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Finance and Trade

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Panel discussion *Taking forward the IPU resolution entitled “Engaging the private sector in implementing the SDGs, especially on renewable energy”*

*Wednesday, 17 October 2018 (4.30. – 6.30 p.m.)
Rooms 3 & 4, level 0, CICC*

Concept note

The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development has laid the foundation for an all-inclusive sustainable development process whose success depends on the active engagement of all stakeholders. The private sector has a critical role to play in this regard. As a key provider of capital and employment, and as an engine of technological development and innovation, it can support economic growth, social inclusion and environmental protection.

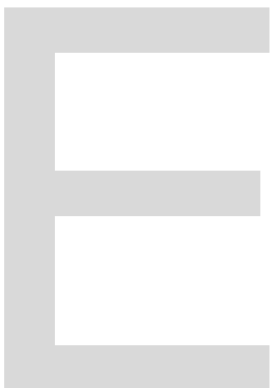
The 138th IPU Assembly adopted a resolution that provides important guidance to parliaments on how they can play their part in engaging the private sector to promote access to renewable energy. In light of the dramatic impact of climate change on the planet and human well-being, there is an urgent need for parliaments to take action on renewable energy. Lack of reliable, clean and affordable energy is also a key obstacle to development, as billions of people lack access to electricity or cooking fuel.

The panel discussion will address the following questions:

- What are the latest scientific and political developments in the field of renewable energy?
- What kind of parliamentary action has proven to be effective in supporting transition to renewable energy? What examples of good practice can be shared?
- How can the IPU resolution assist parliamentarians in their work on renewable energy?

Chair: Ms. Wafaa Bani Mustafa, Standing Committee Vice-President

Speakers: Mr. Thomas Pringle, MP, Ireland
Ms. Sandra Lozo and Ms. Marina de Blonay, International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA)



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