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Parliamentary Forum at the Second World Summit for Social Development

Investing in people and institutions: The role of parliamentarians in social development

4 November 2025, 15:00–16:15
Qatar National Convention Centre, Room 11

Programme

15:00–15:15 Welcome and introduction

Moderator: Mr. Yousef bin Ali Al-Khater, Member of the Shura Council of the State of Qatar, Member of the Bureau of the IPU Standing Committee on Sustainable Development

- Mr. Hassan bin Abdulla Al-Ghanim, Speaker, Shura Council of the State of Qatar
- Mr. Martin Chungong, Secretary General, IPU

15:15–16:05 Panel discussion: Building bridges for inclusive development

The [Tashkent Declaration](#), adopted at the 150th IPU Assembly in April 2025, reaffirmed the commitment of parliaments worldwide to place social development at the centre of their legislative agendas. This panel will bring together parliamentarians and key stakeholders to discuss the interconnected challenges of investing in people, democratizing the economy and strengthening institutions, and how cross-sector collaboration and partnerships can address these challenges more effectively. The session will review parliamentary experiences, strategies and collaborative models, with the aim of identifying practical recommendations to strengthen parliamentary action related to social development.

- Multistakeholder panel:
 - Ms. Li Andersson, Member of the European Parliament
 - Ms. Pauline Deneufbourg, Youth Empowerment Policy Specialist, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
 - Ms. Barbara Adams, Chair of the Board, Global Policy Forum
- Debate with participants

16:05–16:15 Final remarks and closing

Dr. Hamda bint Hassan Al-Sulaiti, Deputy Speaker of the Shura Council of the State of Qatar, Vice-President of the IPU Executive Committee

19:30 Dinner for all parliamentary delegations (venue TBC)

The event will have simultaneous interpretation in English and Arabic.