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CONCEPT NOTE

Parliamentary Event at FFD4: Taking stock of deliverables; mobilizing parliaments into action

Tuesday, 1 July, 10:00 – 11:30 (tbc)

As UN resolutions and political declarations have acknowledged, parliaments are key to implementing the Sustainable Development Goals.¹ The IPU has worked steadily since the adoption of the SDGs to mobilize political will for the goals and build parliamentary capacities to adopt relevant laws and budgets. In particular, the IPU has engaged parliamentarians in major debates on development finance at the United Nations, including previous FFD conferences as well as earlier sessions of the ECOSOC Development Cooperation Forum. The IPU supported this work with knowledge products for parliamentarians, such as the 2021 [Guidelines for parliamentarians on budgeting for the SDGs: Making the most of public resources](#).

Today, the financing gap of the SDGs is estimated in the order of 2.5 to 4 trillion dollars per year, undermining efforts to tackle the root causes of poverty and inequality, advance social justice and create the conditions for peace. With the SDGs off track globally and in most countries, and with just five years left before the 2030 implementation deadline, reforming the architecture for development finance is of utmost importance, and parliaments have much to contribute to that discussion.

The 4th UN Conference on Financing for Development offers just such an opportunity for reform. Ten years have passed since the last major UN conference on financing for development in Addis Ababa, and yet the Action Plan (AAP) that was adopted there remains largely unrealized. In last year's [Pact for the Future](#), governments acknowledged the need for a strong outcome from FFD4.

There is increasing recognition among parliaments of their role in financing for the SDGs. Parliaments occupy a unique space between governments and citizens, providing them with opportunity to align financing efforts to the needs of people, show political leadership, and drive inclusive development.

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A/RES/ 77/159: Enhancing the role of parliaments in accelerating the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (December 2022)

A/RES/78/1: Political Declaration of the SDG Summit (September 2023)

A/RES/76/270: Interaction between the United Nations, national parliaments and the IPU (June 2022)

This year's joint IPU-UN [Parliamentary Hearing at the United Nations](#), held on 13-14 February, in New York, provided a substantive contribution to the FFD4 preparatory process with sessions dedicated to issues such as aid, debt, taxation, trade, and private sector investments. The summary report of the Hearing, containing a number of recommendations, will be circulated to all Member States. As of this writing, the draft outcome document of FFD4 includes a strong reference to the oversight role of parliaments in relation to budget transparency, accountability and efficiency.

With this background in mind, the Parliamentary Event at FFD4 will focus on highlighting the key deliverables of the conference based on the agreed outcome document. Secondly, the event will highlight key steps parliaments need to take to ensure implementation of the FFD4 outcome document. Particular attention will be paid to the five core issues that were discussed at the 2025 Parliamentary Hearing.