

The Hon Speaker, Masizole Mngqasela, attended the 17th conference for Commonwealth Speakers and Presiding Officers in Kigali Rwanda from 23 to 27 November 2021. The theme for the conference was “African Parliaments in the 21st Century”.

During the conference, the Speaker of Cameroon was elected as the President of the Commonwealth Speaker and Presiding Officer’s Association. Cameroon will also be hosting the next conference.

The main discussion points during the conference were:

- Presiding Officers in a changing society: Strategies for floor management of radical dissent and minority government;
- Retooling Parliaments for effective and efficient oversight;
- The relevance of parliamentary immunity, powers and privileged: Country Experiences.

In the feedback from the Hon Speaker, it was found that there is a culture of not tracking the progress on the implementation of resolutions. There is a lack of reports and updates on the status of the implementation of the resolutions and the establishment of a tracking document/management instrument. This is a priority area for implementation and enhancement in the WCPP. The Speaker also undertook to share the discussions and learnings with the temporary chairpersons.