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Agenda

1. **Adoption of the agenda**
2. **Approval of the summary record of the Committee's session held at the 137th IPU Assembly in St. Petersburg (October 2017)**
3. **Parliamentary follow-up on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in preparation for the 2018 session of the United Nations High-level Political Forum (HLPF) on Sustainable Development**

Following a panel presentation, participants will be invited to share lessons learned and best practices in support of the SDGs, and with a focus on results obtained. How well are parliaments integrating the SDGs into their work, and how effective are they in holding governments to account on SDG implementation?

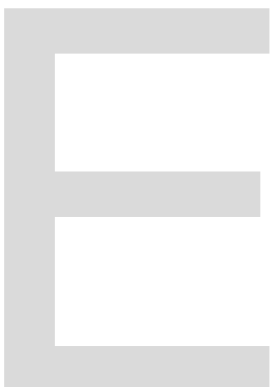
Best practices to be featured may include: mechanisms to oversee the implementation of the national plan for the SDGs; parliamentary input to the 48 voluntary national reviews (VNRs) that will be presented to the HLPF; ways to garner citizens' feedback on the results of government action, and legislative and budgetary reforms to support the implementation of the SDGs.

4. **Panel discussion on the main theme of the 2018 HLPF: *Transformation towards sustainable and resilient societies***

This panel will reflect on ways to measure progress towards sustainability, such as the ecological footprint, and on some of the main aspects of sustainability, such as those that are reflected in the cluster of SDGs under review at the HLPF session, which includes the following:

- Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all (Goal 6);
- Ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all (Goal 7);
- Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable (Goal 11);
- Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns (Goal 12);
- Protect, restore and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, and halt and reverse land degradation and halt biodiversity loss (Goal 15).

5. **Any other business**



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