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Parliamentary meeting on the occasion of the 28th United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP28)

Connect Conference Centre, COP28 Green Zone, Expo City Dubai, United Arab Emirates

Organized jointly by the Inter-Parliamentary Union and
the Federal National Council of the United Arab Emirates

PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

Tuesday, 5 December

19:00 Distribution of badges
Welcome dinner

Wednesday, 6 December

08:00 Registration and distribution of badges

09:00–09:45 **OFFICIAL OPENING**

Welcoming remarks:

- Mr. Saqr Ghobash, Speaker of the Federal National Council, United Arab Emirates
- Mr. Martin Chungong, IPU Secretary General
- Ambassador Majid Al Suwaidi, Director General and Special Representative of COP28

Special address:

Ms. Christine Adam, Director, Legal Affairs Division, United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) Secretariat

09:45–10:40 **SETTING THE SCENE: SCIENTIFIC INSIGHTS, GLOBAL PROGRESS AND THE CALL FOR ENHANCED AMBITION**

The aim of this session is to provide a comprehensive overview of the current climate landscape, scientific advancements and progress made in implementing the Paris Agreement. Panellists will present the latest scientific findings, showcasing the gravity of the climate crisis. It is against this backdrop that the outcomes of the Global Stocktake exercise will be discussed to demonstrate the state of collective progress towards the Paris Agreement goals, and to emphasize the importance of urgent and enhanced ambition. It will offer a deeper understanding of the evolving climate context, foster momentum for transformative action and inspire midcourse corrections to align efforts with the Paris Agreement goals. The aim is to empower and motivate parliamentarians to exercise oversight and hold governments accountable for climate commitments. The session will set the stage for the panels that will follow.

Moderator: Mr. Cedric Frolick, Member of the National Assembly, South Africa

Panelists:

- Mr. Jim Skea, Chair of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC)
- Mr. Samuelu Penitala Teo, Speaker of Parliament, Tuvalu and Winner of the 2023 Cremer-Passy Prize
- Ms. Xiye Bastida, Indigenous climate activist and Co-Founder, Re-Earth Initiative

10:40–11:25 **HIGH-LEVEL SEGMENT FOR SPEAKERS OF PARLIAMENT**

Speakers of Parliament will share lessons learned from the Global Stocktake and highlight national efforts to advance climate action to advance progress on achieving the goals of the Paris Agreement going forward [*3 minutes per intervention*].

11:25–13:05 **BRIDGING THE GAP: ADVANCING CLIMATE ACTION AND ADAPTATION FOR VULNERABLE COMMUNITIES**

This panel will focus on the importance, opportunities and challenges of giving equal priority to adaptation and mitigation efforts in the global response to climate change. Panellists will discuss adaptation for vulnerable groups and gender-responsive actions that have mitigation co-benefits, such as nature-based solutions. The panel will share experiences and insights on advocating for adaptation financing. Emphasis will be placed on the critical need to increase financing to frontline countries to address the significant and growing gap between adaptation finance flows and adaptation needs. The session will aim to empower parliamentarians to hold governments accountable for COP28 outcomes on adaptation and financing, and to galvanize advocacy efforts for equitable resources to support vulnerable communities and bridge the adaptation finance gap.

Moderator: Mr. Emmanuel Marfo, Member of Parliament, Ghana and Chair of CVF Global Parliamentary Group

Panelists:

- Mr. Saber Chowdhury, Member of Parliament, Bangladesh, Special Envoy on Climate Change, and Honorary IPU President
- Ms. Kathrin Henneberger, Member of the German Bundestag
- Mr. Issa Mardo Djibir, Member of the Transitional National Council, Chad

The panellists' presentations will be followed by an interactive discussion

13:05–13:15 **MY PARLIAMENT! MY PLANET! OUR FUTURE!**

Latest update on how you can join the IPU's climate campaign Parliaments for the Planet, designed to mobilize parliaments to take climate action.

Mr. Thomas Fitzsimons, Director of Communications, IPU

13:15–14:00 **LUNCH BREAK**

14:00–14:15 **CLIMATE ACTION SPOTLIGHT: LEADERSHIP OF WOMEN PARLIAMENTARIANS AND YOUNG PARLIAMENTARIANS**

An overview of the latest activities and initiatives spearheaded by women parliamentarians and young parliamentarians through the IPU.

- Ms. Cynthia López Castro, President, IPU Bureau of Women Parliamentarians
- Mr. Dan Carden, President, Board of the IPU Forum of Young Parliamentarians

14:15–15:50 **BEYOND MITIGATION AND ADAPTATION: OPERATIONALIZING LOSS AND DAMAGE**

Acknowledging that many severe climate impacts are and will continue to occur irrespective of national, regional and global mitigation and adaptation efforts, this session will highlight the urgency of operationalizing the Loss and Damage Mechanism for countries facing irreparable impacts of climate change. Participants will share experiences in coping with irreversible losses from climate impacts and encourage a discussion among all participants on the importance,

opportunities and challenges of holding governments to account on the details of the Loss and Damage Mechanism, including on the sources and recipients of funding, the eligibility criteria for Loss and Damage interventions, and on how to ensure that new and existing funding arrangements effectively support the wide range of solutions required.

Moderator: Ms. Dionysia-Theodora Avgerinopoulou, Member of Parliament, Greece

Panelists:

- Ms. Elena Manaenkova, Deputy Secretary-General, World Meteorological Organization
- Mr. Karim Darwish, Member of the House of Representatives, Egypt
- Mr. Taniela Fusimalohi, Member of the Legislative Assembly, Tonga
- Mr. Mohamed Ali, Member of the Shura Council, Bahrain

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15:50–17:25

PARLIAMENTARY OVERSIGHT OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT IMPLEMENTATION POST-COP28

This panel will convene parliamentary leaders and experts to deliberate on the critical role of parliamentary oversight in driving effective implementation of the Paris Agreement and commitments beyond COP28. The panellists will explore strategies to strengthen parliamentary engagement, legislative frameworks and transparency, while highlighting the crucial role and importance of parliaments in amplifying the voices of all citizens, ensuring their inclusion in climate change discussions and international negotiations. By discussing the crucial oversight role of parliaments, the panel will aim to chart a path towards accelerated climate action, ensuring the successful realization of the Paris Agreement goals in a post-COP28 landscape.

Moderator: Ms. Amanda Ellis, Senior Director, Global Partnerships and Networks, Julie Ann Wrigley Global Futures Laboratory

Panelists:

- Ms. Monica Araya, Executive Director of European Climate Foundation's International Portfolio
- Mr. Juan Carlos Villalonga, President of GLOBE International
- Mr. Gavin McCormick, Co-founder, WattTime and Climate TRACE
- Mr. Waven William, President of the IPU Standing Committee on Sustainable Development and Member of the National Assembly, Seychelles

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17:25–18:00

THE ROAD AHEAD FOR PARLIAMENTARY ACTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE

Moderator: Mr. Marwan Almheiri, Member of the Federal National Council, United Arab Emirates

- Adoption of the meeting Outcome Document and closing remarks. The session will be led by the Rapporteur, Ms. Meera Al Suwaidi, appointed by the Federal National Council.
- Closing remarks: Mr. Martin Chungong, IPU Secretary General