



## **International Conference: Effective capacity building programmes for parliamentarians**

Bern (Switzerland), 19-20 October 2011

### **Information note**

#### **Day 1: Wednesday 19 October: Expert seminar**

Day 1 of the conference will be held in parallel with the last day of the 125<sup>th</sup> IPU Assembly and the ASGP meeting will be taking place. The participants in the Expert seminar will be primarily academics and practitioners, who will discuss theoretical and practical approaches to capacity building. Interested delegates to the 125<sup>th</sup> IPU Assembly are also warmly invited to participate in the Expert seminar should they wish.

The Expert seminar will be in English only.

A dinner will be organized on the evening of Wednesday 19 October. Please note that the dinner is at participants' own expense. Advance registration is required. Please contact Katrin Steinack of Monash University for all information regarding the dinner.

#### **Day 2: Thursday 20 October**

Day 2 of the International Conference will bring together parliamentarians, Secretaries General and parliamentary officials with academics and practitioners to discuss the design, delivery and evaluation of effective capacity building programmes for parliamentarians.

Interpretation will be provided in English, French and Spanish on Day 2.

#### **About the project**

The International Conference will build on the research project 'Parliamentary careers: design, delivery and evaluation of improved professional development' conducted by a team of researchers at Monash University, Melbourne, Australia in partnership with the Inter-Parliamentary Union, AusAID, the University of Sydney and the Victoria University of Wellington with Australian Research Council International Linkage Grant funding.

For more information, see

<http://www.ipu.org/dem-e/research.htm>

<http://www.buseco.monash.edu.au/mgt/research/governance/parliamentary-careers/>

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