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Deputy Speaker Attends CPA UK and UNESCO Caribbean AI Workshop

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The Deputy Speaker of the House of Assembly of the Virgin Islands, Honourable Dr. Karl Dawson, attended the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA) United Kingdom (UK) and The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) Caribbean Artificial Intelligence (AI) Workshop in Anguilla from 21-24 June. Parliamentarians from across the Caribbean and the United Kingdom gathered to examine the growing role of artificial intelligence in parliamentary work and public administration.

The workshop provided an important platform for legislators to share experiences on the use of AI in their respective parliaments, while also considering the legislative and governance implications of emerging technologies. Hon. Dr. Dawson's participation underscored the House of Assembly's commitment to strengthening institutional capacity and keeping pace with global technological developments.

Commenting on the workshop, Honourable Dawson noted that the session offered valuable insight into how artificial intelligence can support parliamentary efficiency, legislative review, and public service delivery. He said,

"The exchange of ideas among legislators was timely and necessary as governments continue to adapt to the rapid advancement of digital technologies."

The workshop also included a legislative review exercise focused on AI and related laws, including data protection, cybersecurity, digital procurement, and online safety. Participants were encouraged to examine how existing legal frameworks may need to evolve to address the opportunities and risks presented by artificial intelligence.

Honourable Dr. Dawson's attendance at the workshop reflects the Virgin Islands' continued engagement in regional and international dialogue on innovation, governance, and responsible digital transformation in parliament.

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