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Staff from Parliament Complete Groundbreaking Senior Legislative Management Course (SLMC).



The Director General PJS, Mr. Clement Nyandiere EBS (third from Left) and the Executive Director CPST, Prof. Nyokabi Kamau EBS (third from right), pose for a photo with the first cohort of participants of the Senior Legislative Management Course.

In a significant step towards strengthening capacity of parliamentary officers, forty middle management staff successfully completed an innovative four-week Senior Legislative Management course at the CPST. This pioneering program marks a new chapter in the Parliamentary Service Commission's commitment to excellence, setting a precedent for future leadership development initiatives

The comprehensive training program delivered in four modules; Public Finance Management, Legislative Procedures, and the intricate process of transforming policies into legislation. Participants showcased their newly acquired expertise through rigorous examinations and detailed project presentations, demonstrating practical applications of the learning journey.

The program brought together a diverse group of forty officers from various services and directorates within the Commission. These participants benefited from the wealth of knowledge shared by expert facilitators, including distinguished Parliamentary Service Directors and seasoned professionals from

various Government agencies, creating a rich learning environment.

While opening the training, CPST's Executive Director, Prof. Nyokabi Kamau, EBS, emphasized the program's dual impact. "This isn't just about learning — it's about building bridges between departments," she remarked. Prof. Kamau highlighted how the mandatory courses serve as a unifying force, bring-

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ing together officers from different departments while enhancing their professional capabilities. This approach, she noted, perfectly aligns with the Commission's vision of fostering a democratic, people-centered Parliament.

Mr. Clement Nyandiere, EBS, Director General of Parliamentary Joint Services, provided valuable insights into the strategic significance of the course. He emphasised that the training initiative formed a critical component of the PSC's succession planning strategy, carefully designed to prepare officers for future senior

leadership positions. This forward-thinking approach ensures continuity and excellence in parliamentary services for years to come.

Adding to the programme's significance, Mr. Mohammed Ali, MBS, the Deputy Clerk of the Senate, speaking on behalf of the Clerk of the Senate/Secretary PSC, highlighted the programme's role as a vital platform for knowledge exchange. He emphasized how the collaborative environment would enable officers to share ideas and best practices, ultimately leading to enhanced service delivery.

CPST Advances Parliamentary Excellence: A Year in Review and Future Outlook on Training Programmes for Members of Parliament



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Hon. John Kiaire M.P. (bottom, right) making his remarks during the presentation session by the Executive Director CPST Prof. Nyokabi Kamau EBS (top) at the National Assembly's Liaison Committee meeting

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In an address to the National Assembly's Liaison Committee, the Centre's Executive Director, Prof. Nyokabi Kamau, EBS, highlighted the Centre's pivotal role in strengthening parliamentary capacity and governance. Her presentation underscored CPST's unwavering dedication to fostering excellence in Parliamentary Service.

The Centre marked a significant accomplishment during the 3rd Session, successfully delivering comprehensive training programs to five Parliamentary Committees. This achievement reflects CPST's commitment to enhancing the effectiveness of parliamentary operations through targeted capacity building.

Looking ahead, CPST has developed an extensive training portfolio for Members in the Fourth Session of the 13th Parliament. The upcoming programs showcase an impressive range of collaborations and specialized courses. In an exciting partnership with the National Defense College, CPST will offer a cutting-edge program on National Security and National Interest, addressing critical contemporary challenges. Members can look forward to intensive training in Strategic Negotiation and Communication Skills, designed specifically to boost legislative effectiveness.

thorough course on Leveraging Parliamentary Procedures will also strengthen members' capabilities in representation, legislation, and oversight functions.

Building on this robust lineup, the Centre will provide advanced training in Evidence-Based Public Policy Formulation, ensuring that decisions are grounded in solid research and data. A prestigious program, developed in partnership with McGill University, further enhance the offerings: Parliamentary Practices, which includes a specialized Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment Programme (GEWE) designed specifically for Women Legislators and stakeholders interested in promoting gender equality in the Parliamentary process, offering fresh perspectives on modern parliamentary challenges.

At its core, CPST remains dedicated to its fundamental mission: creating a more dynamic, responsive, and accountable parliamentary system. This vision is brought to life through innovative learning approaches, research-driven insights, and Strategic partnerships with leading institutions worldwide.

The Centre Hosts a Delegation from the Embassy of Ireland in Kenya.

The CPST recently welcomed a delegation from the Embassy of Ireland to Kenya, led by Ms. Siobhán Miley, the Governance Lead in the Policy Unit. This significant visit marked a promising step forward in the Centre's pursuit of Strategic Pillar IV, which focuses on fostering meaningful partnerships and collaborations.

During the visit, both parties delved into discussions on issues of governance and explored exciting opportunities for collaboration in capacity building and inclusive governance. Of particular interest was the potential to strengthen connections between European and African Parliaments, with CPST's proven track record in regional capacity-building positioning it as an ideal partner for such initiatives.

Prof. Nyokabi Kamau, EBS, Executive Director of CPST, emphasized the unwavering dedication to developing robust

governance frameworks that enhance parliamentary effectiveness. The visit not only showcased CPST's capabilities but also laid the groundwork for future collaborations that could benefit both Irish and Kenyan parliamentary systems, as well as the broader



The Executive Director of CPST, Prof. Nyokabi Kamau EBS (first from right), and the leader of the delegation from the Embassy of Ireland to Kenya, Ms. Siobhán Miley (second from right), pose for a photo with the Irish delegation at the CPST Offices in Nairobi.

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African region.

The successful engagement with the Irish Embassy delegation represents another step forward in CPST's mission to build international partnerships that enhance parliamentary democracy and governance across borders. This promising dialogue opens new avenues for knowledge exchange and mutual growth in parliamentary development

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The Executive Director CPST, Prof Nyokabi Kamau, EBS (left), presents the CPST Symposium Manuscript- Public Participation: The Big Question for Legislature, to Ms. Siobhán Miley during the Embassy's visit to the CPST Town Campus

CPST Hosts the Secretary to the Cabinet of the Republic of Namibia

In a significant step towards strengthening inter-African parliamentary cooperation, the CPST recently hosted Dr. George Simataa, Secretary to the Cabinet from the Republic of Namibia. This distinguished visit marked a significant milestone in fostering collaboration between African parliaments in the areas of parliamentary governance and capacity building.

During the enlightening exchange, meaningful discussions centred on enhancing service delivery to Members of Parliament, staff, and the general public. Dr. George Wakah, CPST's Director of Administration, Finance and Corporate Affairs, provided comprehensive insights into the Centre's vision and its core mandate, highlighting the institution's commitment to excellence in parliamentary training.

Dr. Simataa observed the Centre's innovative training methodologies in action. In a valuable exchange of expertise, the Namibian delegation shared insights from their country's governance and training approaches, offering fresh perspectives that CPST could potentially incorporate into its programs.

This collaborative engagement between Kenya and Namibia exemplifies the power of regional partnerships in advancing parliamentary excellence. The exchange of knowledge and best practices during the visit reinforced the importance of cross-border cooperation in strengthening our democratic institutions and fostering innovation in parliamentary training methodologies. Such partnerships continue to play a critical role in enhancing the quality of parliamentary service across Africa.



The Director of Administration, Finance, and Corporate Affairs, Dr. George Wakah (Right), presents the CPST Symposium Manuscript on "Effective Public Participation: The Big Question for Legislatures" to Dr. George Simataa (Left), Secretary to the Cabinet of the Republic of Namibia, during his visit to the CPST Town Campus.



Dr. George Simataa (First from Right), the Secretary to the Cabinet of the Republic of Namibia, led discussions during his visit to the CPST.

Capacity-building programme for members of the Senate County Public Accounts Committee

The CPST successfully concluded an intensive, week-long capacity-building program for the Senate County Public Accounts Committee (CPAC), marking another milestone in strengthening parliamentary oversight capabilities. This comprehensive training initiative, conducted in partnership with the Senate, was specifically designed to enhance the Committee's effectiveness in fulfilling its constitutional mandate of protecting the country's interests through financial oversight.

Under the dynamic leadership of Committee Chairperson, Hon. Sen. Moses Kajwang, participants engaged in an enriching program that focused on advanced techniques for committee inquiries and the intricacies of the budget-making process. Sen. Kajwang emphasized the vital importance of ongoing capacity building for CPAC and other Senate committees, highlighting how such training directly contributes to more effective parliamentary oversight.

The program, aligned with both CPST mandates and the Parliamentary Service Commission's strategic plan 2019-2030, took an innovative approach by incorporating international best practices in committee strategies and reporting mechanisms. Adding significant value to the training was the participation of officers

from the Office of the Auditor General, who shared crucial insights into emerging audit trends and challenges.

As part of their experiential learning, the Members of the Committee paid a courtesy call to the Secretary General of the East African Community, H.E. Veronica M. Nduva, CBS. This meeting provided a platform for enlightening discussions on regional public finance management, public sector reform, cross-border trade integration, and the importance of regional cooperation in audit oversight.

Prof. Nyokabi Kamau, EBS, Executive Director of CPST, expressed her gratitude to both the Committee Chairperson for choosing CPST as their capacity-building partner and to the Clerk of the Senate for the ongoing collaboration in delivering high-quality training programmes. This successful initiative underscores the Centre's commitment to enhancing parliamentary effectiveness through targeted training opportunities for both members and staff of Parliament, ultimately contributing to better governance and protection of county interests, as mandated by Article 96 of the Constitution.



Members of the Senate County Public Accounts Committee while attending a training session



Members of the Senate County Public Accounts Committee, led by the Chairperson, Hon. Sen. Moses Kajwang (first from right), pay a courtesy call to the Secretary-General of the East African Community, HE. HE. Veronica M. Nduva, CBS, during their training.

Parliamentary Procedure and Law-Making Programme: A Training Programme for Clerk Assistants from Kitui County Assembly.

The CPST concluded a comprehensive week-long training program for twenty (20) Clerk Assistants from the Kitui County Assembly at its town campus. The participants, drawn from the Assembly's legislative and committee services departments, underwent intensive training designed to sharpen their skills in supporting Members of the County Assembly in their constitutional duties.

The program covered crucial aspects of parliamentary procedures and law-making, equipping the participants with practical

knowledge in several key areas. This included essential topics such as motion processing, parliamentary powers and privileges, and the intricacies of Kenya's devolved system of government. Participants also received valuable training in administrative skills, including Table Office management, developing office work plans and almanacs, and advanced report writing techniques.

Through hands-on sessions and practical exercises, the Clerk Assistants gained invaluable insights into legislative processes, building their confidence in handling the complex demands of procedural management and law-making at the County level.



Clerk assistants from Kitui County Assembly pose for a photo after successfully completing the Parliamentary Procedure and Law-Making Programme at the CPST Town Campus.

This practical approach ensures that the knowledge gained can be immediately applied in their daily work at the County Assembly.

While closing the training, Ms. Linet Misati, CPST's Deputy Director of Administration, Finance and Corporate Affairs, en-

couraged the participants to actively implement their newly acquired knowledge and skills in their daily responsibilities. She emphasized how their enhanced capabilities would contribute to the efficient operation of the Kitui County Assembly while maintaining the highest legislative standards.

CPST Experience Sharing at Inaugural SADC Parliamentary Training Institutes Roundtable.

The Centre showcased its exemplary training model at the first-ever online Roundtable of Capacity Building and Training Institutions for SADC Parliaments, hosted by the Parliamentary Academy of the National Assembly of Angola. This prestigious invitation reflects CPST's growing reputation as a benchmark institution for parliamentary training across the African continent.

The virtual gathering brought together Parliamentary Training Institutions from across Africa, including notable participation from the National Institute for Legislative and Democratic Studies (NILDS) of Nigeria and the Parliamentary Training Institute of Ghana. The event commenced with a warm welcome from Mr. Pedro Agostinho de Neri, Secretary-General of the National Assembly of Angola, followed by a presentation of objectives by Mr. Vueba Antonio, Deputy Director-General for Capacity and Training at the Parliamentary Academy of Angola.

The roundtable featured three panel discussions that explored key aspects of parliamentary training. These sessions explored

comprehensive curriculum frameworks for capacity-building programs, strategies for ensuring inclusive training approaches and best practices in managing Parliamentary Training Institutions (PTIs). CPST's presentation stood out as it detailed the institution's clear mandate, strategic direction, innovative curriculum structure, and unique training methodology. The presentation also highlighted the Centre's organizational model and financial sustainability framework, offering valuable insights that could benefit other PTIs across the continent.

The Centre's participation underscores its position as a leading institution in parliamentary training, with many SADC parliaments expressing keen interest in adopting its successful methodologies and institutional practices. The institution's proven track record in regional training has established it as a model of excellence that others seek to emulate.

This inaugural roundtable marks a significant step forward in strengthening collaboration among parliamentary training institutions across Africa, with CPST playing a pivotal role in shaping the future of parliamentary capacity building on the continent.



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WEBINAR CALENDAR-FINANCIAL YEAR 2024/2025				
SNo.	Topic	Date	Target Audience	Facilitators
1.	Public Participation and Its Implications on Parliamentary Democracy: Strengthening Legislation for Enhanced Governance.	28 th April, 2025	Legislators, legislative staff, and the Public.	CPST and IPU
2.	The role of legislatures in Public Debt Management: Local and Global perspectives	May, 2025	Legislators, legislative staff, and the Public.	CPST



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