

Media Statement

The KwaZulu-Natal Legislature will host a United Kingdom (UK) delegation of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA) from the 8th to the 9th October 2008. The UK delegation is visiting South African Legislatures to forge and strengthen relations and parliamentary cooperation as well as sharing of experiences.

All South African Legislatures are members of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association, an international body comprising of former British colonies. The CPA seeks to promote knowledge and understanding about parliamentary democracy and respect for the rule of law and individual rights and freedoms.

The UK delegation arrived in Cape Town on October 05 2008 where they met the South African CPA Branch representatives at National Parliament. They also held meetings with certain Portfolio Committees and the Western Cape Housing MEC and visited the N2 Gateway Housing Project and HIV/AIDS treatment centres.

On the first day of their visit to the KZN Legislature (October 08), the CPA UK delegation will hold meetings with the KZN CPA Branch representatives to be led by Hon. Sam Mtetwa, Chairperson of Committees. They will also meet with MECs for Housing, Education and Social Development to discuss social services issues and the challenges facing KwaZulu-Natal in this regard. The delegation will further visit schools with special needs around Pietermaritzburg as well as the Moses Mabhida Stadium in Durban.

On the following day the delegation will depart for Gauteng province to visit Gauteng Legislature. They will also hold meetings with the Gauteng CPA Branch and other relevant MECs responsible for Housing, Education and Social Development. They will tour various facilities including the 2010 Organising Committee Headquarters, the Soccer City Stadium and SOWETO.

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