



**Office of The Speaker  
Mauritius National Assembly**

**66<sup>th</sup> Conference of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association**

Hon Sooroojdev PHOKEER, GCSK, GOSK, Speaker of the National Assembly, is presently leading a parliamentary delegation comprising Hon Teenah JUTTON, MP, PPS and Hon John Michael Tzoun Sao Yeung SIK YUEN, MP, to participate in the 66<sup>th</sup> Conference of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA), in Accra, Ghana.

To mark the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Commonwealth Charter this year, the deliberations of the Conference revolved around the theme: *'The Commonwealth Charter 10 years on: Values and Principles for Parliaments to Uphold'*.

The 66<sup>th</sup> Conference of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association brought together over 500 delegates – Speakers/Presiding Officers, parliamentary staff and decision makers from across the Commonwealth countries to address critical issues facing today's Parliaments.

In his keynote address during the opening ceremony on Wednesday 04 October 2023, His Excellency Nana Addo Dankwa Akufo-Addo, President of the Republic of Ghana and Vice-Patron of the CPA underscored the need for Parliaments to come together and to foster international cooperation through diplomacy. The bid is to advocate for democracy, justice and human rights for all.

Participants had the opportunity to explore the following topical issues:

- The threat of terrorism to statehood: the role of Parliament
- Gender Quotas in Parliament – a means to an end?
- What does Sustainable trade and economic development mean for small jurisdictions?
- Youth Roundtable: Role of the Commonwealth in international security and peacebuilding
- Environmental approaches in tackling energy poverty
- 20 Years of the Latimer House Principles on the Separation of Powers: Is it working?
- The Commonwealth Charter: A Charter for all Human Rights, or just some?
- E-Parliaments: An effective mechanism for intersectional diversity and equitable public engagement?

The Conference will be concluded with the deliberations of the General Assembly on Thursday 05 October 2023.

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