



Inter-Parliamentary Union

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# Information seminar on the structure and functioning of the Inter-Parliamentary Union

Virtual session, 31 May to 3 June 2022

## PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

**Tuesday, 31 May 2022**

### **Introduction to the Inter-Parliamentary Union**

#### ***Morning***

Welcome of participants

Overview of the IPU:

- Governing bodies and work of the Standing Committees
- Membership (current membership, rights and obligations, suspension of rights)

IPU Assemblies

#### ***Afternoon***

Group photo – online and in-person

IPU funding and staff

Strategy 2022-2026

Open Q&A – what do you want to talk about?

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## Wednesday, 1 June 2022

### What the IPU offers: resources and services

#### *Morning*

IPU's work on strengthening parliaments: Programmes Division

Building strong, democratic parliaments: standards, good practices, data

- The development of standards and norms for democratic practice
- Parline database on national parliaments
- Parliamentary libraries
- e-Parliaments and the Centre for Innovation in Parliaments (CIP)

Helping parliaments to promote and protect human rights

- IPU programme for the defence and promotion of human rights
- IPU engagement with the UN Human Rights Council

#### *Afternoon*

Q&A with the IPU Secretary General, Martin Chungong

Communications

- How to..., the IPU website, social media

Building capacity and provision of technical assistance

- Presentation of overall work
- Learning Management System platform demonstration
- Sharing best practices, lessons learnt, case study of technical assistance

## Thursday, 2 June 2022

### Your parliaments and the IPU, what we can accomplish together

#### *Morning*

Supporting parliaments' efforts to promote gender equality and youth participation

How parliaments support and advance international development

- Work in the fields of climate change, Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and health

### **Afternoon**

How parliaments support international peace and security processes

- Committee to Promote Respect for International Humanitarian Law
- Disarmament
- Countering terrorism and violent extremism
- MPs and science and technology

Cooperation with the United Nations

- The role of parliaments in global governance
- Working with the United Nations
- Parliaments' representation at United Nations events

### **Friday, 3 June 2022**

#### **Over to you**

#### **Morning session**

Open office with participants

IPU staff are available to talk and answer questions from in-person or online participants

Please inform us by Thursday, 2 June (15:00) with whom you wish to meet

Inter-participant networking: break-out groups

(participants speak about their work, exchange good practices)

Follow-up: the reporting exercise and surveys

Closing session

Assessment of the seminar: Views and suggestions from participants in person or written comment form

#### **Afternoon session**

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