# 32<sup>nd</sup> Small Branches Conference

### Colombo, Sri Lanka 9<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> September 2012

### 1<sup>st</sup> Plenary Session

Ensuring Adequate Parliamentary Scrutiny of Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Plenary Session

The Impact of the Informal Economy on Economic Diversification in Small States.

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Plenary Session

Strategies to Increase Women's Representation in Parliaments in Small States.

### **4**<sup>th</sup> Plenary Session

Measuring Progress and Well-being beyond GDP in Small States.

## 58<sup>th</sup> Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference Colombo, Sri Lanka

7-15 September 2012

#### **Theme:**

Ensuring a Relevant Commonwealth for the Future

#### **Opening Plenary:**

Address by the CPA Secretary General and the Commonwealth Secretary General

#### **Workshops:**

- A. Empowering Future Generation through Access to Health and Education and Vocational Training.
- B. Should the Commonwealth Establish a Commissioner for Democracy, the Rule of Law and Human Rights?
- C. The Politics of Constitution-Making, the Role of Parliaments in Relation to the People.
- D. Ensuring Adequate Parliamentary Scrutiny of Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs.
- E. The Role of Parliamentarians in Conflict Resolution and Peace-Building.
- F. Engaging Political Parties to Improve Gender-responsive Governance.
- G. Terrorism The Threat to Democracy, Peace and Security.
- H. Tackling Youth Unemployment.