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Provisional agenda

1. **Adoption of the agenda**
2. **Approval of the summary record of the Committee's session held at the 143rd IPU Assembly in Madrid (November 2021)**
3. **The UN field presence in support of national development: the case of Indonesia**

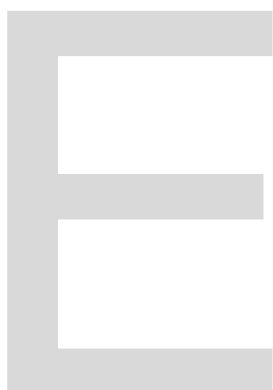
The United Nations system is present in most developing countries with a team of agency representatives headed by a Resident Coordinator (RC). The UN Country Team (UNCT) manages a portfolio of development projects that is agreed with the government and funded through a combination of budgetary and extra-budgetary resources. The Resident Coordinator represents the UN Secretary General in each country and is responsible, among other things, for relations with the government as well as, whenever possible, with the parliament.

Over the years, the IPU has advocated for a closer relationship between the UNCT and the host country's parliament as a way of building stronger accountability and buy-in for the UN's development work. Developing an organic relationship between the UNCT and the parliament is not always easy due to lack of resources, fears of political interference and other such factors.

This session will feature a discussion on the role of the RC and the UNCT vis-a-vis both the government and the parliament. The case of Indonesia will serve as illustration of the key institutional processes involved and of the kind of work that the UN carries out in the field.

4. **The UN High-Level Political Forum on sustainable development (HLPF): preparation for the 2022 review session**

The HLPF that meets in July each year in New York is the UN's main accountability mechanism to take stock of progress toward the implementation of the seventeen Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) that expire in 2030. Each annual session of the HLPF revolves around a main theme and highlights progress on a cluster of four or five SDGs. In addition, a number of countries present national progress reports, called Voluntary National Reviews (VNR), as a way of sharing their experiences with SDG policies and approaches.



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The IPU organizes a Parliamentary Forum at each HLPF and works to engage parliaments in the national reviews submitted to the HLPF session through a survey exercise as well as other awareness raising activities.

This session will feature a discussion of the HLPF's main theme in the 2022 centred on *Building back better from the coronavirus disease*. This will be followed by a brief presentation of the results of the 2021 IPU survey of parliamentary engagement in the VNRs and a presentation of this year's survey, which will involve 45 parliaments.

5. Elections to the Bureau of the Standing Committee

The Committee will fill the current vacancies on the Bureau, based on proposals from the geopolitical groups.

6. Any other business