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Parliaments and the Next Generation: A Shared Agenda for Disarmament



Online – 11 December 2025

Session 1: Timed for the Asia/Pacific region – 7:00 – 9:00 CET
Session 2: Timed for Africa, Europe and the Americas – 16:30 – 18:30 CET

Background

The global security environment is evolving rapidly, shaped by geopolitical tensions, rising military expenditure, and advances in weapons technologies. Long-standing risks such as weapons of mass destruction and the widespread circulation of small arms now intersect with newer challenges linked to autonomous systems, AI-enabled targeting, and the potential misuse of chemical and biological agents. In this context, disarmament and arms control remain important pillars for sustaining peace and supporting long-term development.

Parliaments have a well-established role in this area. Through their responsibilities for legislation, budget approval, oversight and public representation, they contribute to national and international approaches to security and disarmament. This role is reflected in decades of IPU resolutions and recent IPU publications, including the [Human Security and Common Security to Build Peace toolkit](#) and the 2025 [issue brief on parliamentary oversight of military expenditure](#), which highlight how transparent, evidence-based decision-making supports responsible and people-centred security policies.

Youth perspectives offer valuable and complementary insights into these issues. Young people, be they MPs, professionals, academics and researchers, bring expertise in science, technology, security policy and cross-disciplinary analysis, enabling them to contribute meaningfully to discussions on emerging and traditional security challenges. Their engagement strengthens parliamentary debate and supports more forward-looking approaches to governance.

This event is designed to reflect that spirit. It will provide a space where young experts and MPs can share views, learn from one another, and collaborate on equal footing. By integrating youth perspectives in a substantive way, parliaments can enrich their understanding of evolving risks and work together toward effective and inclusive disarmament strategies.

Objectives

The webinar will provide an accessible overview of current disarmament challenges and highlight the role of parliaments in advancing responsible and people-centred security policies. The session will also showcase the value of youth perspectives in linking long-standing issues with rapidly evolving dynamics. To that end, it will foster dialogue between young experts, young MPs and the wider IPU membership, while also underscoring the importance of peace and disarmament education as part of forward-looking security strategies.

Expected Outcomes

- Better understanding of the evolving disarmament landscape and its emerging risks.
- Clearer insights into practical parliamentary tools for advancing disarmament, including through strengthened oversight of military spending.
- Greater recognition of youth contributions as constructive and forward-looking inputs to informed policymaking.
- Improved awareness of effective peace and disarmament education initiatives as a foundation for sustainable security and safer future.

The event will take place online. Session 1 will take place in English only and Session 2 in English, French, Spanish and Arabic via simultaneous interpretation. You may register via the following links:

Session 1 morning – <https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/H8bamqQ2QmC3ZnHlle3NUw>

Session 2 afternoon – <https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/JYvcMgNVQ2mTG6rMPEGfuQ>