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SIERRA LEONE PARLIAMENT ELECTED TO SERVE AS WEST AFRICA REPRESENTATIVE OF CSPOC STANDING COMMITTEE 2026-2028

The Sierra Leone Parliament has achieved a significant milestone, being elected as West Africa's representative of the Standing Committee of the Conference of Speakers and Presiding Officers of the Commonwealth (CSPOC) for the period spanning from 2026-2028.

This prestigious recognition was bestowed upon the Parliament during the 28th Conference of Speakers and Presiding Officers of the Commonwealth (CSPOC), held in New Delhi, India from January 14 to 17, this year.

The conference, attended by 61 Speakers and Presiding Officers from 42 Commonwealth countries, focused on strengthening democratic institutions, modernizing parliamentary practices, and promoting citizens engagement.

Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi inaugurated the event, and emphasized India's commitment to democratic values and cooperation.

Following this significant election, the Rt. Hon. Segepoh Solomon Thomas, Speaker of the Parliament of Sierra Leone, will represent West Africa in the next Steering Committee meeting in Barbados in August 2026.

The Sierra Leone delegation to the 28th CSPOC in New Delhi, India, representing the Rt. Hon. Speaker, Segepoh Solomon Thomas, comprised Hon. Daniel Koroma, Deputy Leader of the Opposition, Gilbert Bosco N'habay, Deputy Clerk of Parliament, and Hon. Fatmata Bintu Bockarie, Deputy Chair of the Mines Committee.

Hon. Daniel Brima Koroma, Deputy Leader of the Opposition, led the Sierra Leone Parliament Delegation to the CSPOC in New Delhi, India. The delegation also had a close-door meeting with the Rt. Hon. Speaker of the Indian Parliament, and discussed issues relating to the establishment of a Sierra Leone-India Parliamentary Friendship Group and the need for the urgent establishment of an embassy in India.

This election has underscored Sierra Leone's growing influence in regional and international parliamentary fora.

The CSPOC was aimed at promoting the emergence of impartial and independent presiding officers, promoting parliamentary democracy, and strengthening institutions across member states.

The 28th CSPOC discussed key topics, including AI in parliament, social media impact, and security measures for parliamentarians.

The event concluded with a renewed commitment to transparency, inclusivity, and accountability in democratic governance.

The Sierra Leone Parliament's election to the Standing Committee is a testament to its dedication to parliamentary excellence and regional cooperation. This role will enable the Sierra Leone Parliament to contribute to shaping Commonwealth parliamentary practices and procedure.

The CSPOC which was established in 1969, provides a platform for Speakers and Presiding Officers to share experiences and best practices. Sierra Leone's election reflects its commitment to democratic values and strengthens its position in international parliamentary diplomacy.

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