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## The Forum of Young Parliamentarians at ten years *Open session: Youth-to-youth support and partnerships*

Wednesday, 16 October 2024, 14:30 – 16:30, Plenary B/C, CICG

The IPU [Forum of Young Parliamentarians](#) held its first meeting in 2014, at a time when youth movements from around the world had risen up to demand greater involvement in political decision-making. The Forum was created by a bottom-up youth movement led by young MPs lobbying for politics to better respond to the needs of young people. The movement pushed for increased youth participation and leadership both in parliaments and at the IPU, as well as for the amplification of the voices of young people and their perspectives throughout the IPU's work so that youth needs, concerns and proposed solutions would be systematically taken into account. One of the Forum's key objectives was to build bridges between young MPs and young people and youth organizations.

As the Forum celebrates its 10-year anniversary and the echoes of youth mobilization and activism continue in the streets and on social media, calling for policies to be more in line with youth aspirations, needs and interests, it is time to take stock of the achievements and challenges of 10 years of joint work between young MPs, young people and youth organizations.

In a special open session for young parliamentarians, youth leaders, and representatives of international organizations and civil society groups working on youth empowerment, the Forum will explore:

- Why are strong links between young MPs and youth leaders and organizations so important?
- Which of the priorities of young people today require the attention of young MPs?
- How can parliaments be leveraged to reflect youth perspectives and solutions in policy?
- How can partnerships be built between young people and young MPs?

### Agenda

- You have a message!  
*Youth priorities and aspirations: From young men and women to the world's young MPs*
- Co-creating with young men and women  
*Towards youth responsive policies, inclusive processes and open parliaments*
- What's next?  
*Sustaining youth-to-youth support and partnerships*

### Contributions

Participants in the open session are invited to:

- Collect up to two messages of 30 seconds each, from one young man and one young woman from different socio-economic and educational backgrounds, in which they share one of their key aspirations and ask the world's young MPs to take one action. The 30-second messages can be collected by video or voice message or transcribed on a PowerPoint slide. The messages should be in English, French, Spanish or Arabic. Interpretation to and from these languages will be available.
- Share the messages collected in the form of a video of up to 1 minute, a voice message of up to 1 minute, or one Power Point slide displaying the message(s) in writing. The material must be sent to the IPU Secretariat at the address [youthassist@ipu.org](mailto:youthassist@ipu.org) by 12 October 2024. Any material that does not respect the time limit, length, quality required, or deadline will not be used. If several messages are similar, one or two will be used to illustrate others.
- Make concrete proposals on how young MPs, youth leaders, representatives of international organizations and civil society groups working on youth empowerment can work together towards more youth-responsive policies, inclusive processes and/or open parliaments.