

Tripartite dialogue of parliamentarians, policy makers and business leaders

Tuesday, 19 October 2021 (15:30 – 17:30 CEST, Geneva)

Channelling investment into sustainable development

The COVID-19 pandemic will have a long-lasting impact on the socio-economic environment. In particular, it will pose considerable challenges to sustainable development, especially as the need for investment in development increases. As national legislatures, parliaments have a vital role to play in enabling, promoting and channelling investment in sustainable development and in setting appropriate regulatory frameworks to cover a broad range of sectors and policy areas. In this context, it is important to ensure: first, that the implementation of nationally-agreed sustainable development objectives is adequately financed and meets the needs of the people; and second, strong parliamentary oversight of governance issues, notably concerning issues related to investment regulation.

In this session parliamentarians from around the world will join in a multi-stakeholder dialogue with business executives, ministers and heads of international organizations to discuss and debate how legislators can help create an enabling environment for sustainable private investment for sustainable development in the post-crisis era.

Issues to be addressed

- How can the interaction between parliaments, government leaders and the private sector be improved to better deliver on sustainable development?
 - What are the main challenges for investment for development at the national level and how can the above-mentioned partnership contribute to overcome these challenges?
 - What are the global policy imperatives in the post-COVID-19 pandemic context?
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Provisional programme

- The session will be co-chaired by senior representatives of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) and the IPU.
- The session will take the form of a moderated dialogue, fostering interactive discussion between a multi-stakeholder panel and the audience.
- The session will include an opening statement by the Secretary-Generals of UNCTAD and the IPU
- Expected speakers: 2 to 3 Heads of State/Ministers, 2 to 3 parliamentarians, 2 to 3 business leaders