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and the State Great Hural of Mongolia

PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

Sunday, 26 May 2019

Arrival of delegates

Monday, 27 May 2019

08.00 – 09.00

Registration

09.00 – 09.30

Opening session

Moderator: H.E. Mr. Luvsantseren Enkh-Amgalan, Vice-Chairman of the State Great Hural (Parliament) of Mongolia and Chairman of the Inter-Parliamentary Group of Mongolia

Welcoming keynote addresses by senior officials of the State Great Hural and the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU)

H.E. Mr. Gombojav Zandanshatar, Chairman of the State Great Hural
Ms. Gabriela Cuevas Barron, President, Inter-Parliamentary Union

Welcoming remark by President / Prime Minister of Mongolia

09.30 – 09.45

Presentation by Mr. Riccardo Mesiano, Sustainable Development Officer Environment and Development Division, United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific

“Achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by 2030: Trends and progress in the Asia-Pacific region”

09.45 – 10.00

Briefing by Ms. Dulamsuren Oyunkhorol, MP, Mongolia, Chair of the Standing Committee on Social Policy, Education, Culture and Science

“Measures taken by the State Great Hural following the first meeting in Ho Chi Minh, Viet Nam in 2017 and further steps”

Group photo

10.00 – 11.30

Session I: Results obtained by Parliaments in the region by overseeing the implementation of the SDGs: The role of the self-assessment

This session will be dedicated to parliamentary activities that have been put in place in order to advance the implementation of the SDGs at the national level. Parliamentary representatives will be invited to present their experiences regarding the introduction of parliamentary oversight mechanisms and cooperation with the executive. A particular matter that will be considered is to what extent parliaments used the IPU self-assessment toolkit to start their own process of internal benchmarking and to assess their state of preparedness for

engagement with the SDGs.

Moderator: Ms. Navaan-Yunden Oyundari, MP, Mongolia

- Ms. Aleksandra Blagojevic, Programme Manager for International Development, Inter-Parliamentary Union
- Mr. Dyfan Jones, Effective Governance Team Leader & Parliamentary Development Specialist, United Nations Development Programme Pacific Office in Fiji
- Member of Parliament

[Presentations will be followed by a debate with delegates](#)

11.30 – 11.45

Coffee break

11.45 – 13.15

Session II: Education as a critical precondition to break the cycle of poverty

Ensuring quality education for all is not only central to the achievement of all SDGs but in particular the goal to end extreme poverty. The aim of the debate on this topic is to have an exchange of experiences in the fight against poverty in the States in the region through education. Socially and economically marginalized groups are the ones that face more difficulties in having access to education. Members of parliament will have the opportunity to present their views on the most efficient ways to address this issue in order to ensure that no one is left behind.

Moderator: Mr. Nyam-Osor Uchral, MP, Mongolia

- Ms. Marielza Oliveira, Director, UNESCO Beijing Cluster Office
- Member of Parliament

[Presentations will be followed by a debate with delegates](#)

13.15 – 14.15

Lunch

14.20 – 14.40

Courtesy call by the Heads of the delegations on H.E. Mr. Khaltmaagiin Battulga, President of Mongolia

14.45 – 16.15

Session III: Ensuring good health and well-being for all through the SDGs

Good health and well-being are key determinants of human development. This session will discuss SDG 3 on health. It will present the challenges and latest achievements in the region on maternal, child and adolescent health, HIV/AIDS and other diseases, as well as in sexual and reproductive health. Participants will discuss how countries can advance their national health agenda and improve access to healthcare for women, girls and other marginalized and vulnerable populations, including by addressing social and financial barriers and by ensuring that healthcare facilities adequately respond to the needs of all. The session will also focus on the importance of having constructive debates on how education could play a central role in protecting the health and wellbeing of children and young people.

Moderator: Ms. Davaajantsan. Sarangerel, MP, Minister for Health, Mongolia

- Mr. Björn Andersson, Regional Director, United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) Asia-Pacific Regional Office
- Ms. Khuat Thi Hai Oanh, Executive Director, Center for Support Community Development Initiatives, Viet Nam
- Member of Parliament

[Presentations will be followed by a debate with delegates](#)

16.15 – 16.30

Coffee break

16.30 – 18.00

Session IV: What are the lessons to be learned and what preventive measure can be taken to fight against climate change?

This session will allow participants to discuss climate change from an angle mainly focused on the importance of building a culture of prevention and promoting a transition to a low-carbon, resource efficient and socially inclusive economy. Participants will have the opportunity to have an exchange on how parliaments and parliamentarians could promote “environmental literacy” and increase awareness on climate change and disaster risk reduction. The session will also foresee the presentation of the newly published IPU study on “The role of parliaments in advancing transition to green economy”.

Moderator: Mr. Namsrai Tserenbat, MP, Minister for Environment and Tourism, Mongolia

- Ms. Ana Cristina Thorlund, Programme Officer, UNDRR Office for Northeast Asia (ONEA) and Global Education and Training Institute (GETI), Incheon, Republic of Korea
- Ms. So-Young Lee, Research Manager, Institute for Global Environmental Strategies, Japan
- Member of Parliament

Presentations will be followed by a debate with delegates

18.30

Official Dinner hosted by H.E. Mr. Luvsantseren Enkh-Amgalan, Vice-Chairman of the State Great Hural (Parliament) of Mongolia and Chairman of the Inter-Parliamentary Group of Mongolia

Tuesday, 28 May 2019

08.30 – 10:00

Roundtable Discussions

In this session, delegates will have the opportunity to share their experiences and opinions about how parliamentarians can advance SDGs implementation in different areas discussed in the seminar. Delegates will be divided into groups.

Conclusions of the roundtable discussions - each group should summarize its discussion and provide several recommendations

10.00 – 10.15

Coffee break

10.15 – 11.30

Session V: Ensuring national ownership and supporting monitoring of progress through the use of high-quality data

This session will consider ways to engage citizens in the legislative and oversight work of parliaments. The SDGs will in fact not be achieved without significant public awareness and engagement. Participants will have the opportunity to discuss how to ensure access to high quality data in order to measure and monitor progress towards the SDGs and to identify innovative ways for citizens to provide bottom-up feedback to policymakers on the implementation of the SDGs. Particular attention will be given to practical ways to enhance this interaction, including ways to effectively communicate on the SDGs and ensure that citizens assume an active role in the SDGs implementation process.

Moderator: Mr. Ganzorig Temuulen, MP, Mongolia

- Ms. Ayush Ariunzaya, Chairperson, National Statistics Office of Mongolia
- Member of Parliament
- Civil society organization

Presentations will be followed by a debate with delegates

11.30 – 12.00	Closing session – Adoption of the outcome document
12.00 – 13.00	Depart to Tuv province
13.00 – 14.30	Lunch
14.30 – 15.30	Briefing and visit at the Vocational training school This study trip will give an opportunity for participants to be introduced to the Vocational training school where students acquire the skills needed to take advantage of employment opportunities, or create small businesses.
15.30	Depart from Tuv province
16.00	Arrive at the “Chinggis Khuree” tourist center
16.20 – 18.30	Mini Naadam at the “Chinggis Khuree” tourist center The participants will be introduced to a piece on Naadam which is a traditional festival focusing on three traditional games: horseracing, wrestling and archery. It is inseparably connected to the nomadic civilization of the Mongols and an outstanding combination of oral traditions, performing arts, cultural forms such as long song, Khöömei overtone singing, dance and the Morin khuur fiddle. Naadam was inscribed on the <u>Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity of UNESCO</u>
19.00 – 20.30	Dinner hosted by H.E. Mr. Gombojav Zandanshatar, Chairman of the State Great Hural (Parliament) of Mongolia
20.30	Depart to Ulaanbaatar