Enhancing the role of parliaments in accelerating the achievement of the SDGs: Taking forward the UNGA resolution

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10:00–11:45 CEST (Geneva time)

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PROGRAMME

10:00	**Opening session** *Moderator: Mr. Dmitry Mariyasin, Deputy Executive Secretary, ECE*
10:05	**Opening remarks by the co-organizers** - *Mr. Martin Chungong, Secretary General, IPU* - *Ms. Armida Salsiah Alisjahbana, UN Under-Secretary-General and ESCAP Executive Secretary* - *Ms. Olga Algayerova, Executive Secretary, ECE*
	Zooming in on the first UNGA resolution on the role of parliaments in the SDGs
10:15	**Keynote speech** The keynote speech will set the scene for the discussions by presenting the recently adopted UNGA resolution 77/159 "Enhancing the role of parliaments in accelerating the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals" *Ms. Tanzila Narbaeva, Chairwoman of the Senate, Uzbekistan - TBC*
	Accelerating the implementation of the SDGs by putting into practice UNGA resolution 77/159 – Focus on SDG 7 ("Affordable and clean energy") and its interlinked Goals
10:25–11:00	**Part 1: Advocating for national legal frameworks that support the implementation of SDG 7 and interlinked goals** To promote discussions on ways parliaments can take forward the abovementioned UNGA resolution and thereby accelerate SDGs implementation, focus in this first part will be on national legal frameworks and the importance of ensuring that they are aligned with the SDGs in a coherent and effective manner. The discussions will focus on SDG 7 ("Affordable and clean energy"), which is one of the Goals that will be under review during the 2023 High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development, and on existing parliamentary practices

	adopted to ensure that laws/policies/national action plans are aligned with and can promote the effective implementation of the SDGs where no one is left behind.
11:00–11:30	**Part 2: Strengthening evidence use in parliaments to contribute to the effective implementation of SDG 7 in all its dimensions – environmental, social and economic** The focus in this part will be on the importance for parliaments to exercise their oversight function in a consistent manner by: accessing high-quality, timely, disaggregated and inclusive data on the progress of SDG 7 and its interlinked Goals; building partnerships with relevant indipendent oversight institutes; increasing consultations with citizens; engaging in the Voluntary National Review process and providing relevant inputs. Discussions will revolve around different ways parliaments can maximize their oversight capacities regarding the implementation of SDG 7 while ensuring that no one is left behind. *A panel of four speakers with diversified expertise and approaches to parliaments' work will participate in the two segments. The focus of the first part will be on national legal frameworks that are in line with the SDGs, while the focus of the second part will be on the need for comprehensive SDG data and parliamentary oversight. Through a talk show format, invited experts will share relevant information as well as insights that could help inform and enhance parliament's work on the SDGs. The parliamentary audience will be invited to interact with the experts, ask questions, share personal experiences and considerations. To prompt active participation and create further opportunities to exchange ideas, participants will be invited to complete online polls during the segments.* *Speakers:* - *Mr. Dario Liguti, Director, Sustainable Energy Division, ECE* - *Ms. Kimberly Roseberry, Economic Affairs Officer, Energy Division, ESCAP* - *Ms. Maria Mousmouti, Associate Research Fellow, Sir William Dale Centre for Legislative Studies, Institute of Advanced Legal Studies (University of London)* - *Member of Parliament*
11:30	Short summary of key takeaways Participants will also receive practical information (future events; new publications; etc) and links to relevant resources.
11:35	Evaluation survey
11:45	Closing