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PRESS RELEASE

<u>Parliamentarians attend the CPA Small Branches Workshop on Multilateral</u> <u>Climate Negotiations in New York, USA</u>

—6th July 2022— Senator, the Honourable Bevinton Cal and Senator, the Honourable Janelle Chanona, comprise the Belize parliamentary delegation that left the country on 3rd July to attend the CPA Small Branches Workshop on Multilateral Climate Negotiations that is being co-convened by the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) at the UN Secretariat in New York, USA from the 5th July to 7th July, 2022.

The Workshop will help our parliamentarians develop the soft skills required to navigate the multilateral climate change landscape, including in negotiation, communication and networking. During the three-day workshop our parliamentarians will be introduced to **Multilateral Climate Negotiations and Parliamentary Action**, and will have the opportunity to put their skills to the test by participating in three mock negotiations rounds where participants will negotiate relevant themes/ issues most pressing for small jurisdictions through a mock draft text.

This exercise will also serve as an opportunity for Members to explore the role of representative and inclusive institutions in addressing the mounting insecurity caused through climate change by engaging in multilateral climate efforts.

The Commonwealth Parliamentary Association Secretariat is meeting the costs of travel and accommodation for the attendees. The delegation is scheduled to return to Belize on **8**th **July 2022.**



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