

Indicators for democratic parliaments, based on SDG targets 16.6 and 16.7

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Structure of the Preliminary version of the Indicators

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SDG Target 16.6 – Effective, accountable and transparent parliament

Sub-target 1 - Effective parliament

- **Indicator 1.1 – Parliamentary autonomy**
 - Dimension 1.1.1 Institutional autonomy
 - Dimension 1.1.2 Procedural autonomy
 - Dimension 1.1.3 Budgetary autonomy
 - Dimension 1.1.4 Administrative autonomy

- **Indicator 1.2 – Members of parliament**
 - Dimension 1.2.1 Status of MPs
 - Dimension 1.2.2 Inviolability and immunity
 - Dimension 1.2.3 Incompatibility of office
 - Dimension 1.2.4 Access to resources
 - Dimension 1.2.5 Professional development

- **Indicator 1.3 – Parliamentary procedures**
 - Dimension 1.3.1 Institutional framework
 - Dimension 1.3.2 Rules of procedures
 - Dimension 1.3.3 Procedures in times of crisis
 - Dimension 1.3.4 Calendar/timetabling/planning
 - Dimension 1.3.5 Convening sessions and agenda-setting
 - Dimension 1.3.6 Quorum
 - Dimension 1.3.7 Debate
 - Dimension 1.3.8 Voting
 - Dimension 1.3.9 Records
 - Dimension 1.3.10 Dissolution

- **Indicator 1.4 – Parliamentary organization**
 - Dimension 1.4.1 Plenary
 - Dimension 1.4.2 Speaker/presiding officer
 - Dimension 1.4.3 Bureau/presidium
 - Dimension 1.4.4 Committees
 - Dimension 1.4.5 Parliamentary (party) groups
 - Dimension 1.4.6 Cross-party groups

- **Indicator 1.5 – Administrative capacity and independence**
 - Dimension 1.5.1 Parliamentary administration and human resources management
 - Dimension 1.5.2 Policy analysis, research and library services
 - Dimension 1.5.3 Infrastructure
 - Dimension 1.5.4 Innovation and digital technologies

Dimension 1.5.5 Information management

- **Indicator 1.6 – Law-making**

- Dimension 1.6.1 Powers in law-making
- Dimension 1.6.2 Constitution-making and amendment
- Dimension 1.6.3 Legislative procedure
- Dimension 1.6.4 Legislative drafting
- Dimension 1.6.5 Enactment
- Dimension 1.6.6 Publication
- Dimension 1.6.7 Post-legislative scrutiny (PLS)

- **Indicator 1.7 – Oversight**

- Dimension 1.7.1 Election, confidence, no-confidence, censure or impeachment of the head of state or government and/or ministers
- Dimension 1.7.2 Parliamentary access to information from government
- Dimension 1.7.3 Summoning ministers and other government representatives in committees
- Dimension 1.7.4 Summoning officials in chamber (interpellations)
- Dimension 1.7.5 Questions
- Dimension 1.7.6 Hearings
- Dimension 1.7.7 Committees of inquiry

- **Indicator 1.8 – Budget**

- Dimension 1.8.1 Formulation, examination, amendment and approval
- Dimension 1.8.2 Ex-post control
- Dimension 1.8.3 Public accounts committee
- Dimension 1.8.4 Expert support
- Dimension 1.8.5 Supreme audit institution

- **Indicator 1.9 – Representational function**

- Dimension 1.9.1 Opposition
- Dimension 1.9.2 Constituent relations

- **Indicator 1.10 – Relations of parliament**

- Dimension 1.10.1 Executive
- Dimension 1.10.2 Judiciary
- Dimension 1.10.3 Sub-national parliaments and authorities, and local councils and authorities

- **Indicator 1.11 – Specific state policies**

- Dimension 1.11.1 SDGs and the 2030 Agenda
- Dimension 1.11.2 Human rights
- Dimension 1.11.3 Security sector
- Dimension 1.11.4 Defence policy
- Dimension 1.11.5 Foreign affairs
- Dimension 1.11.6 Parliamentary diplomacy and inter-parliamentary cooperation

Sub-target 2 - Accountable parliament

- **Indicator 2.1 – Parliamentary ethics**

- Dimension 2.1.1 Anti-corruption
- Dimension 2.1.2 Code of conduct
- Dimension 2.1.3 Conflict of interest
- Dimension 2.1.4 Disclosure of parliamentary income and expenditure

Dimension 2.1.5 Lobbying

- **Indicator 2.2 – Institutional integrity**
 - Dimension 2.2.1 Parliamentary expenditure
 - Dimension 2.2.2 Public procurement
 - Dimension 2.2.3 Access to information
 - Dimension 2.2.4 Reporting on parliamentary work
 - Dimension 2.2.5 Staff recruitment and advancement
 - Dimension 2.2.6 Professionalism of parliamentary administration

Sub-target 3 - Transparent parliament

- **Indicator 3.1 – Transparency of parliamentary processes**
 - Dimension 3.1.1 Transparency of parliamentary work
 - Dimension 3.1.2 Transparency of the legislative process
 - Dimension 3.1.3 Budgetary transparency
- **Indicator 3.2 – Parliamentary communication**
 - Dimension 3.2.1 Parliamentary website
 - Dimension 3.2.2 Other channels for informing the public
- **Indicator 3.3 – Access to parliament**
 - Dimension 3.3.1 Openness of parliamentary venues and events to citizens
 - Dimension 3.3.2 Accessibility standards
 - Dimension 3.3.3 Media access to parliament

SDG Target 16.7 – Responsive, inclusive, participatory and representative parliament

Sub-target 4 - Responsive parliament

- **Indicator 4.1 – Valuing public concerns**
 - Dimension 4.1.1 Responding to public concerns
 - Dimension 4.1.2 Responding to emerging policy issues
 - Dimension 4.1.3 Responding to individual members of the public, including constituents

Sub-target 5 - Inclusive parliament

- **Indicator 5.1 – Inclusive legislation and oversight**
 - Dimension 5.1.1 Human rights-based legislation and policies
 - Dimension 5.1.2 Impact assessments
 - Dimension 5.1.3 Gender mainstreaming
 - Dimension 5.1.4 Gender-responsive budgeting
 - Dimension 5.1.5 Youth engagement
- **Indicator 5.2 – Inclusive institutional practices**
 - Dimension 5.2.1 Workforce diversity
 - Dimension 5.2.2 Gender balance in the composition of the parliamentary secretariat
 - Dimension 5.2.3 Multilingual service delivery
 - Dimension 5.2.4 Workplace environment

Sub-target 6 - Participatory parliament

- **Indicator 6.1 – Parliamentary environment for public participation**
 - Dimension 6.1.1 Regulatory framework for public participation
 - Dimension 6.1.2 Mechanisms and tools for public participation
- **Indicator 6.2 – Participation in parliamentary process**
 - Dimension 6.2.1 Citizens' legislative initiative
 - Dimension 6.2.2 Participation in parliamentary bodies
 - Dimension 6.2.3 Public consultation on draft legislation
 - Dimension 6.2.4 Public participation in the budget cycle
 - Dimension 6.2.5 Public participation in parliamentary oversight
 - Dimension 6.2.6 Expert consultation
- **Indicator 6.3 – Other forms of public engagement**
 - Dimension 6.3.1 Partnerships for participation – consultation with civil society organizations
 - Dimension 6.3.2 Civic education

Sub-target 7 - Representative parliament

- **Indicator 7.1 – Electoral integrity**
 - Dimension 7.1.1 Voting and election rights
 - Dimension 7.1.2 Candidature, party and campaign rights and responsibilities
 - Dimension 7.1.3 Public authorities' roles in elections
- **Indicator 7.2 – Composition of legislature**
 - Dimension 7.2.1 Representing diversity of political opinion
 - Dimension 7.2.2 Gender
 - Dimension 7.2.3 Youth
 - Dimension 7.2.4 Other under-represented groups
- **Indicator 7.3 – Composition of parliamentary bodies**
 - Dimension 7.3.1 Composition of parliamentary leadership
 - Dimension 7.3.2 Composition of committees
 - Dimension 7.3.3 Gender and age balance in the composition of parliamentary bodies