The interwoven dynamics of peace, climate change and disarmament form an intricate tapestry, dictating the trajectory of sustainable futures worldwide. In addition, as global temperatures rise, the potential for resource scarcity, displaced populations, and geopolitical tensions escalate further, a reality that affects all, but particularly nations in conflict-affected contexts where these consequences hit the hardest. Within this complex paradigm, initiatives and processes for international conflict resolution and disarmament emerge not only as imperatives to ensure human security, but also as pathways to redirecting financial, human and political resources to address the climate crisis and ensure a sustainable future.

As climate change is further driving conflict in many parts of the world, the urgency to develop national, regional and global solutions is more critical than ever. Members of Parliament, by wielding their parliamentary functions with intent and awareness, can shape discourse, advance policies, and undertake resource allocation decisions that embed climate action, human security, peace and disarmament at the heart of decision-making.

With reference to the IPU resolution “Parliamentary strategies to strengthen peace and security against threats and conflicts resulting from climate-related disasters and their consequences”, this event will touch on multiple international instances where MPs have a key role to play. These include the 28th United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP28), where a thematic day on Recovery and Peace will be held, for the first time, to address climate change in fragile and conflict-affected contexts, the unanimous submission of a request to the International Court of Justice on the “Obligations of States in respect of Climate Change” by the UN Secretary General, and the Summit of the Future in September 2024.

Objectives of the event
1. Increase awareness of the intricate relationships linking peace, climate change and disarmament;
2. Enhance knowledge of the New Agenda for Peace, the International Court of Justice’s advisory case on climate change obligations, the UN Summit of the Future, and the important roles of MPs in these processes;
3. Share examples of effective policies and parliamentary practices that advance and link the various aspects of peace, climate change and disarmament.

The event will take place online. While session 1 will be conducted in English only, Session 2 will be conducted in English, French and Spanish.

Registration:
Session 1: Timed for Asia/Pacific: 7:00 – 8:30 CET: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_sbVHOMBOTf6ju7ALBTP63g

Session 2: Timed for Europe/Africa/the Americas: 17:00-18:30 CET: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN__ILajV05TRqZRFVkgTpnnmg