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## Seminar on Achieving the SDGs for the IPU's Twelve Plus Geopolitical Group and East Asia Parliaments

Jointly organized by the Knesset and the Inter-Parliamentary Union

Jerusalem, 20–22 November 2018

### **General Information**

#### **Programme and session venue**

The Seminar on Achieving the SDGs will take place at the Knesset, the Parliament of Israel (address: Kiryat Ben-Gurion, Jerusalem 9195015), from 20–22 November 2018. A provisional agenda will be sent as it becomes available.

#### **Participation and registration**

Members of parliament and accompanying staff members attending the seminar are responsible for making their own arrangements for travel and accommodation. We ask that delegations be composed of up to four members (parliamentarians and parliamentary staff).

All delegations are asked to complete the enclosed registration form in full and return it to both the IPU Secretariat and the Knesset International Affairs Division by 6 November at the latest. Any modifications to the delegation should likewise be communicated to both the IPU and the Knesset. Please include a scanned passport picture of each participant along with the registration.

#### **Visas:**

Please verify if citizens of your country require a visa to enter Israel. The responsibility for obtaining a visa in a timely manner lies solely with conference participants.

#### **Transportation:**

Delegates are responsible for all air travel arrangements and shall cover all related costs. We recommend that delegates plan on arriving in Israel on Monday, 19 November. For delegates arriving on that day, the Knesset will provide ground transfers between Ben-Gurion Airport (approximately 45 minutes from Jerusalem) and the designated hotels. In addition, the Knesset will provide transfers from Jerusalem to Ben-Gurion Airport on Thursday, 22 November, as well as on Friday, 23 November, until approximately noon. Delegates travelling at other times should make transportation arrangements at their own expense.

During the course of the seminar, the Knesset will provide shuttles for all conference participants between the hotels designated below and the seminar venues. Delegates who have made other accommodation arrangements may take the shuttles from one of the designated hotels.

#### **Accommodation:**

As noted above, delegates are responsible for making their own hotel accommodation arrangements. The following hotels are offering special rates to conference participants (rates include breakfast). Please indicate you are attending the IPU-Knesset seminar.

Five-star hotels:

- David Citadel  
7 King David Street  
Single occupancy: \$315; double occupancy: \$330  
Contact: [zeev.aslan@tdchotel.com](mailto:zeev.aslan@tdchotel.com)  
Please cc: [reservations@TDCHOTEL.com](mailto:reservations@TDCHOTEL.com); [reservations@AlrovHotels.com](mailto:reservations@AlrovHotels.com)  
Promo Code: **Parliament IPU**
- King David Hotel  
23 King David Street  
Single occupancy: \$255; double occupancy: \$283  
Contact: [eran.hendler@danhotels.com](mailto:eran.hendler@danhotels.com)
- Waldorf Astoria Jerusalem  
26–28 Gershon Agron Street  
Single occupancy: \$390; double occupancy: \$420  
Contact: [jrs.res@waldorfastoria.com](mailto:jrs.res@waldorfastoria.com)  
Promo Code: **IPU Knesset Conference**

Four-star hotels

- Dan Panorama Hotel  
39 Keren Hayesod Street  
Single occupancy: \$190  
Single occupancy superior room: \$210  
Single occupancy DLX renovated room \$230  
Single occupancy executive room \$250  
Suppl. for double occupancy \$40  
Contact: [tinaa@danhotels.com](mailto:tinaa@danhotels.com)  
Promo code: **IPU2018**  
Website: [https://booking.danhotels.com/G4\\_site/ReservationProcess/SearchResults?Lang=eng&SelectedHotelID=10119&ListHotelIds=10119&com=box&PromoCode=IPU2018&editMode=true&fr=htl&ttl=ChooseYourRoom](https://booking.danhotels.com/G4_site/ReservationProcess/SearchResults?Lang=eng&SelectedHotelID=10119&ListHotelIds=10119&com=box&PromoCode=IPU2018&editMode=true&fr=htl&ttl=ChooseYourRoom)
- Eldan Hotel  
24 King David Street  
Single occupancy: \$145; double occupancy: \$165 (classic), \$175 (superior)  
Contact: [jer\\_hotel@eldan.co.il](mailto:jer_hotel@eldan.co.il)  
Promo Code: **IPU2018**  
Participants should enter the hotel's website: [www.eldanhotel.com](http://www.eldanhotel.com) where they insert the promo code mentioned above.
- King Solomon Jerusalem  
32 King David Street  
Single occupancy: \$190; double occupancy \$196  
Contact: [reservationjer@kingsolomon-hotel.com](mailto:reservationjer@kingsolomon-hotel.com)

Three-star hotel

- Beit Shmuel Hotel  
6 Eliyahu Shama St., Jerusalem  
Single occupancy: \$119; double occupancy: \$135; triple occupancy: \$157  
Contact: [oren@wupj.org.il](mailto:oren@wupj.org.il)

Conference attendees are free to arrange other accommodation, although shuttles to the conference venues will run only from the above hotels.

### **Organization of proceedings**

In keeping with IPU practice, during the roundtable discussions, all delegates will have equal speaking rights. To ensure that the discussions are as fruitful and dynamic as possible, the following rules will apply:

- There will be no list of speakers for the roundtables. After moderators have introduced the subject, the floor will be open to all participants.
- Our experience has shown that such events do not lend themselves to reading out prepared statements but rather to the natural flow of discussion. Subject to arrangements that the moderators may make, depending on the circumstances, oral contributions may not exceed three minutes. Participants may speak several times on each item, particularly to respond to other statements.
- The seminar sessions will include presentations by experts and resource persons.
- A rapporteur will sum up the work of the seminar at its concluding session.

### **Working languages:**

The working languages of the conference will be English, French, and Hebrew. Interpretation will be provided throughout the conference (including site visits) in these languages. Delegations are asked to inform the Knesset should they require a booth for their own interpreters.

### **Dress code:**

Please bring business attire for the meetings at the Knesset and the official meals, as well as comfortable, casual clothing for the tours and site visits.

### **Security:**

Security throughout the seminar will be coordinated by the Knesset Guard.

Participants will receive badges at the hotels before departing for the Knesset on the morning of 20 November. These badges should be worn throughout the seminar and at all venues.

### **Accessibility:**

The Knesset is fully accessible to people with physical disabilities. Should you require assistance in this regard, please indicate your needs on the registration form.

### **Dietary needs:**

Please indicate any allergies or dietary needs (e.g. vegetarian, vegan) on the registration form.

### **Internet access:**

Wireless Internet access will be available on the Knesset premises.**p**

### **Conference contact Person:**

- **Knesset:** Ms. Liat Margalit, LMargalit@knesset.gov.il

## **Local information**

### **Weather:**

November in Israel is mid-autumn with an average daytime temperature of approximately 15°C. For an updated weather forecast see: <http://www.israelweather.co.il/english/index.asp>.

**Currency:**

The currency in Israel is the new shekel; 1 new shekel is approximately €0.25 and ¥1.9. Euros and US dollars are accepted in most shops and restaurants as are most major international credit cards.

**Electricity:**

The power supply in Israel is 220V at 50 Hz. Most power sockets in Israel have three-pin holes, but many of them will work with double-pin European plugs. Visitors who want to use shavers, travelling irons and other small appliances may need both transformers and adapter plugs.