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Parliaments for sustainable development

Parliamentary event at the SDG Summit and other High-Level Meetings

21 September 2023, 9:00 – 12:30

**Church Center for the United Nations
777 United Nations Plaza (entrance on 44th Street, near 1st Avenue)
New York**

Opening

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Mr. Duarte Pacheco, President, IPU

Parliamentary action for health

9:15 – 10:45

[Toward better health for all: The challenges ahead](#)

The session will present evidence and data on UHC progress and preliminary findings on implementation of the IPU resolution on UHC. In the context of current developments in the global health security architecture, particular attention will be paid to the linkages between UHC and health security.

Guiding questions:

- What are the points of alignment and divergence between the UHC and global health security agendas?
- What concrete steps can parliaments take toward UHC and health security in their respective countries? What obstacles are they facing? What good practices can be shared?

Speakers:

- **Mr. Justin Koonin**, Co-Chair, UHC2030
- **Mr. Jaouad Mahjour**, Head of WHO Secretariat to INB and IHR Amendments
- **Ms. Petra Bayr**, Member of Parliament, Austria

Moderator: Ms. Patricia Torsney, Permanent Observer and Head of the New York Office, IPU

Accelerating SDG implementation

10:45 – 12:15 [The SDGs: A transformative agenda in peril](#)

The session will provide an overview of the systemic change required to accelerate progress on the SDGs and identify entry points for strengthening parliamentary action to mainstream the SDGs in parliamentary work.

Guiding questions:

- What initiatives have parliaments taken to implement the SDGs and what are the challenges they face in the process? What is needed for parliamentary action to accelerate so that the SDGs are met by 2030?
- What are the synergies and trade-offs between climate-related SDGs and other SDGs? How can parliaments jointly pursue environmental, social and economic priorities?

Speakers:

- **Mr. John Gilroy**, First Secretary (Sustainable Development, Climate and SIDS) Mission of Ireland to the United Nations
- **Ms. Aleida Ferreyra**, Global Lead, Democratic Institutions and Processes in a Digital Era, United Nations Development Programme
- **Mr. Alessandro Motter**, Senior Advisor, Economic and Social Affairs, IPU
- **Ms. Inaya Ezzedine**, Member of Parliament, Lebanon

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Closing

12:15 – 12:30 [Main conclusions and way forward](#)

Mr. Martin Chungong, Secretary General, IPU