthening democracy and parliamentary engagement on both a national and global scale. The conference also provides an opportunity for the delegates to engage in discussions that will help shape more inclusive and sustainable legislative practices in Belize.

The travel costs for the Belize delegation are being covered by the event organizers. The delegation is scheduled to return to Belize on Saturday, 9th November 2024.

For more information about the CPA and the 40th CPA Small Branches Conference, please visit [Event Hub - 67th Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference](#).

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