Parliamentary Meeting on the occasion of the
United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP 24)
Organized jointly by the Inter-Parliamentary Union and the Polish Sejm
9 December 2018

Provisional programme

08.00 – 16.00 Registration of participants
09.30 – 10.15 Welcome
Ms. Gabriela Cuevas Barron, IPU President
Ms. Beata Mazurek, Deputy Speaker of the Sejm of Poland
Ms. Patricia Espinosa, Executive Secretary, UNFCCC
Moderator: Ms. Aleksandra Blagojevic, Programme Manager for International Development, IPU

10.15 – 10.45 Key note / Setting the scene:
Moving into the implementation of the Paris Agreement with ambitious Nationally Determined Contributions: Key areas to be addressed through national laws and policies
Mr. Niklas Hagelberg, Coordinator, Climate Change Programme, UN Environment

10.45 – 12.00 General discussion:
(1) Developing and strengthening legal and regulatory frameworks as enabling environments for climate action at the national level
• How can legislators support the effective, sustainable and ambitious implementation of the Paris Agreement and Nationally Determined Contributions?
• Which existing initiatives and tools can assist parliamentarians in their work at the national level?
• What can be learned from past experiences?
Ms. Maria Socorro Manguiat, Head, National Environmental Law Unit, UN Environment
Dr. Alina Averchenkova, Distinguished Policy Fellow, Grantham Research Institute, London School of Economics
Mr. Matthew Moorhead, Senior Legal Adviser, Commonwealth Secretariat
Moderator: Ms. Claudia Roth, Vice-President, German Bundestag

12.00 – 13.00 Discussion on focus areas:
(2) Enabling environments for renewable energy investments
• To what extent does the legal investment framework support or hinder funding for renewable energy?
• What other legal or institutional arrangements affect the investment environment?
• What parliamentary powers could be particularly useful in creating an enabling environment?
Mr. Henk Rogers, Founder and Board Chair, Blue Planet Foundation
Ms. Elizabeth Press, Director, Planning and Programme Support, IRENA
Moderator: Mr. Andries Gryffroy, Senator, Belgian Senate
13.00 – 14.00 Lunch break

14.00 – 15.30 Discussion on focus areas:
(3) Economic instruments in national environmental laws and policies (e.g., carbon tax, carbon pricing, and fiscal incentives)
- What measures have proven effective?
- What are the challenges in putting in place the necessary conditions to optimize the effectiveness of economic instruments?

Mr. Daniel Besley, Senior Climate Change Specialist, World Bank
Moderator: H.E. Hon. Chief F.Z. Charumbira, 4th Vice President, Pan-African Parliament

15.30 – 16.00 Conclusions, future outlook and adoption of the outcome document:
- How can legislators / parliamentarians have greater impact towards achieving the Paris Agreement goals?
- How can parliaments assess the impact of climate change legislation?

Ms. Anna Paluch, Rapporteur, Member of the Polish Sejm
Moderator: Prof. Michal Sewerynski, Deputy Speaker of the Polish Senate