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Parliamentary library & research services: Towards an agenda for the next decade



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Global Public Square for Parliamentary Library & Research Services (GPS-PLRS)

The virtual IPU-IFLAPARL Conference 2021 "[Parliamentary library and research services: Towards an agenda for the next decade](#)" provides an opportunity for library and research services of parliaments and legislative strengthening organizations to meet virtually and discuss a variety of topics with featured speakers.

The conference is also offering a space to all conference registrants and to those who are unable to attend the conference itself to share papers, publications, posters, slideshows, or short videos as part of the conference documentation. This media library will be called the *Global Public Square for Parliamentary Library & Research Services (GPS-PLRS)*. The *GPS-PLRS* provides interested parliaments or legislative strengthening organizations (LSOs) with the opportunity to highlight their innovations and good practices and offers a space for learning, exchange, and dialogue. It will be available to participants before, during, and after the conference.

We invite all parliaments/LSOs to share their good practices in the *GPS-PLRS* by making and posting a slide show, a publication, a paper, a poster, or a short video about their innovations, challenges, ideas, or practices.

Parliaments can choose the subject of the materials for posting. For example, materials could be:

- Related to one of the themes on the IPU-IFLAPARL conference programme, for example the "Continuity of Service during the COVID pandemic".
- About any other topic that is relevant, such as new practices and working methods in parliamentary libraries and research services.

Materials submitted to the *GPS-PLRS* should be:

- **Informative**, and explain:
 - o The challenge(s) experienced
 - o The innovative solutions and procedures developed
 - o How these were rolled out (time frame, stakeholders, etc.)
 - o Challenges confronted and lessons learned.
- **Engaging**, and show the people the solutions involved:
 - o Quotes from key stakeholders are welcome
 - o Links to parliamentary web sites and contacts for further information can be included.

How to upload material to the *GPS-PLRS*

Parliaments and LSOs can upload materials directly to this shared [Google Drive folder](#).

After uploading material, please send a short message to inform ipu-iflaparl@ipu.org and infoiflaparl@gmail.com and provide your contact details.

Final editorial decisions about inclusion in the *GPS-PLRS* will lie with the IPU and IFLAPARL.

By submitting material, your parliament/LSO agrees for it to be included in the *GPS-PLRS* and on the IPU and IFLAPARL web sites.

Guidelines for submissions to the GPS-PLRS

Materials may be submitted in any language. Please note that no translations will be provided. To reach the widest possible audience, we suggest that materials are translated/sub-titled in English.

Materials should be named with the following file-naming convention
TITLE_PARLIAMENT/LSO_COUNTRY_Month/Year_LANGUAGE.

PDF is the preferred format for written materials and use of metadata is encouraged.

Materials received by **17:00 CEST on 29 September 29** will be selected and available online during the conference. Submissions – especially responses to specific conference sessions -- may be made after the conference to the GPS-PLRS. The GPS-PLRS will be available for one month after the conference after which time materials will be transferred to the IFLA Repository.

Guidelines for videos

1. **Length:** Videos must be no more than 5 minutes long.
2. **Language:** Videos must be in English, French or Spanish. When possible, please include sub-titles in English.
3. **Layout:** Videos should be recorded in landscape (not portrait) format.
4. **Who can submit videos:** National parliaments and LSOs can submit up to two videos to the *GPS-PLRS*. Others who wish to submit a video, please contact us with your proposal at the email addresses below.
5. **Deadline:** Let us know as soon as possible if you intend to make a video for the *GPS-PLRS*. The **final deadline** for submitting a video to be available online for the conference: 17:00 CEST, 29 September.

It is fine to reuse videos that you have already created if they meet the above criteria.

In most cases, parliament will make the video specifically for the IPU-IFLAPARL Conference (see the *Quick guide: How to make a short video* for further advice).

Contact

For all questions about the *GPS-PLRS*, please contact at ipu-iflaparl@ipu.org or infoiflaparl@gmail.com