Proactive parliaments: Bolstering self-development
IPU support – An Overview

• We provide support to national parliaments to help them perform their representation, oversight, legislative and budgetary functions more effectively.

• Our work focuses on parliamentary strengthening that is associated with democratic governance and directly supports SDG 16.

• We help parliaments identify gaps and opportunities to effectively enhance their functioning (e.g. IPU toolkits on: democratic performance; gender sensitivity and SDGs).

• Our work is grounded in the Common Principles for Support to Parliaments.
IPU Support - Our Approach

- An **enabling approach** based on the Common Principles for Support to Parliaments

- An approach built on: regular communication with parliaments, strong attention to its needs and priorities, trustful and inclusive relations

- An approach that practically leads to better outcomes, and more efficient and **effective parliaments**
Example of Mali

Parliament’s request for assistance

**OBJECT**
- Information seminar on the SDGs and promotion of gender equality
- SDGs self-assessment exercise using the IPU/UNDP toolkit

**PROCESS**
- Agreement (i.e. Memorandum of Understanding)
- Review of documentation by the SDG Committee
  - Regular information sharing
  - Pre-meetings
  - Etc.

**OUTCOMES**
- Identification of a set of recommendations
- Action plan to effectively mainstream the SDGs into the parliament’s work

Evaluation to survey participants’ views on the workshop
SDGs Self-assessment exercise in Mali
Thank you!