SUPPORT TO DEMOCRACY IN BURKINA FASO

the PROJECT...

Support to democracy in Burkina Faso is focused on strengthening the capacity of the National Assembly of Burkina Faso through a multi-faceted and targeted support for the 127 MPs and the parliamentary staff that assist them to perform their functions of representation, legislation and oversight in a more effective, transparent and responsible manner. It also seeks to help facilitate coordination and collaboration between the donors and implementing partners that work with the Assembly to avoid duplication of efforts and to maximize the benefits. To help empower and build local ownership of results, the project works closely with locally based organizations and experts. All activities are carried out in a participatory and inclusive manner so that the specific needs of parliamentarians and parliamentary staff can be met.

the BACKGROUND...

Burkina Faso is currently experiencing a democratic renewal that saw its light as a result of the popular uprisings of 2014. These events, where the citizens demanded to be at the centre of the country’s development, led to the overthrow of the ruling government. Following a transition period, the successful November 2015 elections saw a new National Assembly, intent to improve its capacity to carry out its functions more effectively and transparently. The Canadian Government has shown its commitment to accompany Burkina Faso in its efforts towards democracy by signing a bilateral agreement between the two governments. The project to support the National Assembly, for which the Parliamentary Centre is the implementing agency, falls under this commitment.

the TARGETED SUPPORT...

This project targets the specific needs of the MPs and parliamentary staff, and meets them through:

◆ Practical trainings meeting the specific needs of MPs and parliamentary staff in areas such as parliamentary research, legislative procedure, gender-sensitive budgeting and good governance of mining resources; all organized in tailor made capacity building plans.

◆ The development of procedural and administrative manuals contributing to improvement of the National Assembly internal management practices, transparency and accountability.

◆ Peer exchanges on best practices and lessons learned with MPs from partner countries, as well as engagement workshops with other governance actors in order to improve their dialogue and cooperation.

◆ Practical engagement activities that build bridges between the Assembly and the citizens on key social issues that affect their lives, and a gender-sensitive awareness building plan on citizen engagement and public consultation for MPs’ outreach work.
the TESTIMONIALS...

«... We worked as a team, with a participatory approach ... and we came up with a result that made everyone proud».

«In two days we were able to develop our operational plan and identify 18 projects and 182 activities to accomplish our strategic plan».

«This strategic plan will serve as a compass to the institution for the next four years ... All five parliamentary groups, six general committees and each department are represented, so we are developing a participatory and effective strategic plan».

the PARLIAMENTARY CENTRE...

is a Canadian, not-for-profit, non-partisan organization, celebrating 50 years in 2018 as one of the leading and longest serving organizations dedicated to strengthening parliamentary democracy in Canada and around the world. Our assessments, strategic planning and training programs, combined with research products and networking channels, help legislatures and related stakeholders measure their performance, build capacity, tackle key issues and promote mutual learning.

In short, our mission is to support legislatures in their lawmaking, oversight and representatives roles to better serve the people they represent.