

Ways to  
participate in the  
**World e-Parliament  
Conference 2016**

**#eParliament**



# Participating in the World e-Parliament Conference

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The World e-Parliament Conference takes place on 28-30 June 2016. Around 350 people are expected to travel to Valparaiso, where the conference will be hosted by the Chilean Chamber of Deputies.

Whether you will be at the conference or following proceedings from home, there are many ways to participate. This document outlines some of them:

- Twitter
- Live streaming
- Innovation Board
- Hackathon
- Unconference

For more information, please contact [wepr2016@ipu.org](mailto:wepr2016@ipu.org) or visit the conference web site [www.wepc2016.org](http://www.wepc2016.org)

## Twitter #eParliament

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In the lead up to, and during, the conference be sure to follow the #eParliament hashtag on Twitter.

- Share news of your latest e-Parliament developments in your country
- Comment on conference sessions
- Engage your network in discussions taking place at the conference

## Live streaming

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Conference sessions will be live streamed, and video archives will be available online after the conference.

Details of how to access the live stream will be published on the conference web site, [www.wepc2016.org](http://www.wepc2016.org)

# Innovation Board

The [Innovation Board](#) is an online place for parliaments to share stories and showcase their recently implemented innovations.

Take this opportunity to let other parliaments know about new software, tools or processes in your parliament.

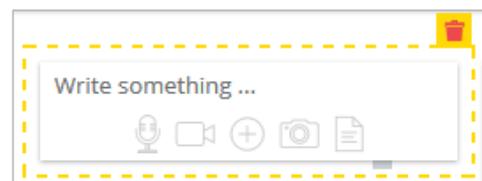
The Innovation Board is \*open\* during the entire month of June, in the lead up to the Conference, and will remain open during the Conference.

Parliaments can add any type of innovation, but ideally there should be a link to the themes of the Conference, such as “parliamentary websites”, “open data”, “citizen participation” etc.



## How to add a story to the Innovation Board

- 1) Go to [www.wepc2016.org](http://www.wepc2016.org), “Innovation Board”
- 2) Double click inside the board; this opens a dialogue box (see figure →)
- 3) Give your story a good title. Add a couple of sentences about the innovation, and a web link or picture. To save the story, click (one time) outside the dialogue box
- 4) After adding your story, IPU receives an automatic notification, and will review the story and publish it on the board.



## Guidelines

- Titles should contain the name of the parliament and the subject of the innovation. The title should read like a headline, for example: *“Parliament of Egypt introduces Tablets for MPs”*, or *“Swedish Parliament launches Open Data portal”*
- The story itself (in a couple of sentences) should say:
  - o what the innovation is;
  - o when it was implemented;
  - o where (e.g. which department, section, part of building);
  - o for whom it was implemented i.e. who are the user(s);
  - o the overall benefits for both users and parliament.
- Add a picture, a document, website link, a link to a YouTube video, etc, to make your story more appealing
- If you have more than one innovation to share, please post them as different stories.

If you have any questions, please contact us at: [wepr2016@ipu.org](mailto:wepr2016@ipu.org)

# Hackathon

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A Global Legislative Hackathon will take place in parallel to the conference proceedings.

## *What's a Hackathon?*

The Hackathon will develop new prototypes and improve existing tools for parliamentary data and citizen participation.

Civil society (e.g. PMO coders and hackers) and parliaments (e.g. IT staff from parliaments) will collaborate to:

- develop prototype applications for visualizing legislative data so that it is easier for citizens to understand what parliament does,
- create tools for citizen participation so people can get involved in the work of parliament.

Some participants will be at the conference in Valparaiso; other will work remotely from their home country.

The Hackathon's working languages will be English and Spanish. The Hackathon will be led by Mr. Cristiano Ferri, from the HackerLab of the Chamber of Deputies of Brazil.

## *How to take part in the Hackathon*

Parliaments can take part in a number of ways:

- 1) send one or more IT staff members to attend the Hackathon (register [here](#))
- 2) delegate parliamentary IT staff to talk part remotely, from their home country
- 3) provide legislative datasets for Hackathon participants to work on

During the World e-Parliament Conference, all conference participants are invited to drop in to the room where the Hackathon is taking place to find out more. Cristiano Ferri and his team will be pleased to explain how you can set up a hackathon in your own parliament.

For the Hackathon registration, rules and more information, see <http://wepc2016.org/en/hackathon-wepc2016>

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# Unconference

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On the morning of 30 June, the Unconference takes place at the World e-Parliament Conference 2016.

## *What's an Unconference?*

The Unconference is a space on the agenda, which conference participants can fill with the topics that are not on the official programme, but which they think it is important to discuss. The Unconference is a wonderful opportunity to get advice and seek input from your peers.

6-8 Unconference sessions will take place in parallel, in small groups of 20-30 people. The sessions will be run by the parliament that has proposed the topic. Sessions will normally last about one hour. No interpretation will be available during the Unconference sessions.

All parliaments can propose topics to the conference organizers. During the conference, participants will be invited to vote on which topics should be allocated time and space on the Conference agenda.

Unconference topics can be anything that a parliament wants to talk about, from the most specific to the most general, from practical to political. For example:

- “My parliament wants to start using XML. What should I do?”
- “Has your parliament already experienced a cybersecurity breach, and how did you handle it?”

## *How to propose a topic for the Unconference*

- 1) Submit a proposal for a topic using this form: <http://fluidsurveys.com/s/unconference/>
- 2) Identify clearly what the session would be about, who you expect to participate (is it is policy discussion? A technical discussion?), and what you would like to achieve.
- 3) Proposals should be submitted by 20 June 2016.
- 4) The organizers will publish a list of proposed topics, and invite participants to vote for what interest them most. Accordingly, the organizers will allocate slots on the Unconference agenda and inform the parliaments that proposed the topic.

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