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**18TH CONFERENCE OF SPEAKERS AND PRESIDING OFFICERS OF THE COMMONWEALTH,
AFRICA REGION
16-22 JULY 2023, YAOUNDÉ, CAMEROON**

The Hon Speaker, Daylin Mitchell, attended the 18th Conference of Speakers and Presiding Officers of the Commonwealth (CSPOC), Africa Region in Yaounde, Cameroon from 16-22 July 2023.



The theme of the conference was “African Parliaments and Agenda 2023”. The conference deliberated on four main topics:

1. The devastating impacts of climate change, a call for more parliamentary interventions.
2. The role of African Parliaments in the implementation of the African Continental Free Trade Area (AFCFTA)
3. Addressing the challenge of food security in Africa by promoting investments in Agriculture.
4. The role of Parliaments in Strengthening openness, transparency, and accountability.

At the conclusion of the event, it was announced that the 19th CSPOC will be hosted by the Parliament of Botswana.