

From 22 to 29 September 2019, the 64th Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA) Conference took place in Kampala, Uganda. All the countries affiliated with the CPA worldwide are invited to participate in this annual conference that includes the main conference, the Commonwealth Women Parliamentarians (CWP) conference, a conference for smaller branches, as well as the conference for the Society of clerks at the Table (SoCATT) which deal with matters pertaining to parliamentary administration.

The WCPP delegation to this conference was led by the Hon Speaker, Masizole Mngqasela, accompanied by the Hon Deputy Speaker, Beverley Schäfer and Hon Members Wendy Philander and Rachel Windvogel. The Secretary, Romeo Adams, represented the WCPP at the SoCATT conference.

Deliberations at the SoCATT conference included discussions on:

- Paperless parliamentary systems;
- Impact of BREXIT on commonwealth states;
- The 4<sup>th</sup> Industrial Revolution;
- New public participation methods;
- The relationships between parliaments and the media; and
- Online training opportunities for parliamentary employees.

Ground breaking discussions at the CWP conference related to motions from New Zealand regarding equal representation of men and women at CPA conferences and other associated activities, as well as the delegate status of women Members attending the CWP conference in the main conference.

- In terms of the WCPP, the conference gave rise to the desire to explore the following:
- Liaison with the Welsh and Scottish parliaments on innovation and technology;
- Liaison with Trinidad and Tobago on innovations in the parliamentary library;
- Possible hardware that the WCPP can introduce in the WCPP chamber; and
- Possibility of wider exposure of Members to CPA activities.