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COMMONWEALTH WOMEN PARLIAMENTARIAN (CWP) WORKSHOP
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Two women parliamentarians attended a workshop organised by the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA) Women's Network. The workshop focused on the theme *"Parliamentarians as Drivers of Women's Economic Empowerment."*

The workshop focused on recognising the critical role that parliament plays in advancing democracy and promoting human rights. Within this context, the Commonwealth Women Parliamentarians (CWP) emphasised the importance of empowering women parliamentarians with the necessary tools to become effective lawmakers. The training also underscored the strategic use of parliamentary oversight to advance genuine gender equality. It was further acknowledged that the work of parliamentarians would be ineffective without the capacity to operationalise the mandates entrusted to them by the Constitution and affirmed when taking the oath.

The topics of discussion amongst the participants were:

- Inclusive and Effective Lawmaking and Oversight:
- Gender Sensitive Scrutiny of Bills and Laws
- Combatting Discriminatory Laws
- Women's Economic Empowerment: The Bahamas Case.