



Parliament of Rwanda



**OUTLINE PROGRAMME FOR THE COMMONWEALTH WOMEN PARLIAMENTARIANS -CWP
REGIONAL SENSITIZATION WORKSHOP:**

Kigali, Rwanda

19 – 23 May 2025

The Commonwealth Women Parliamentarians -CWP Regional Sensitization Workshop will be held at the Parliamentary Building, Kigali. Rwanda Branch is thrilled to welcome all the participants to the country of a Thousand Hills. We look forward to fruitful discussions during the three-day workshop.

DAY & DATE	ACTIVITY
MONDAY 19 May 2025	Arrival of regional delegates and participants (All day)
DAY 1	OPENING CEREMONY
TUESDAY 20 May 2025	09:00 – 09h45: Opening ceremony <ul style="list-style-type: none">- National Anthem of Rwanda- Commonwealth Women Parliamentarians Anthem- Welcome Remarks by Hon. Ndangiza Madina, MP (Rwanda), Chairperson CWP Africa Region- Remarks by Hon. Morakane Mosupye Audrey, Speaker Gauteng Provincial Legislature- Opening Remarks by the Rt. Hon. Kazarwa Gertrude, Speaker of the Parliament of Rwanda, Chamber of Deputies.

	<p>Group Photo</p>
	<p>10:00 – 10:30: Refreshment/ Health Break</p>
	<p>GENDER TRANSFORMATIVE LEGISLATION</p>
	<p>10:35 – 12:25: Presentation and Discussion</p> <p><u>Topic One:</u> Harnessing the Effectiveness of Women Parliamentarians in National and Regional Development.</p> <p>Presenter: Hon. Bernadette Wuyatta Songa, MP (Sierra Leone) Moderator Hon. Gihana Donatha, MP (Rwanda).</p>
	<p>12:30 – 14:00: Lunch Break</p>
	<p>14:00-15:30: Presentation and Discussion</p> <p><u>Topic Two:</u> Enacting Complementary Legislation that supports the Implementation of Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment</p> <p>Presenter 1: Hon. Senator Usta Kaitesi, MP (Rwanda) Presenter 2: Rt.Hon. Nontembeko Nothembahon Boyce, Speaker, KwaZulu Natal Province (South Africa) Moderator: Hon. Dr Beatrice Adagala, MP (Kenya)</p>
DAY 2	INSTITUTIONAL MECHANISMS
<p>WEDNESDAY 21 May 2025</p>	<p>09:00 – 09:15: Recap of Day 1</p> <p>This session will begin with reflections on discussions and activities that were held on Day 1</p> <p>09:15-10:45: Presentation and Discussion</p> <p><u>Topic Three:</u> Establishing Institutional Mechanisms for Gender Accountability</p> <p>Presenter 1. Umutoni Gatsinzi Nadine, Chief Gender Monitor (Rwanda) Presenter 2. Hon. Helaria Mukapuli, MP (Namibia). Moderator: Hon. Senator Linda Nxumalo, MP (Eswatini)</p>
	<p>10:45-11:15: Refreshment/Health Break</p>

	<p>11:15-12:45: Presentation and Discussion</p> <p><u>Topic Four:</u> Using Emerging Technologies: Artificial Intelligence (AI) to ensure effective Parliaments in Africa</p> <p>Presenter: Hon. Paula Ingabire, Minister of ICT and Innovation (Rwanda) Moderator: Hon. Unity Dow, MP (Botswana)</p>
	12:30 – 14:00: Lunch Break
	14:00-16:00: Visit to Kigali Genocide Memorial Site (Gisozi)
DAY 3	WORKSHOP AND CLOSURE
THURSDAY 22 May 2025	<p>10:00 – 11:00: Resolutions Committee</p> <p>11:00 – 11:30: Adoption of Workshop Resolutions</p>
	<p>11:35 – 12:00: End of Workshop Participants will share their feedback on the workshop and complete a post-workshop survey.</p> <p>12:00-12:10: Vote of Thanks</p>
	12:10-12:25: Closing Remarks by Hon. Solina Nyirahabimana, the Vice President of the Senate, Rwanda.
	12:30– 14:00: Lunch Break
	Free time
	14:30-16:30: Visit to the Museum of the Campaign Against Genocide
	19:00-21:00: Closing Dinner
FRIDAY 23 May 2025	Official Departure