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Third Expert Roundtable on the Common Principles for Support to Parliaments

Challenges and opportunities in parliamentary monitoring and evaluation

Virtual event – 9 December 2020



Draft programme Virtual sitting I: 9:00 – 11.30 (CET)

9 December 2020	
09:00 – 09:02	<p>Welcome and introduction to the Roundtable</p> <p>Remarks by:</p>
09:05 – 10:00	<p><u>Why do parliaments monitor their performance and what do they measure?</u></p> <p>The first session will examine the rationales and motivations of why parliaments monitor and evaluate institutional performance, from the perspective of both Members and the administration. It will also look at <i>what</i> parliaments measure, and which indicators are used. Participants will discuss constraints or challenges in determining the level of implementation that is being monitored (output, outcome etc). Often the <i>why</i> is to measure impact; but how can we ensure that <i>what</i> is measured provides the right data to answer our question about the impact of a parliament's work?</p> <p>Moderator:</p> <p>Presentations:</p> <p>09:05 – 09:15 ✓ <i>Why is it important for parliaments to monitor their performance?</i></p> <p>09:15 – 09:25 ✓ <i>What do parliaments measure and why and which indicators are used for best results?</i></p> <p>09:25 – 09:35 ✓ <i>Constraints and challenges in determining what to measure</i></p> <p>Q&A with participants</p> <p>09:35 – 10:00 Participants will be invited to ask questions and share their good practices</p>
10:00 – 10:10	<p>Wellbeing break</p>
10:10 – 11:10	<p><u>Who carries out monitoring and evaluation work in parliaments and how do they monitor the performance of their institutions?</u></p> <p>A second session will explore the different bodies, groups or individuals that are responsible for carrying out monitoring and evaluation work within parliaments, such as parliamentary committees, administrative units, monitoring and evaluation services, or – in cases where no dedicated body exists – individuals such as the Speaker or Secretary General of Parliament. Possible ingredients for success in the composition and working methods of these bodies will be discussed, as well as technical skills that are useful for this work.</p> <p>The session will also examine the tools and processes that parliaments use to monitor and evaluate performance. It will highlight existing challenges and innovative practices. In addition, the session will look at self-assessment as a monitoring and evaluation tool and share experiences of self-assessment in a thematic area, such as gender or development.</p> <p>Moderator:</p> <p>10:10 – 10:20 ✓ <i>Who is responsible for M&E work, and good practice in composition of teams, skills building and working methods?</i></p> <p>10:20 – 10:30 ✓ <i>Tools and processes Parliaments used to monitor and evaluate performance</i></p> <p>10:30 – 10:40 ✓ <i>Self-assessment as an M&E tool from a development/gender perspective</i></p> <p>Q&A with participants</p>

10:40 – 11:10	Participants will be invited to ask questions and share their good practices
11:10 – 11:25	Q&A: What good practices have we learnt that we can use in our own parliaments?
11:25 – 11:30	Wrap up and close

Draft programme Virtual Sitting II: 16:00 – 18:30 CEST

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16:00 – 16:02	Welcome and introduction to the Roundtable Remarks by:
16:05 – 17:00	<p><u>Why do parliaments monitor their performance and what do they measure?</u></p> <p>The first session will examine the rationales and motivations of why parliaments monitor and evaluate institutional performance, from the perspective of both Members and the administration. It will also look at <i>what</i> parliaments measure, and which indicators are used. Participants will discuss constraints or challenges in determining the level of implementation that is being monitored (output, outcome etc). Often the <i>why</i> is to measure impact; but how can we ensure that <i>what</i> is measured provides the right data to answer our question about the impact of a parliament's work?</p> <p>Moderator: Presentations:</p> <p>16:05 – 16:15 ✓ <i>Why is it important for parliaments to monitor their performance?</i></p> <p>16:15 – 16:25 ✓ <i>What do parliaments measure and why and which indicators are used for best results?</i></p> <p>16:25 – 16:35 ✓ <i>Constraints and challenges in determining what to measure</i></p> <p>Q&A with participants</p> <p>16:35 – 17:00 Participants will be invited to ask questions and share their good practices</p>
17:00 – 17:10	Wellbeing break
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17:30 – 17:40	✓ <i>Self-assessment as an M&E tool from a development/gender perspective</i>
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18:25 – 18:30	Wrap up and close