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PRESS RELEASE

PARLIAMENTARIANS ATTEND POST-ELECTION SEMINAR

-Wednesday, 4th June 2025-The Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA), in collaboration with ParlAmericas and the National Assembly of Belize, officially launched the Post-Election Seminar for Members of Parliament. The three-day seminar, which runs from June 4 to 6, is being held at the KiKi Witz in Belmopan.

At the official opening, Mrs. Clarita Pech, Clerk to the National Assembly, said that "This seminar is more than a formality—it is a cornerstone of parliamentary renewal. It reaffirms our shared responsibility to strengthen the institution of Parliament and uphold the principles of good governance, transparency, and democratic accountability."

The seminar, which is designed for both newly elected and returning Parliamentarians, of the House and of the Senate, provides a platform to build the capacity of members to effectively fulfil their constitutional responsibilities.

In her remarks at the opening of the seminar, Hon. Carolyn Trench-Sandiford, said, "So, this seminar takes place at a pivotal time, at the outset of our new legislative term, where the responsibility entrusted to us by the people is both fresh and profound. It offers an invaluable opportunity to deepen our understanding of the parliamentary institution and to strengthen the capacities that will support our work as legislators, representatives, and stewards of democratic governance."

The seminar offers the Members of the House and the Senators the opportunity to reflect on their roles as legislators, scrutineers, and representatives of the people, in a post-election environment that demands both accountability and innovation. Participants will engage in sessions covering critical areas such as parliamentary conduct and ethics, oversight responsibilities, digital tools in legislatures, and the role of Public Accounts Committees.

Mr. Jack Hardcastle, CPA Representative, said, "It's a pleasure to be working with the National Assembly of Belize on this CPA and ParlAmericas Post-Election Seminar. Over the next few days, we look forward to creating a valuable space for reflection, learning, and shared exchange as Members and Senators begin a new parliamentary term."

Meanwhile, Ms. Eilish Elliott, Deputy Director of Programme Management, ParlAmericas, commented that the seminar "fosters meaningful dialogue and learning on parliamentary procedure and operations, effective parliamentary work that meets the needs of all members of the population, and the range of support that parliamentarians can access to contribute to their work — both from within Parliament and through partners such as the CPA and ParlAmericas".

The three-day seminar is part of the CPA's broader mandate to support democratic resilience across the Commonwealth through education, exchange, and technical assistance. These sessions are designed to be participatory, encouraging dialogue among Parliamentarians and fostering a culture of cooperation and transparency.

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