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NOTE ON THE UNCONFERENCE

9 November 2018

What is the Unconference?

The Unconference is a free space in on the conference agenda, whose topics are not determined in advance. The topics of Unconference sessions are proposed and chosen by conference participants.

Format and location

All participants can put forward a proposal for a topic, according to their interests and priorities. Unconference sessions should normally be interactive and focused on discussion and problem-solving. The parliament that proposes the Unconference session will normally lead the discussion during the session (with support from the IPU Secretariat if needed).

Each Unconference session lasts 90 minutes. The number of seats available in the Unconference rooms ranges from 24 to 108 seats. A projector and laptop is available upon request if parliament wishes to show slides.

No interpretation is provided for Unconference sessions. Presenters can choose which language to speak. Participants will be informed in advance of the language of the session.

How to propose an Unconference session

Parliaments can make a proposal for an Unconference session by contacting the IPU Secretariat at wepr@ipu.org. Please provide:

- o the title of the Unconference session and a one paragraph description of the topic of the session, outlining the issues that should be discussed
- o the language in which the session will take place
- o the name and title of the person leading the session (if known)

Proposals can be submitted in English, French or Spanish. The IPU Secretariat will provide feedback on the proposal within two working days.

The deadline for the first round of proposals is 30 November. Additional proposals can be submitted during the conference, up to lunchtime on the day before the Unconference session is due to take place.

On Tuesday 5 December, one of the Unconference slots will focus on "Innovating in different contexts". Parliaments are invited to propose to lead a session on a specific context (small parliaments, post-conflict parliaments, parliaments with limited ICT infrastructure, etc).

How are Unconference sessions chosen?

The Unconference agenda is decided by conference participants. On the day prior to (an Unconference session, the list of proposals is distributed by the IPU Secretariat. Conference participants will vote via an online system for their preferred topic(s).

Based on the voting results, the IPU Secretariat will announce the topics chosen for the Unconference agenda, and allocate times and meeting rooms for the sessions.

Organizers of Unconference sessions will have a briefing with the IPU Secretariat before the session takes place.

Schedule for Unconference sessions

Five Unconference slots have been scheduled during the conference. Up to four Unconference sessions can take place in different rooms during each Unconference slot:

Tuesday 4 December	14:30 - 16:00	I. Tech Unconference
	16:30 - 18:00	II. Tech Unconference
Wednesday 5 December	09:30 - 11:00	III. Leadership Unconference
	09:30 - 11:00	IV. Tech Unconference
	11:30 - 13:00	V. Tech Unconference

For more information

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