

I SAY YES
TO YOUTH IN PARLIAMENT!



CONTEXT

We stand at a **once in a generation moment to reshape our societies** in a time of global pandemic and a climate crisis.

Decisions made today will affect the world for decades to come.

As we know too well, young people are vastly underrepresented in decision-making and national parliaments around the world.

Only 2.6 per cent of the world's MPs are under 30.



CONTEXT

IPU has been working on enhancing political representation of youth for years, beginning with the 2010 resolution on Youth participation in the democratic process.

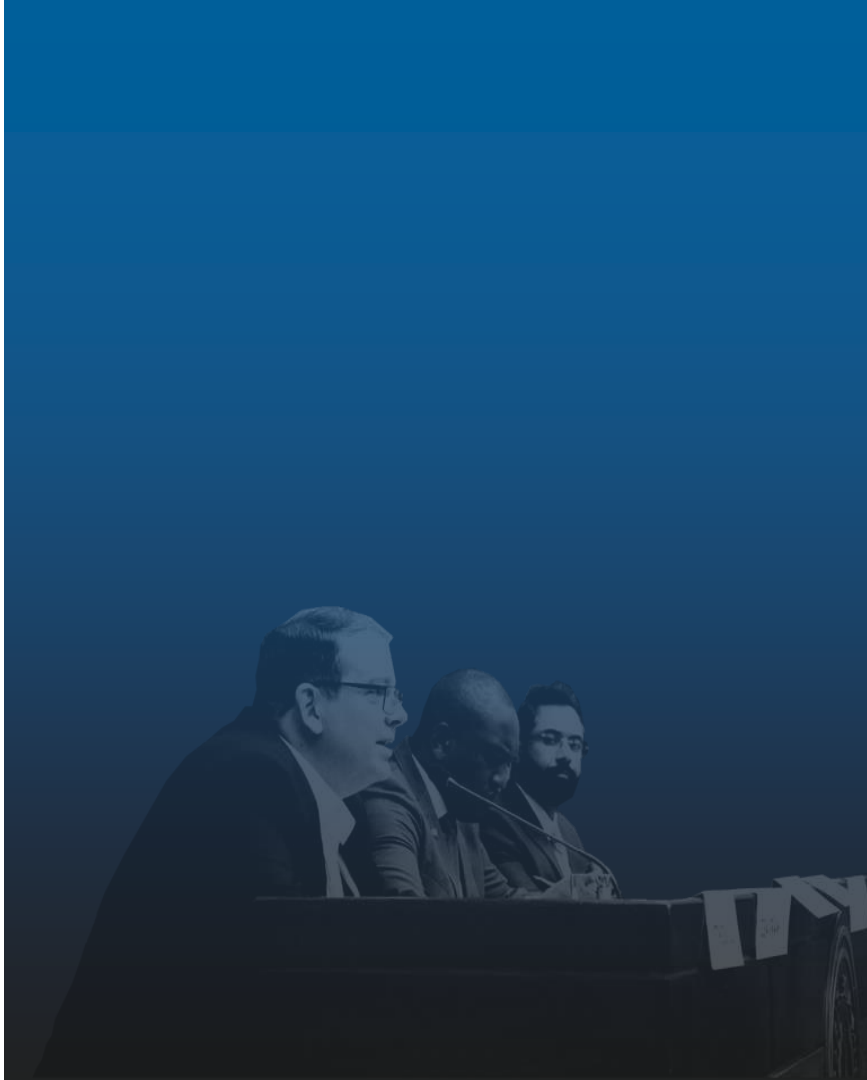
A strong youth movement promoted by the IPU young MPs supported by their more senior peers and by IPU leadership has grown and led to great achievements:

The IPU became the world leader in data and information on youth participation in parliaments;

Platforms of young MPs have been established and allow networking, building capacity and strategizing

Policy guidance to empower youth was produced

Parliamentary leaders were mobilized and expressed readiness to support



TARGETS

The IPU Forum of Young MPs defined targets for the representation of young people in parliament.

Based on youth proportions in the global populations, by 2035, they call for:

**15% of parliamentarians
to be aged under 30**



35% under 40

45% under 45



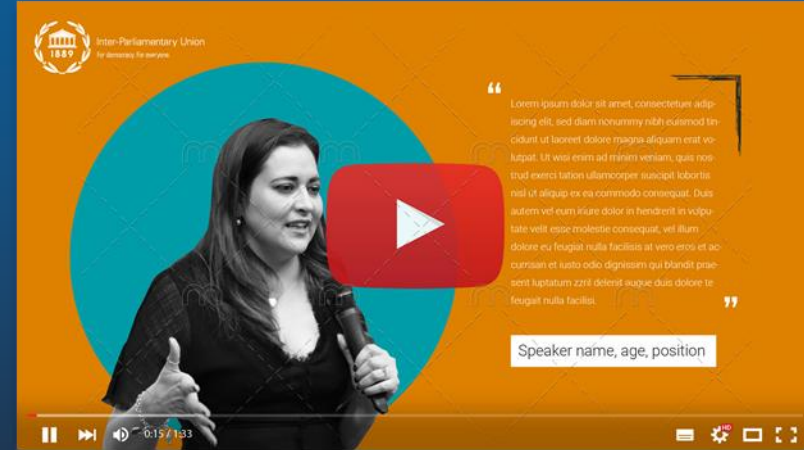
The targets also call for gender parity in each one of these thresholds.



NEED

With these pillars and foundational pieces set, what is needed now is
a move from words to action.

This is what the campaign is all about



CAMPAIGN

The campaign was steered by the **Board of the Forum of Young Parliamentarians**

It calls on **changemakers** to **“SAY YES”** to youth participation in parliaments and pledging to taking transformative action

It is **intergenerational**, calling on MPs and key stakeholders of all ages to **SAY YES** and pledge.



CAMPAIGN

Calls on **changemakers**

- IPU leaders and young MPs
- Speakers of Parliament
- Chairs of parliamentary committees
- Leaders of youth and women's caucuses
- Other key stakeholders and influencers

To **pledge** to take action to

- **Have more young men and women MPs in parliament**
- **Enhance the work of parliament on youth**
- **Empower young MPs and mentor young aspirants**
- **Mobilize others to join the move from words to action!**

A multi-year programme of support for **changemakers and their parliaments**

