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PRESS RELEASE

Senior Staff of Parliament attend the Third Caribbean Clerks Programme in Barbados

—27th January 2023— Mrs. Clarita Pech, Deputy Clerk of the National Assembly, and Ms. Eudice Gibson, Senior Clerk Assistant, have joined Senior Clerks and other parliamentary staff from fifteen Legislatures across the Caribbean for the third Caribbean Clerks Programme in Barbados. The two-day workshop, which is being hosted by CPA UK in partnership with the Parliament of Barbados and ParlAmericas, opened yesterday, 26th January 2023.

The aim of the workshop is to celebrate the strengths and successes of Caribbean parliaments, and also to reaffirm the relationship between the Caribbean region and the UK Parliament. The workshop has been designed for peer-to-peer learning and will allow attendees to share their knowledge and expertise, as well as to examine best practice and procedures in parliaments.

Sessions are being delivered by professionals and technical staff from CPA UK. Some of the topics being discussed include: The Importance of Clerks and Officials in an Effective Parliament, Supporting Parliaments: Challenges and Opportunities, Developing Effective Working Relationships with Parliamentarians, Parliament Research and Support Services, inclusive citizen participation in parliaments, and Operating with Resource Constraints.

The CPA UK is meeting the costs of travel and accommodation for the two senior staff of parliament, who are both scheduled to return to Belize on 29th January 2023.

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