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## 2025 Interregional Seminar on the Achievement of the SDGs for Parliaments of Developing Countries

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

28 August–6 September 2025, Beijing (China)

#### GENERAL INFORMATION

##### 1. VENUE, DATE AND PROGRAMME

The seminar will be held from 28 August to 6 September 2025. It will take place in Beijing and will comprise a field visit, kindly organized by the National People's Congress (NPC) of China to other provinces and cities in China. The draft agenda of the seminar will be sent in due course.

##### 2. FIELD VISIT

For those delegates that are able to stay in China until 6 September, the NPC would be pleased to organize a field visit to other provinces and cities in China.

##### 3. PARTICIPATION

This seminar is open to the following parliaments: Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Barbados, Chad, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Gambia, Georgia, Jamaica, Pakistan and Panama. These parliaments are invited to send a delegation of up to four members, which should be gender-balanced and reflect the political representation within their respective parliaments. Each delegation can be composed of parliamentarians only or may include one parliamentary staff. It is recommended that members of the delegations be persons working directly on development issues in parliament.

##### 4. 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.

##### 5. WORKING LANGUAGE

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

##### 6. REGISTRATION

Please register your delegation with the Embassy of the People's Republic of China in your country, copying [postbox@ipu.org](mailto:postbox@ipu.org). Should you have any query, kindly contact the Chinese Secretariat at [seminar2025@npc.gov.cn](mailto:seminar2025@npc.gov.cn).

Invited parliaments are requested to send their list of participants **no later than 28 July 2025**.

## **7. HOTEL ACCOMODATION, LOCAL TRANSPORTATION AND MEALS**

The National People's Congress will book and cover expenses for hotel rooms for all participants. The National People's Congress will also provide local transportation (including from/to the airport) and meals for the duration of the programme.

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

The IPU and the NPC will be pleased to cover the cost of roundtrip economy class tickets for a delegation of up to four members.

Please identify one person as a **focal point** for contact and provide his/her name, e-mail address and phone number. This person will be contacted by the organizers regarding your delegation's travel plans and for the purchase of flight tickets.

## **9. 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 the People's Republic 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\$ 0,13. 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 participant's own expense.