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Workshop on the Rights of the Child

Child-friendly parliaments: The case for stronger parliamentary action in support of child rights

Friday 14 October, 14:30 – 16:00
Room: MH2, ground floor, KCC

Concept note

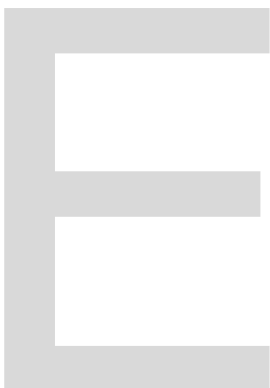
Parliaments can play a crucial role in child rights protection and promotion. They can define and shape child rights policies through the adoption of laws, by fulfilling their oversight function and ensuring the allocation of relevant funds. Parliaments and individual MPs can also positively influence the attitude of society towards child rights. The aim of the child-friendly parliament concept is to provide concrete tools to parliaments to actively use all their powers to support children's rights, as enshrined in the Convention on the Rights of the Child.

The Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU), in collaboration with the United Nations Committee on the Rights of the Child (CRC Committee), and with the support of the Parliament of Rwanda, will organize a workshop aimed at promoting a better understanding of child-friendly parliaments, sharing lessons and good practices, and mobilizing parliamentarians into action to enhance the promotion and protection of child rights.

Guiding questions:

- What does a child-friendly parliament look like?
- How has child participation in parliament contributed to enhancing parliamentary work on child protection and promotion?
- How have successful child-friendly parliaments been able to seize the opportunities and address the challenges that affect their actions in support of child rights?

The workshop will be moderated by Ms. S. Kiladze, the IPU focal point with the United Nations Committee on the Right of the Child (CRC) and a former Member of Parliament of Georgia.



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