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IPU Parliamentary Meeting at the UN General Assembly 2026

Restoring trust, managing transformation:

A United Nations that delivers for all

Wednesday, 23 September 2026, 10:00 to 12:30

Church Center of the United Nations, 777 East 44th Street (at 1st Avenue)

10:00 - 10:10

Welcome remarks

Dr. Tulia Ackson, IPU President

10:10 - 12:20

Renewing the United Nations: The Pact for the Future, UN80 and the UN we want

Panellists will update parliamentarians on the processes under way to strengthen the UN according to the visions set out in the landmark [Pact for the Future](#), which Member States adopted in September 2024. The question of streamlining the work and budget of the UN under the Secretary-General's [UN80 Initiative](#) will also be discussed.

Questions for discussion:

- How can parliamentarians work for a properly resourced and empowered UN according to the vision set out in the Pact for the Future?
- Can the UN be made fit for purpose within the framework of its original 1945 Charter?
- How can parliaments partner with civil society to help shape the UN we want?

Speakers:

Mr. Themba Kalua, Director, Pact for the Future Implementation,
Executive Office of the UN Secretary-General

Ms. Aminata Touré, Former PM, Senegal, Board Member, Club
de Madrid

Dr. Adam Lupel, Executive Director, Coalition for the UN We Need
(C4UN)

Mr. Ishaan Shah, Co-founder of Stolen Dreams, UN Foundation Next
Generation Fellow

Moderator: Ms. Patricia Torsney, Permanent Observer and Head of
the New York Office, IPU

12:20 - 12:30

Conclusions and way forward

Dr. Tulia Ackson, IPU President

English and French interpretation will be available