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For the attention of all IPU Groups

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Dear Madam President,  
Dear Mr. President,

I am pleased to invite your parliament to participate in the ninth World e-Parliament Conference, which will be hosted virtually as an online event from 16 to 18 June 2021.

The World e-Parliament Conference is the leading international forum for exchanging good practices and building inter-parliamentary cooperation in the area of innovation and digital technology in parliaments.

This year's Conference takes place against the backdrop of the Covid-19 pandemic. Since early 2020, parliaments have made extensive use of digital technologies to support remote working. It has been a period of accelerated innovation and the rapid adoption of new working practices and procedures.

In this fast-changing context, the Conference will present and discuss findings on "Lessons from the pandemic" from the upcoming World e-Parliament Report.

Over three days, participants will take part in interactive sessions featuring:

- *thought leadership* discussions on digital parliaments
- *good practices* on parliamentary innovation
- *collaborative creation* of practical "how to" guides

The virtual format of the World e-Parliament Conference allows for a broad participation from parliamentarians and staff with an interest in digital transformation and innovation in parliament. Different sessions will be targeted at different audiences, and this will be clearly indicated in the conference programme. We expect that the conference will be very relevant in particular to parliamentary staff working on digital technology, social media, parliamentary web sites, communications, library and research services, public engagement and other related fields.

Information about how to register is available at <https://www.ipu.org/event/virtual-world-e-parliament-conference>. The detailed conference programme will be added to the web page in due course. Parliaments are kindly asked to register their delegations online by Friday 4 June 2021. For any questions, please do not hesitate to contact my colleague Mr. Avinash Bikha at [innovation@ipu.org](mailto:innovation@ipu.org).

I look forward to the active participation of your parliament in this important event.

Yours sincerely,

Martin Chungong  
Secretary General