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Belize Participates in Caribbean Regional Workshop on Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Digital Solutions for Parliamentary Modernization

- Tuesday, 15th September 2026 – A small delegation from the Office of the Clerk participated in the Caribbean Regional Workshop, “Applying AI and Digital Solutions to Modernize Parliamentary Practice,” held from 12th –13th September 2026 at Florida International University in Miami, Florida, United States of America. Representing the Office of the Clerk were **Mr. Manuel Grant, Acting Deputy Clerk to the National Assembly, and Ms. Tiarrah Bedran, Parliamentary Officer I**. Both representatives actively participated in the workshop’s discussions, practical exercises and knowledge-sharing sessions.

The regional workshop provided parliamentary staff from across the Caribbean with an interactive learning experience focused on modernizing legislative operations through artificial intelligence and other digital solutions. Through presentations, demonstrations and collaborative exercises, participants examined how emerging technologies can improve institutional efficiency, strengthen information management, preserve legislative records and expand public access to parliamentary information. Particular emphasis was placed on the practical and responsible adoption of Artificial Intelligence (AI) within parliamentary institutions.

The Acting Deputy Clerk, Mr. Manuel Grant, was a panellist on the session entitled “Legislative Digitization Standards”. His interventions focused on the importance of common data standards, interoperability and the long-term preservation of legislative documents. He also led a working-group presentation and discussion on AI policies.

The workshop was convened by the House Democracy Partnership, a bi-partisan commission of the US House of Representatives, in collaboration with ParlAmericas, network of 35 national legislatures of the Americas and the POPVOX Foundation, a non-profit organization whose focus is to help democratic institutions with technological advancements. Sessions addressed document digitization, data quality, cybersecurity, information management, legislative data standards, commercially available AI tools and the development of shared digital resources for Caribbean parliaments. Participants were also introduced to the progress of the POPVOX Foundation’s Digital Parliaments Project Initiative and its ParLink comprehensive AI-powered platform being designed for legislatures.

The Office of the Clerk’s participation provided an important opportunity to exchange experiences with regional counterparts, strengthen institutional knowledge and identify practical tools that can improve efficiency, continuity and public access to parliamentary information in Belize using emerging technical tools.

The participation costs for both delegates attending the workshop were met by ParlAmericas.

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