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### **Vice President of the Senate attends the Parliamentary Dialogue Forum – South-South Cooperation in Rabat, Kingdom of Morocco**

The Senator, the Honourable Collet Montejo, Vice President of the Senate, attended the Parliamentary Dialogue Forum – South-South Cooperation held under the theme: "South-South Cooperation: The role of national parliaments and African, Arab and Latin American inter-parliamentary unions in strengthening strategic partnerships, integration and co-development". The two day event was held at the Headquarters of the House of Councillors in Rabat, Kingdom of Morocco, on the 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> February 2024.

The parliamentary conference focused on the exchange of expertise and experience, as well as the exploration of innovative ideas for promoting common development. It also showcased best practices and successful experiences at the Arab, African and Latin American levels, with the aim of drawing inspiration from them and identifying key success factors. Participants were also able to discuss, present, and identify the opportunities for South-South cooperation with the aim of realizing broader integration, advancing priority sectors, achieving a solid economic cooperation, expanding trade and exchange, and enhancing strategic partnerships.

The two-day parliamentary conference was a collaboration between the House of Councillors of the Kingdom of Morocco, the Association of Senates, Shoora and Equivalent Councils in Africa and the Arab World (ASSECAA), and the South-South Dialogue Forum. Participants included Presidents and Vice-Presidents of the South-South Parliamentary Dialogue Forum (Senates, Shoora, equivalent councils, and regional and continental parliamentary unions in Africa, the Arab world, and Latin America); ASSECAA Member councils; Latin American Senates; Central American Parliament; Andean Parliament; Latin American and Caribbean Parliament; FOPREL; Mercosur Parliament; Pan African Parliament; African Parliamentary Union; Parliament of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS); Arab Parliament; Arab Parliamentary Union; Association of Senates, Shoora, and Equivalent Councils in Africa and Arab world (ASSECAA), Member countries of the ECOWAS Parliament; and Member countries of the African Parliamentary Union.

The Vice President is being accompanied by Mrs. Clarita Pech, Deputy Clerk. All travel and accommodation expenses for the conference were made possible through the support of the House of Councillors of the Kingdom of Morocco. The Vice President and Mrs. Pech are expected to return to Belize on Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup> February 2024.

**16<sup>th</sup> February 2024**

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