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## 2024 Interregional Seminar on the Achievement of the SDGs for Parliaments of Developing Countries

### Stronger inter-parliamentary exchanges for a better achievement of the SDGs

19-27 August 2024 - Beijing (China)

#### GENERAL INFORMATION

##### VENUE, DATE AND PROGRAMME

The seminar will be held from 19 to 23 August 2024 at the National People's Congress in Beijing (China) and will be followed by a field trip until 27 August. The draft agenda of the seminar will be sent in due course. All delegates will be expected to arrive in Beijing on 18 and leave on 28 August.

##### FIELD VISIT

For those delegates that are able to stay in China until 27 August, the National People's Congress would be pleased to organize a field visit to the Province of Shanxi and Tianjin City.

##### 1. PARTICIPATION

This seminar is open to the following parliaments: *Bahrain, Barbados, Botswana, Cambodia, Cameroon, Djibouti, Egypt, Ethiopia, Grenada, Guyana, Kenya, Laos PDR, Lesotho, Madagascar, Maldives, Malawi, Mauritius, Micronesia, Morocco, Namibia, Nauru, Nepal, Nigeria, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Somalia, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Uganda, Viet Nam, Zambia.*

These parliaments are invited to send a delegation of up to three members, which should include men and women and reflect the political representation within parliament. Each delegation could be composed of parliamentarians only or may include one parliamentary staff member. It is recommended that members of the delegations be persons working directly on development issues in parliament.

##### 2. DOCUMENTS

Participants will receive copies of the resource persons' presentations as they become available. Participants wishing to distribute relevant documentation to their colleagues will be required to provide it in sufficient quantities and place it on a designated table.

##### 3. WORKING LANGUAGE

The working languages will be **English and Chinese**.

##### 4. REGISTRATION

Delegates' registrations as well as the purchase of flight tickets should be made through the Chinese Embassy located in your respective countries. To register and book flight tickets please write to: [seminar2024@npc.gov.cn](mailto:seminar2024@npc.gov.cn) and copy: [postbox@ipu.org](mailto:postbox@ipu.org) by **28 June 2024**

##### 5. HOTEL ACCOMODATION, TRANSPORTATION AND MEALS

International flight tickets, hotel rooms, local transportation and meals will be covered for all participants, for the duration of the seminar and the field visit.

## **6. TRAVEL, ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE**

Participants are informed that the cost of their tickets to China will be covered by the National People's Congress and the IPU. The National People's Congress will organize transport of all participants from/to the airport.

## **7. VISAS**

A valid passport is required to enter China. To obtain visas or further information on customs regulations, participants are advised to contact the Embassy of China in their respective countries.

## **8. SECURITY**

The national authorities will take all necessary security measures. Participants are required to wear their identity badges at all times while at the seminar venue.

Participants are kindly requested to show valid identification documents (a passport or identity card) when entering the National People's Congress. For security reasons, participants should be prepared for identity checks.

## **9. WEATHER CONDITIONS**

For information on weather in Beijing please see [www.accuweather.com](http://www.accuweather.com).

## **10. CURRENCY REGULATIONS**

The local currency is the Yuan. The exchange rate is about 1 Yuan = US\$ 0,14. Major international currencies can be exchanged at banks, exchange offices and hotels; most major credit cards are widely accepted.

## **11. MEDICAL FACILITIES**

During the seminar, first aid facilities will be available at the venue. All other medical services and prescriptions will be at the participants' own expense.