



We are determined to  
foster peaceful, just  
and inclusive societies  
which are free from  
fear and violence.



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# Parliaments as Core Engines

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**The 2030 Agenda and Governance –  
How are they connected?**



**Sustainable Development Goals**



**Institutional Coordination Mechanism**



# I. THE 2030 AGENDA & GOVERNANCE

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The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development calls for:

*Peaceful, just and inclusive societies that provide equal access to justice and that are based on respect for human rights (including the right to development), on effective rule of law and good governance at all levels, and on transparent, effective and accountable institutions.*

It pledges to **tackle** inequality, corruption, poor governance, illicit financial and arms flows, and other factors that give rise to **violence** and **insecurity**.



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SDG 16 is the main goal for fostering peaceful, just and inclusive societies which are free from fear and violence.

It embodies **10 targets** and **23 indicators**.





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**Goal 16:** Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels

**Target 16.1** Significantly reduce all forms of violence and related death rates everywhere

**Target 16.2** End abuse, exploitation, trafficking and all forms of violence against and torture of children

**Target 16.3** Promote the rule of law at the national and international levels and ensure equal access to justice for all

**Target 16.4** By 2030, significantly reduce illicit financial and arms flows, strengthen the recovery and return of stolen assets and combat all forms of organized crime

**Target 16.5** Substantially reduce corruption and bribery in all their forms

**Target 16.6** Develop effective, accountable and transparent institutions at all levels

**Target 16.7** Ensure responsive, inclusive, participatory and representative decision-making at all levels

**Target 16.8** Broaden and strengthen the participation of developing countries in the institutions of global governance

**Target 16.9** By 2030, provide legal identity for all, including birth registration

**Target 16.10** Ensure public access to information and protect fundamental freedoms, in accordance with national legislation and international agreements

**Target 16.a** Strengthen relevant national institutions, including through international cooperation, for building capacity at all levels, in particular in developing countries, to prevent violence and combat terrorism and crime

**Target 16.b** Promote and enforce non-discriminatory laws and policies for sustainable development



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- Deliver all SDGs
- Strengthen cooperation and overcome shared challenges
- Increase capacity for tax and revenue collection



- End poverty and realize gender equality
- Remove barriers to health, education, economic growth
- Tackle environmental crimes



- Share prosperity and wealth
- Reach the vulnerable and furthest behind
- Increase productivity and investment



## II. HOW DO WE GET THERE?

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### ADDRESSING DIFFERENT NEEDS

**Whole-Society-Approach** to designing coordinated, integrated, and comprehensive fragility analyses to inform all planning processes:

- Improving the legal and policy environment
- Strengthening analytical capability among government actors, private sector and civil society to identify drivers of fragility
- Building early warning and early action infrastructure at all levels of society

These processes also **leverage established mechanisms, institutions and processes** that enable citizens to articulate their interests, exercise their legal rights and obligations and mediate their differences to promote cohesive societies.



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### **Equal opportunities offered to Women and Youth to Participate, Design and Decide**

It must be ensured that all stakeholders, including political actors, civil society, the private sector and the public at large, are engaged in an **open and inclusive SDG process** in order to build a strong sense of **ownership** and ensure **people-centered** development.

Agenda 2030 explicitly recognizes that **engagement of parliaments is essential for the success of the SDGs**. Parliamentarians have a critical role to play in driving forward people-centered development that is reflective of and responsive to the needs of their constituents.



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### INCLUDING ALL STAKEHOLDERS

*Tool: Parliamentary Strengthening*

The key available resources are:

- UNDP/ IPU (2016) Parliaments and the Sustainable Development Goals: A self-assessment toolkit
- UNDP/GOPAC/IDB (2017) Parliament's Role in Implementing the Sustainable Development Goals: A Parliamentary Handbook
- Facilitation documents to support a two-day workshop (Concept Note, Agenda, Invitation, Keynote Speak, Presentation)
- Online Training



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### LOCALIZING THE GOALS

All of the SDGs have targets directly related to the responsibilities of local and regional governments. That is why the achievement of the SDGs depends on **the ability of local and regional governments to promote integrated, inclusive and sustainable territorial development.**

**Subnational governments are policy makers,** catalysts of change and the level of government best placed to link the global goals with local communities. Localizing development is then a process to **empower all local stakeholders**, aimed at making sustainable development more responsive, and therefore, relevant to local needs and aspirations.



### III. CREATING TANGIBLE IMPROVEMENTS

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#### INCLUSIVE MONITORING AND REPORTING

Considering the enabling nature of SDG16 vis-à-vis the Agenda, meaningful monitoring and reporting on this goal requires a certain level of analysis and **contextualization** for countries to “ground” the global targets in national realities.

- What types of institutional arrangements work best for a broad array of national stakeholders to collaborate effectively around SDG16 monitoring?
- What types of methodologies can be used to provide a comprehensive picture of progress?



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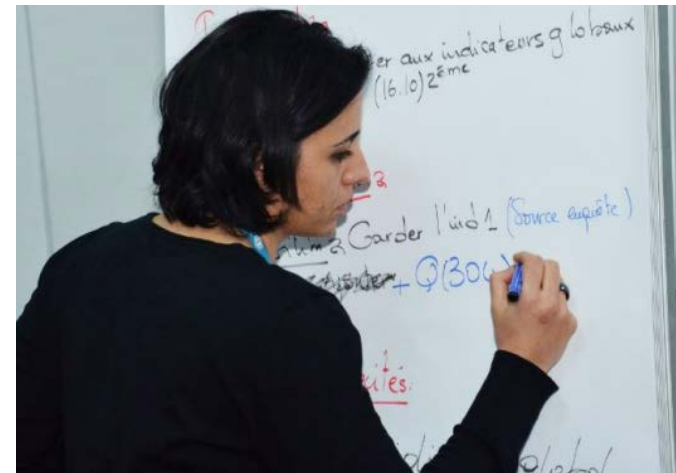


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### INCLUSIVE MONITORING AND REPORTING

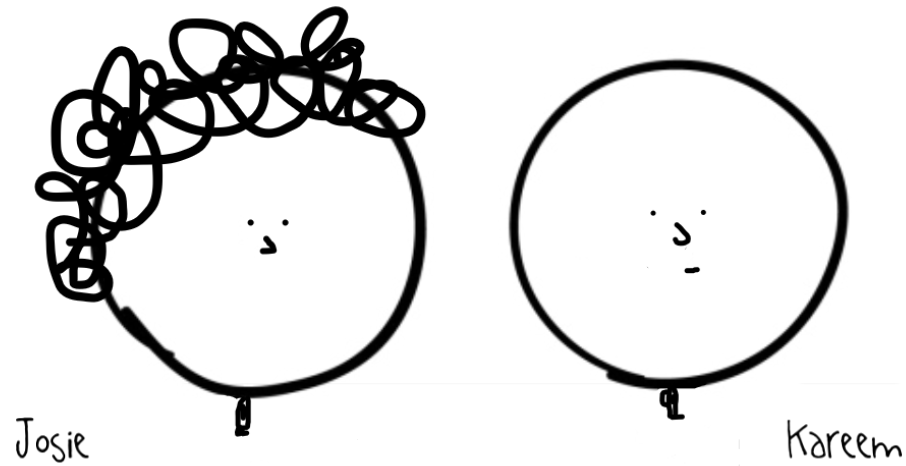
**Tool:** *Monitoring to Implement Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions: Pilot Initiative of National-Level Monitoring of SDG 16.*

- **Collect indicators** from National Statistical Offices; international platforms, government administrative data and non-official sources
- **Conduct consultations:** analytical joint reviews of progress and recommendations in which government and civil society participate
- **Produce periodic scorecard tracking results** on selected indicators, identifying data monitoring gaps and incorporating specific policy recommendations



SDG Workshop Tunisia

Family conversation at the dinner table,  
about challenges they are facing...



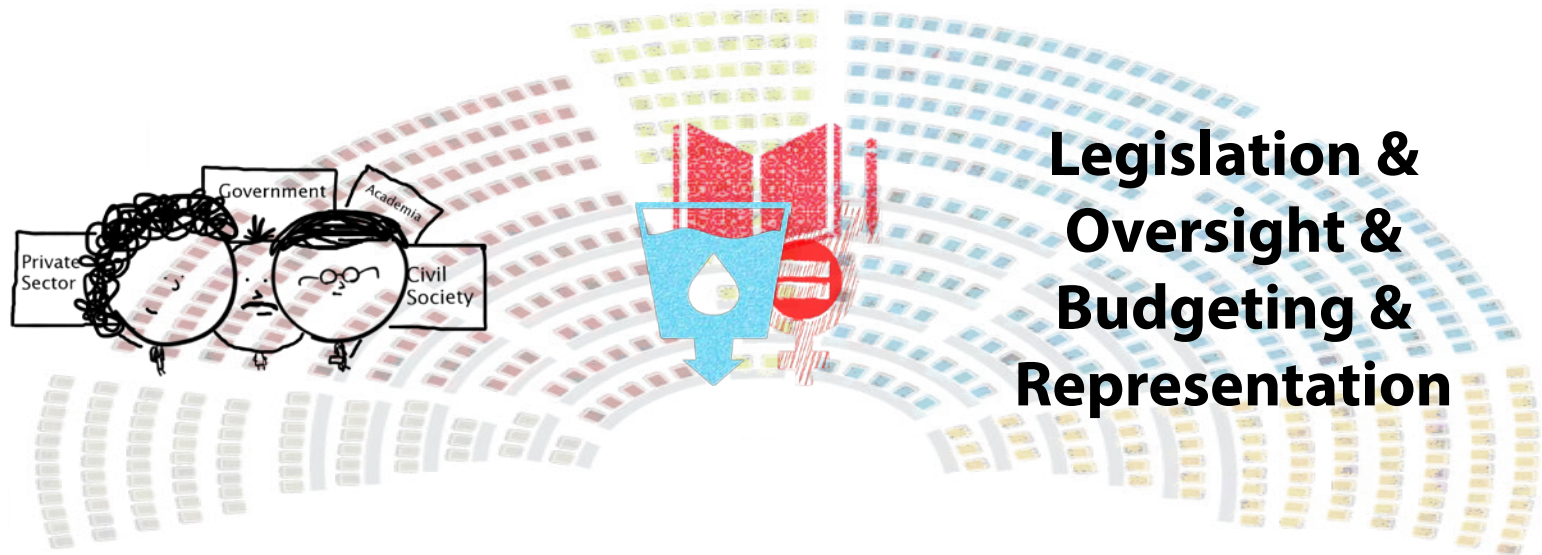
Josie would like to ask for a raise, especially since she found out her **male co-worker makes more money** than her, but she is afraid to get fired.



She worries about **climate change**. She wants to switch to green electricity, but cannot afford to pay for it.



Parliaments can act as **SDG Platforms**:



They engage with  
many different people  
in their constituency...

...all SDGs  
and their  
interlinkages..

...through  
their different  
functions.

The Agenda 2030 also wants parliamentarians to pay special attention to the **parliament's own institutional development** and their own work as representatives of their constituents.



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Target 16.6

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Target 16.7

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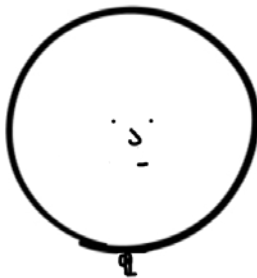
Parliamentarians have special responsibility to open parliaments and engage the public so government programmes and fiscal policies will **benefit everyone**, including Kareem. For example, they can build a **public dialogue** with people through civil society partnerships, public fora or through social media.

The Parliament of  
Tunisia did that, with  
UNDP support



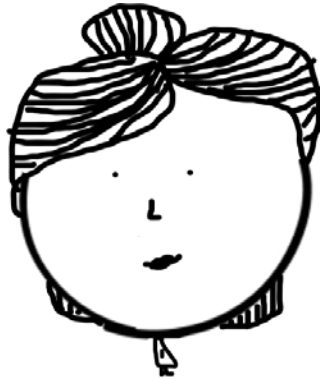
They can also promote  
**participatory lawmaking**  
and hold public hearings on  
draft laws.

The parliament of  
Georgia did that



MP Salma represents Josie and Kareem in their National Parliament. She has read the Agenda 2030 and is excited about the important role parliaments can play in advancing the SDGs! Nonetheless, she can't help but wonder:

**Can parliaments *really* just do all of these things?**

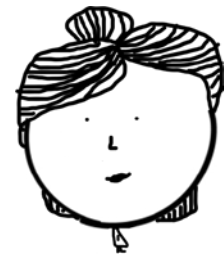


Is my parliament ready for the SDGs?  
How can I contribute as  
an individual MP?

Of course, parliaments will need to work on their  
**“Agenda 2030 readiness”**.

They will require new capacities, sufficient resources, institutional arrangements and internal processes, as well as good coordination and exchange of information with other actors.

**UNDP is accompanying Salma and other parliamentarians in this endeavor.**



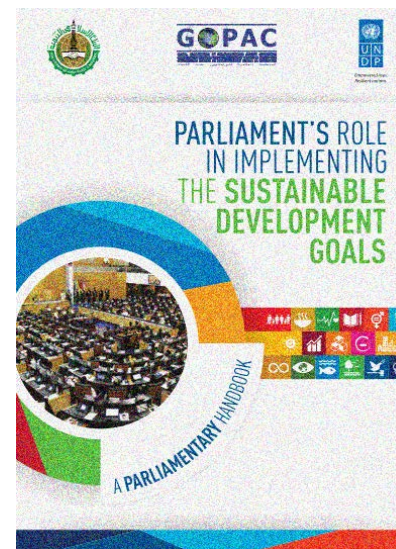
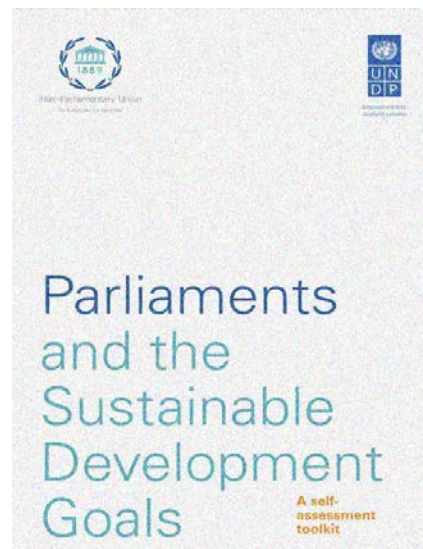


UNDP has developed several **publications** in collaboration with its international partners to support parliamentarians in advancing the Agenda 2030.



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A Self Assessment  
Toolkit



A Handbook with Information  
and Best Practices



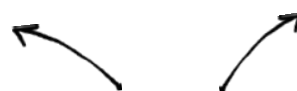
Engagement in the Arab region is based on a **Regional Parliamentary SDG Action Plan** that was developed during a **Regional Seminar** in 2017.

The Seminar brought together many MPs like Salma to exchange knowledge and expertise on advancing the Agenda 2030.

ESCWA @UNESCWA - 8. Nov. 2017  
#يحدث\_الآن: برلمانيون من المنطقة العربية في بيت الأمم المتحدة في بيروت لحضور ندوة حول دورهم في تحقيق أهداف التنمية المستدامة. ويشارك الإسكوا وبرنامج الأمم المتحدة الإنمائي و البنك الإسلامي في تعزيز أداء البرلمانات العربية من أجل تحقيق أهداف التنمية المستدامة للجميع



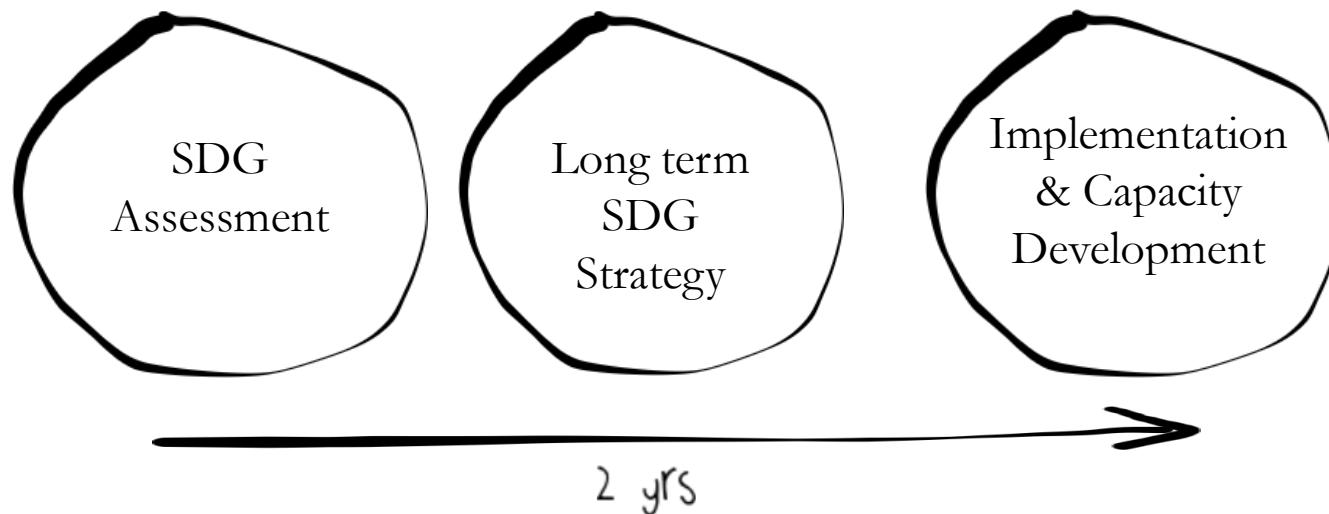
2nd Parliamentary Forum  
December 2018



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On the national level, UNDP is partnering with the Islamic Development Bank to implement the **pilot phase** of the **Parliaments for Agenda 2030** programme in three countries: Jordan, Somalia and Tunisia.





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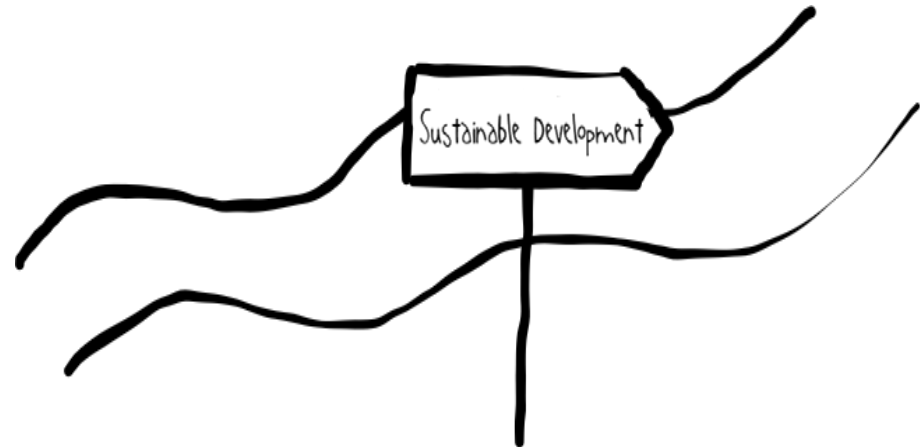
National activities will be complemented with  
**additional support:**





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For example, initial activities have already been implemented in Jordan and Lebanon. Lebanese Parliamentarians have developed an **SDG Roadmap** and a parliamentary **SDG body**. Another workshop is planned in Kuwait.







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