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Political will in action: Key steps for parliaments to fast-forward the SDGs

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12:00-13:00 CEST (Geneva time)

CONCEPT NOTE

Background

Only 17% of the SDG targets are currently on track. The effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, ongoing conflicts, economic turmoil and climate-related crises have severely impacted SDG progress. However, these are only part of the story. An important component is also linked to the institutional sphere, in the form of the political and economic choices made to improve national wellbeing. National emergencies and competing priorities can slow down actions to implement the SDGs.

As we enter the final five years before the 2030 SDG deadline, sporadic actions, however significant they might be, are not sufficient; there is no more room for delay. It is now time to embrace courageous and comprehensive structural changes to put the SDGs back on track. The results of the questionnaire that the IPU launched in 2021 to collect information on parliamentary practices to advance the implementation of the SDGs showed that, despite various promising initiatives, most of the parliaments surveyed do not fully integrate the SDGs into their everyday work or into regular parliamentary procedures. Enhanced political will, action, cooperation and coordination are the only solutions to deliver tangible results.

To help parliaments in their mission to effectively implement the SDGs, the IPU has developed a [toolkit](#) that tries to respond to the urgent need to address complex challenges in a sustainable manner by making the SDGs central to parliaments' legislative and oversight work, while ensuring that their positive and negative interlinkages are duly taken into consideration.

The webinar will consider ways for parliaments to fast-forward the achievement of the SDGs in this critical phase of their implementation. Key steps in legislative and oversight work will be presented to show how specific measures can help break down silos and ensure that economic, social and environmental problems can be addressed at their roots, making sure that no one is left behind.

Objectives

1. To boost motivation to strengthen parliaments' work on the SDGs, most notably in their legislative and oversight processes.
2. To present tangible steps to implement the SDGs through parliamentary legislative and oversight processes (in line with the new IPU publication *SDG-informed legislative scrutiny*)

Participation

The online event is open to all parliaments and relevant stakeholders.

Language

The working languages will be Arabic, English, French and Spanish.

Webinar platform

The event will be hosted on Zoom.

Registration

All interested parliamentarians and parliamentary staff can register by **6 June 2025** at the following link:

<https://forms.gle/Np5ucXdsktEgeoMo6>