

Regional Seminar on Achieving the SDGs for the IPU's Twelve Plus Geopolitical Group

Palácio de São Bento (Assembly of the Republic), Lisbon (Portugal)
5-6 June 2019

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Provisional programme

Wednesday, 5 June

09:00 – 10:00	Registration
10:00 – 10:30	Opening Ceremony <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr. Eduardo Ferro Rodrigues, President of the Assembly of the Republic, Portugal• Ms. Gabriela Cuevas Barron, IPU President• Mr. Duarte Pacheco, Chair of the Twelve Plus Geopolitical Group
10:30 – 11:30	Panel I – Innovation as a driver of change <p>This session will discuss SDG 9-Industry, innovation and infrastructure, as a crucial driver of sustainable development and economic growth. Informed by the experiences of Portugal and Israel, the panel will present examples of how scientific research and technological progress can help address social and economic challenges. The session will also discuss how collaboration can be strengthened among all relevant public and private stakeholders.</p> <p>Moderator: Mr. Fernando Virgílio Macedo, Member of Parliament, Portugal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr. Manuel Heitor, Minister of Science, Technology and Higher Education, Portugal• Mr. António Braz Costa, General Manager, CITEVE, Textile Technology, Portugal• Mr. Arlindo Oliveira, President, Instituto Superior Técnico, Portugal• Representative, Israel (tbc)
11:30 – 12:30	Debate <p>Participants will be encouraged to share their country's experience, best practices and challenges on how parliaments can promote innovation and what mechanisms can be put in place to strengthen multisectoral action on science, technology, education, and employment.</p>
12:30 – 14:00	Lunch in the Monk's refractory of Palácio de São Bento
14:00 – 14:30	Transfer to field visits – Innovation and Health
14:30 – 16:00	Field visit to the Champalimaud Foundation (http://first.fchampalimaud.org/en/the-foundation/champalimaud-centre-unknown/)

16:30 – 18:00 Field visit to the Research Centre of Instituto Superior Técnico (<https://tecnico.ulisboa.pt/en/research-and-innovation/rd/research-at-tecnico/>)

18:00 Return to hotels

Thursday, 6 June

10:00 – 11:00

Panel II – Health and Social Welfare

SDG3 – Good Health and Well-Being

Following the first panel and the field visits, this session will address key health challenges for countries of the IPU's Twelve Plus Geopolitical Group and discuss how innovation can help accelerate progress on health and ensure that no one is left behind.

Moderator: Ms. Hortense Martins, Member of Parliament, Portugal

- Mr. Adalberto Campos Fernandes, Professor, former Minister of Health, Portugal
- Mr. Francisco George, President, Portuguese Red Cross (CVP)
- Ms. Cecilia Widegren, Member of Parliament, Sweden; Chair of the Riksdag Delegation to the IPU
- Ms Bettina Maria Menne, Coordinator, Health and Sustainable Development (SDG), WHO Regional Office for Europe

11:00 – 12:00

Debate

During this interactive debate, participants will share parliamentary actions and best practices from their countries on improving access to health and addressing social and economic determinants of health. They will also provide examples and share opinions on how to promote innovation and technology in the health sector that would be sustainable to the national budgets.

12:00 – 12:30

Coffee break
Group Photo

12:30 – 13:00

Closing Ceremony

- Mr. Duarte Pacheco, Chair of the Twelve Plus Geopolitical Group
- Ms. Gabriela Cuevas Barron, IPU President
- Mr. Jorge Lacão, Vice-President of the Assembly of the Republic of Portugal

13:00

Return to hotels