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Tenth IPU Global Conference of Young Parliamentarians

Avoiding lost generations: Preserving education and employment in all circumstances

12–14 September 2024, Yerevan, Armenia

Note on the Unconference

What is the Unconference?

The Unconference is a free space on the Global Conference of Young Parliamentarians programme. The topics of the Unconference are **proposed and chosen by the participating young MPs**.

The Unconference will take place in the plenary room on 13 September 2024 from 14:00 – 15:30. There will be two sessions of 45 minutes each.

Those whose proposals have been selected will be responsible for organizing the session in coordination with the IPU Secretariat, leading the session's proceedings and presenting a short summary of the discussion during the Conference reporting session.

How to propose an Unconference session

All registered delegations of young MPs from national parliaments can put forward a proposal for a topic according to their interests and priorities. Joint proposals from more than one delegation are also possible. The topic must:

- be linked to the Conference theme: *Avoiding lost generations: Preserving education and employment in all circumstances*; and
- address the topic from a global perspective.

Only proposals related to the Conference theme will be considered as valid. Proposals that are not related to the Conference theme or that focus on specific country or regional situations will not be accepted.

Registered delegations of young MPs are encouraged to propose a session that is interactive and focused on problem-solving. Interpretation for Unconference sessions will be provided in English, French, Spanish and Arabic, as well as other languages registered in advance (as per the Conference General Information Note). A projector and laptop will be made available upon request.

To submit a proposal, contact the IPU Secretariat at postbox@ipu.org. Please provide:

- the title of the proposed Unconference session;
- a short description (max. 200 words), outlining the objectives of the session and the topics that will be discussed; and
- the name, title, and contact information of the person responsible for the session.

The title and description provided will form the basis of the list of sessions to be voted on.

Proposals can be submitted in English or French. Registered delegations are asked to provide a maximum of one proposal. Only parliaments who have already registered for the Conference will be eligible to submit proposals.

The deadline for proposals has been extended to Friday, 23 August 2024 (previously 16 August).

How the Unconference sessions will be chosen

The sessions will be chosen by the Conference participants. On **Tuesday, 27 August 2024**, the list of valid proposals will be distributed by the IPU Secretariat to registered young MP delegates via email.

Registered young MPs will be able to vote for their preferred topic using an online system. **The deadline to vote is Monday, 2 September 2024.** Each voter's identity will be kept anonymous.

The two proposals with the most votes will be selected for the Unconference. The IPU Secretariat will announce the topics chosen on **Wednesday, 4 September 2024**. The organizers of the selected sessions will be invited to a briefing with the IPU Secretariat before the Conference to help them prepare their Unconference session.