

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

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Dear Madam Speaker,
Dear Mr. Speaker,

It is our great pleasure to invite your Parliament to the Regional Seminar *Development for all: Parliament's road map on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)* for the parliaments of the Asia-Pacific region. This event, to be held in Islamabad, Pakistan, on 2 and 3 March 2020, is being jointly organized by the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) and the National Assembly of Pakistan, and is the third in a series of seminars for the region on the SDGs, the previous two having been hosted by the Parliament of Viet Nam (in 2017) and the Parliament of Mongolia (in 2018).

In recognition of the key role parliaments play in implementing the SDGs, the IPU and the National Assembly of Pakistan are pleased to continue to provide a platform for exchanging ideas, best practices and experience regarding SDG implementation among parliaments and organizations from the Asia-Pacific region. The seminar will focus on a number of topics that are considered as some of the main challenges facing the region from the social, economic and environmental perspectives. Our objective is to work together on devising ways and means of bringing sustainable prosperity while leaving no one behind.

We trust that your Parliament will be represented at the seminar. Parliaments are encouraged to send delegations of up to four members (parliamentarians and parliamentary staff) who are directly involved in the seminar's topics and who represent different political affiliations and both genders in a balanced manner. The working language will be English. The National Assembly of Pakistan will provide local hospitality including accommodation and ground transportation to a 4-Member delegation from each participating Parliament.

We are pleased to enclose a general information note and the registration forms. The registration forms should be completed and returned to the National Assembly of Pakistan with copy to the IPU Secretariat by 5 February 2020 at the latest. The programme and the concept note of the event will be sent out in due course. Further information about the Regional Seminar will be posted on www.ipu.org as it becomes available.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,



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Speaker of the National Assembly of Pakistan