



# Second Regional Seminar for the Asia-Pacific Region Parliaments on Achieving the Sustainable Development Goals

Ulaanbaatar (Mongolia), 27-28 May 2019

Organized jointly by the Inter-Parliamentary Union and the State Great Hural of Mongolia

# **GENERAL INFORMATION**

### **SEMINAR VENUE AND DATE**

The seminar will be held from 27 to 28 May 2019 at the State Palace in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia. Badges and seminar documents should be collected at the State Palace. Delegates will be able to access the seminar areas after collecting their badges.

Address of State Palace: Sukhbaatar district, Sukhbaatar square 1 Ulaanbaatar 14201, Mongolia

#### **PARTICIPATION**

The seminar is open to parliaments of the following Asia Pacific countries: Afghanistan, Australia, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Cambodia, Canada, China, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Fiji, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Japan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Maldives, Marshall Island, Micronesia (Federated States of), Mongolia, Myanmar, Nepal, New Zealand, Pakistan, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Samoa, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu and Viet Nam.

The seminar is also open to the following non-IPU Members: Brunei, Kiribati, Nauru and Solomon Islands.

Delegations should be gender-balanced and reflect the political representation of their respective parliaments. It is recommended that delegates should be those working directly on sustainable development issues in their respective parliaments.

# ORGANIZATION OF PROCEEDINGS

In keeping with IPU practice, all participants will have equal speaking rights. To make the discussions as fruitful and enriching as possible, the following rules will apply:

- (a) After the resource persons have introduced an agenda item, the floor will be opened to participants for questions and comments.
- (b) Experience has shown that this kind of meeting does not lend itself to the reading out of prepared statements. Subject to arrangements that the Chair may make to suit the circumstances, oral contributions may not exceed three minutes. Participants may speak several times on each item, particularly to respond to other statements.

#### **DOCUMENTS**

Presentations on the topics discussed at the Seminar will be posted, when and if possible, by the IPU Secretariat on the IPU's website.

Participants wishing to distribute relevant documentation to their colleagues will be required to provide the material in sufficient quantities and to place it on a designated table.

#### **WORKING LANGUAGES**

The working languages will be **English and Mongolian**.

Delegations wishing to use interpretation facilities should inform the organizers no later than 15 April 2019. Additional interpretation booths will be made available on a first-come-first-serve-basis.

#### **REGISTRATION**

Participants should complete and submit the enclosed registration forms as soon as possible, and **no later** than 15 May 2019, to:

#### **State Great Hural**

State Palace ULAANBAATAR Mongolia

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## TRAVEL, ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE

## Transport to and from Chinggis Khaan International Airport

Transfers will be provided upon arrival and departure to and from the Chinggis Khaan International Airport to the three official hotels (Blue Sky, Tuushin and Ulaanbaatar). Transfers to and from all official events will be available for the duration of the Seminar.

# **TRANSPORT**

Transport will be provided by bus between the conference venue and all official hotels for the official meetings and the social event during the seminar.

### **ACCOMMODATION**

Participants should meet their own hotel expenses. The State Great Hural of Mongolia has made a block booking at the three hotels below. Participants should complete and return the Hotel Registration Form as soon as possible, and **no later than 15 May 2019**.

## **HOTELS**

Room rates are per room per night and include breakfast, VAT and city tax. **Booking deadline:** 15 May 2019. 1 US \$ equals to 2632 ₹ as of 29 March 2019.

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(*****) Tuushin Hotel	
Single Deluxe: 130\$	Double Deluxe: 145\$
Single Deluxe square view: 150\$	Double Deluxe square view: 170\$
Single Club deluxe: 170\$	Double Club deluxe: 185\$
Single Club suite: 260\$	Double Club suite: 275\$
Single Ambassador suite: 1055\$	Double Ambassador suite: 1075\$
Single Presidential suite: 2335\$	Double Presidential suite: 2350\$
(**	***) Blue Sky Hotel
Deluxe King: 146\$	Executive Corner King: 186\$
Deluxe Twin: 163\$	Deluxe Suite: 315\$
Executive King: 157\$	Executive Suite: 350\$
Deluxe Triple: 175\$	Blue Sky Suite: 370\$
	Presidential Suite: 2330\$
(****	*) Ulaanbaatar Hotel
Single Standard: 50\$	Twin Standard: 80\$
Single Standard Twin: 60\$	Twin Superior: 95\$
Single Superior: 95\$	Double Deluxe: 110\$
Single Deluxe: 110\$	Double Suite: 150\$
Single Suite: 150\$	Double Presidential suite: 585\$
Single Presidential suite: 585\$	
	(***) Hotel Nine
Single Standard: 60\$	Double Standard: 80\$
Single Suite: 95\$	Double Suite: 120\$
Business Suite: 140\$	Extra bed: 23.5\$
KI	nuvsgul Lake Hotel
Standard Double (Government view): 80\$	Superior Double (Government View): 125\$
Standard Double (Panorama View): 90\$	Superior Double (Panorama View): 135\$
Standard Twin (Government View): 80\$	Superior Twin (Government View): 125\$
Standard Twin (Covernment View): 90\$	Superior Twin (Panorama View): 135\$
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<u>Please note that</u>, as accommodation facilities are limited, reservations will be processed on a first-come-first-serve basis.

Hotel Reservation Forms should be returned directly to the selected hotel as soon as possible, and no later than 15 May 2019. The hotels cannot guarantee prices or room availability after that date.

# **VISAS**

All applicants for entry visas to Mongolia are requested to contact a Mongolian Embassy/Consulate accredited to their country and close to their place of residence in order to obtain the appropriate visa. For information on visas or customs regulations, delegation secretaries and participants should contact the

embassy of Mongolia in their countries. Please go to the following website for further information: <a href="http://www.immigration.gov.mn/index.">http://www.immigration.gov.mn/index.</a>

# **CURRENCY REGULATIONS**

The official currency in Mongolia is the Mongolian tögrög (MNT or ₹). As on 2 February 2019 the exchange rate was USD 1 to 2,625 MNT, but this can vary. Major international currencies can be exchanged at banks, currency exchange offices and major hotels. Most major credit cards are widely accepted.

# **WEATHER IN ULAANBAATAR**

Please go to: <a href="https://www.accuweather.com/en/mn/ulan-bator/246421/weather-forecast/246421">https://www.accuweather.com/en/mn/ulan-bator/246421/weather-forecast/246421</a> for information.