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# Regional Seminar on the Sustainable Development Goals for the Parliaments of Central and Eastern Europe

## ***Building strong foundations for sustainable development***



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Seminar for Parliaments from Central and Eastern Europe organized jointly by the  
Chamber of Deputies of the Romanian Parliament and the Inter-Parliamentary Union

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Dear Mr./Madam Speaker,

It is our pleasure to invite your Parliament to the Regional Seminar *Building strong foundations for sustainable development* for the parliaments from Central and Eastern Europe

This event, to be held in Bucharest on 18 and 19 April 2016, is the third of a series of regional seminars organized jointly by the Chamber of Deputies of the Romanian Parliament and the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU). It aims to provide a parliamentary platform for exchange to examine progress on the implementation of SDGs.

The parliaments of Central and Eastern Europe were among the first to discuss concrete steps towards implementing the SDGs in their countries and region. During their first meeting, held in Bucharest in June 2015, they adopted an outcome document that called for concrete parliamentary action in a number of key areas, including by adopting sustainable development strategies and tackling environmental risk and climate change.

In recognition of the major role parliaments mean to play in implementing the SDGs, the IPU and the Chamber of Deputies are pleased to continue to provide a platform for the exchange of ideas on the opportunities and challenges that come with the task of meeting the SDGs. With this in mind, this year's seminar will focus on effective institutions and governance for SDGs implementation. Through the prism of environmental challenges facing the region, special attention will also be paid to the role that parliaments can play in ensuring a new culture of environmentally responsible citizens through education and prevention.

We trust that your parliament will be represented at this Seminar. Parliaments are encouraged to send delegations of up to four members (parliamentarians and parliamentary staff) who are directly involved in this topic and who represent different political affiliations and both genders in a balanced manner. The working languages of the Seminar are English, French, Russian and Romanian. As usual, participants are asked to make their own arrangements for visas, accommodation and travel.

The concept note, draft agenda, general information note and registration forms for the event are enclosed. The registration forms should be completed and returned to the Parliament of Romania with a copy to the IPU Secretariat by **1 April 2016** at the latest. The draft agenda and other information about the Regional Seminar will soon be posted on the IPU website (<http://www.ipu.org/strct-e/futrmets.htm>).

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

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