Second World Summit of Committees of the Future

BRINGING THE FUTURE TO THE PRESENT
The Democracy of the Future, Artificial Intelligence and Parliaments

25-27 September 2023, Montevideo (Uruguay)
Co-organized jointly by the Inter-Parliamentary Union and the Parliament of Uruguay

GENERAL INFORMATION

VENUE AND DATE

The summit will be held in Montevideo (Uruguay) at the Palacio Legislativo (Parliament building) from 25 to 27 September 2023.

Agenda outline

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PARTICIPATION

The Summit is open to the IPU Member Parliaments and parliaments that are already practicing a systematic use of the future in some of their areas, as well as those interested in incorporating these practices. The purpose is to promote and strengthen networks between parliaments and other institutions that share the same objective.

Parliaments may send delegations of up to four members and are encouraged to send gender-balanced delegations and include parliamentarians who represent different political affiliations.

ORGANIZATION OF PROCEEDINGS

- The Second World Summit sessions will include presentations by experts and resource persons, and debates in moderated plenary sittings.

- The Summit also proposes a dual work methodology (panels and workshops) that includes expert presentations on the Summit topics, presentations by parliamentary delegations, and interactive dynamics.

- There will be five panels on different topics. During the face-to-face exchanges, participants may make presentations. All participants will have the opportunity to have an exchange during the workshops and in plenary.
DOCUMENTS

Presentations on the topics discussed at the Summit will, wherever possible, be posted on the Summit’s website by the Summit Secretariat.

Participants wishing to distribute relevant documentation to their colleagues will be required to provide the material in sufficient quantities and to place it on a designated table.

LANGUAGE

The working languages will be Arabic, English, French and Spanish.

REGISTRATION

Participants are invited to register on line no later than 31 August 2023. Information on registration can be found on:

For any additional information, please contact:

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VISAS

Entry visas are required except for citizens of countries that have visa exemption agreements with Uruguay. This information can be found at the following link:

Delegates participating in the Summit are kindly requested to contact visas_summit@parlamento.gub.uy to obtain a visa if necessary.

VACCINATIONS

Since 16 February 2023, no COVID-19 vaccination certificate or presentation of test results is requested from travelers, regardless of their age or nationality.

SWORN DECLARATION FORM TO ENTER THE COUNTRY

It is not necessary to present a sworn statement of entry to Uruguay (Decree No. 268/022). Foreigners who enter by any means must have health coverage or medical insurance.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATION

Delegates will bear the costs of their airfare, accommodation and subsistence expenses. Hotel accommodation is payable directly to the hotel.
The hosts have negotiated a special group rate for the event so participants are invited to make their reservations at Hyatt Centric Montevideo Hotel. Please mention the code Parlamento del Uruguay to benefit from the special rate of US$ 120 Single room/ Double Standard per night, breakfast included.

**Hyatt Centric Montevideo**
Rambla República del Perú 1479
Montevideo, Uruguay, 11300

The reservation should be made either through reservations.mvd@hyatt.com or directly at [https://www.hyatt.com/en-US/group-booking/MVDHY/G-FUTU](https://www.hyatt.com/en-US/group-booking/MVDHY/G-FUTU)

**NATIONAL TRANSPORT**

All participants are kindly requested to send their hotel and travel details to the IPU Secretariat and the host Summit Secretariat using the travel form of the event which can be found on the organizers' website.

In order to ensure efficient welcome services, all participants are requested to provide full arrival and departure information on the registration form, including arrival and departure dates, flight numbers and time of arrival and departure.

Upon arrival and departure at the Carrasco International Airport in Montevideo, the host Parliament will provide transportation between the airport and the Hyatt Centric Montevideo Hotel and the Hilton Garden Inn from Sunday, 24 September to Thursday, 28 September inclusive. The official VIP Room at the airport will not be used as Uruguay's security regulations do not authorize personnel from outside the airport to enter the Arrivals and Departures areas. Upon arrival, once past the last security control at “Arrivals” at the airport, participants should approach staff working for the Summit.

The host Parliament will also organize transfer for the participants between the Hyatt Centric Montevideo and the Hilton Garden Inn and other official Summit events.

**SECURITY**

The national authorities will take all necessary security measures. Participants are required to wear their identity badges at all times when they are at the meeting venue and at all other official functions during the Summit.

**FIRST-AID SERVICE**

During the Summit, first-aid facilities will be provided at the venue. All other medical care will be at the participants' own expense.

**INSURANCE**

To enter Uruguay, health insurance or travel insurance that covers the participants during the length of their stay in the country is required. Delegates are advised to take out comprehensive medical insurance policies to cover medical emergencies, including the cost of evacuation to other countries in the region. It is also recommended that participants take out their own insurance policies that cover all risks.

**CLIMATE**
In September the average maximum temperature in Montevideo is 18° Celsius and the minimum is 10° Celsius. The climate is cool and humid at the beginning of spring. Therefore, participants are advised to bring warm clothing and rain gear.

**DRESS CODE**

Business dress or national dress is appropriate for meetings and evening events.

**ON-SITE SERVICES**

The following services will be available on the premises of the main venue:
- lunch
- coffee breaks

**CURRENCY REGULATIONS**

There are no restrictions on the exchange of foreign currency and no tax is charged on the transaction. Currency exchange bureaux exchange most major currencies and currencies can also be exchanged at the airport, in most hotels and in banks. The currency in Uruguay is the Uruguayan peso (UYU). Visa and MasterCard credit cards are widely accepted.

The exchange rate as of June 2023 is UYU 39 / US$ 1.

**OTHER USEFUL INFORMATION**

- **Time zone**: Uruguay Standard Time is one hour ahead of Eastern Standard Time (EST) and three hours behind Greenwich Mean Time (GMT).
- **Electricity**: Power plugs and sockets are of type C, F, I and L. The standard voltage is 220 V and the standard frequency is 50 Hz.
- **Telephone**: The international dialling code from Uruguay to any destination is 00, followed by the country code, the area code and the number. The country code for dialling Uruguay is +598.