



**Media Release
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North West Provincial Legislature to Host the 6th Commonwealth Youth Parliament

The North West Provincial Legislature as a member of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA) will be hosting the 6th Commonwealth Youth Parliament from the 03 – 08 November 2014 at the Legislature Chamber under the theme; ***“Deepening the Commonwealth’s Commitment to Democracy and Youth Development”***.

The International Youth Parliament is an opportunity for our Commonwealth Young People to experience aspects of Parliamentary Democracy. It provides a platform for them to establish links with like-minded peers and it forms part of the CPA’s promotion of the Commonwealth and the concept of parliamentary democracy to young people.

The main objective of the CPA Youth Parliament is to educate participants about the Commonwealth and to demonstrate how Parliaments are able to make legislation; to debate matters of national and international importance; to demand accountability from those in government; to discuss legislation in committees; and to change government without recourse to civil disorder.

Youth from the commonwealth countries, whose ages range between 18 – 29, will participate in the discussions. A long programme that includes a mock parliament session and tours around the province has been developed.

A total of 25 Branches representing 7 of the 9 Regions of the CPA are due to participate together with some members of the Executive Committee.



Countries that will participate are as follows;

South Africa	Australia
Malawi	Jersey
Kenya	Isle of Man
Ghana	Falkland Islands
Seychelles	Norfolk Islands
Zambia	United Kingdom
Pakistan	Scotland
Sri-lanka	Trinidad and Tobago
Maldives	Guyana
Barbados	India
Cook Islands	Tonga
Tuvalu	Malaysia
Tanzania	

Members of the media interested to attend, should submit their names by filling in the template attached and send back no later than **Thursday 30 October at 13h00.**

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