**Youth participation in national parliaments: 2023**

About this questionnaire

This questionnaire aims to collect information on the age of parliamentarians as well as mechanisms and structures that encourage or enhance the participation of young people in national parliaments. The survey findings will be used for the forthcoming *2023 IPU Report on youth participation in national parliaments*. Some data will also be published on the IPU’s [Parline](https://data.ipu.org/) database. The IPU considers “young” parliamentarians as those below the age of 45.[[1]](#footnote-2)

*Note:* The survey is for national parliaments and its members,[[2]](#footnote-3) except question 6 which concerns youth parliaments.

Please complete and return this form by email to [postbox@ipu.org](mailto:postbox@ipu.org) with the subject line “2023 Youth Questionnaire – Country Name”, or fax to +41 22 919 41 60 by **12 April 2023**.

The questionnaire can also be completed online at the following link: <https://survey.alchemer.eu/s3/90537262/Youth-participation-in-national-parliaments-2023-Short-survey>

**Country**

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**Chamber** *(For bicameral parliaments, please complete a separate questionnaire for each chamber)*

Lower chamber / Unicameral  Upper chamber

**Name and job title of the person completing the questionnaire**

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**Email**

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**Date completed (DD/MM/YYYY)**

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**Are you the Parline** [**Correspondent**](https://data.ipu.org/content/parliaments)**[[3]](#footnote-4) for your Parliament/chamber?**

Yes  No

1. **Have there been any recent changes to the voting age or age of eligibility to become a member of parliament?**

Yes  No

*If* ***yes****,*

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|  | **From age:** | **To age:** | **Date of change** *(MM/YYYY)* | **Source**  *(e.g. Electoral Law 2022, Art. 4)* |
| **Voting age** |  |  |  |  |
| **Age of eligibility** |  |  |  |  |

1. **Do any special measures or initiatives currently exist to increase the representation of young members in parliament?**

Yes  No

*If* ***yes*:**

* 1. **Which of the following special measures or initiatives are currently in use?**

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| **Measure** | **Yes** | **No** | **Details and source[[4]](#footnote-5)**  *Please provide a link or reference to the source(s) and a description of the special measure. For example: the number of seats/percentage of candidates they pertain to, year adopted and/or modified, the mechanism for selection (separate election, chosen by youth organization, similar to other candidates), etc. Please provide full details, if possible.* |
| Reserved seats[[5]](#footnote-6) |  |  |  |
| Legal candidate quotas[[6]](#footnote-7) |  |  |  |
| Political party quotas[[7]](#footnote-8) |  |  |  |
| Other measures / initiatives:  *(please specify):* |  |  |  |

* 1. **What specific age group is covered by the special measure or initiative?**

*For instance, does your Parliament or country have a specific definition or classification for “young parliamentarians” (e.g. 18-25 years old, below 30 years, below 40 years, etc.)? Please provide details.*

1. **Is there a caucus / network of young parliamentarians within parliament?**

Yes  No

***If yes***, please provide details:

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| **Name of the caucus / network:** |
| **What is the status of the caucus/network?:**  Formal[[8]](#footnote-9)  Informal[[9]](#footnote-10) |
| **Date of creation** (MM.YYYY)**:** |
| **Issues dealt with by the caucus / network:** |
| **Website:** |
| **Email:** |

1. **Is there a caucus / network dealing with youth issues within parliament?**

Yes  No  Same as above

***If yes***, please provide details:

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| **Name of the caucus / network:** |
| **What is the status of the caucus/network?:**  Formal[[10]](#footnote-11)  Informal[[11]](#footnote-12) |
| **Date of creation** (MM.YYYY)**:** |
| **Issues dealt with by the caucus / network:** |
| **Website:** |
| **Email:** |

1. **Does the parliament / chamber have a specialized body or committee on youth?**

*This could be a parliamentary committee or group with an explicit mandate to address youth-related issues or which has “youth” or other words with a similar meaning in its title. The body can and may simultaneously cover other issues, e.g. Committee for Youth and Sports.*

Yes  No

***If yes,*** please provide details:

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| **Name of specialized body:** |
| **Nature:**  Permanent  Temporary (ad-hoc) |
| **Chairperson**  Sex:  Male  Female  Date of birth (DD/MM/YYYY): |
| **Number of members:**   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | |  | **All members** | **Below 45 years of age** | | Total |  |  | | Men |  |  | | Women |  |  | |

1. **Is there a youth parliament in your country?**

Yes  No

***If yes***, *please provide details:*

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| **Name of youth parliament:** |
| **Nature:**  Formal[[12]](#footnote-13)  Informal[[13]](#footnote-14) |
| **Targeted age group** (for example, “under 25” or “ages 18–30”)**:** |
| **Membership:**   |  |  | | --- | --- | | Total |  | | Male |  | | Female |  | |
| **Process for selecting members** *(open vote, nomination, etc.)*: |
| **Stated objectives** (e.g. in the youth parliament’s statutes, rules, or terms of reference): |
| **Frequency of meetings:** |
| **Major activities:** |
| **Website**: |
| **Contact information:** |

In April 2021, the IPU launched the “I Say Yes to Youth in Parliament!” Campaign (<https://www.ipu.org/i-say-yes>). The campaign identified six pledges to promote and increase youth participation and representation within parliaments.

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1. **Has your parliament taken action toward implementing any of the six pledges at an institutional[[14]](#footnote-15) level since the launch of the campaign (April 2021)?**

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| **Pledge** | ***Yes*** | ***No*** | ***Was this prompted by the “I Say Yes” campaign?*** *(please check if affirmative)* | ***Details, results, and source[[15]](#footnote-16)***  *Please provide a description, including link(s) or reference(s) to source(s) and relevant information.* |
| **1. Promoting youth quotas** |  |  |  |  |
| **2. Aligning the age of eligibility with that of voting** |  |  |  |  |
| **3. Supporting youth channels in parliament** (e.g., caucuses, committees) |  |  |  |  |
| **4. Empowering young parliamentarians** (e.g., dedicated leadership roles, trainings for young parliamentarians) |  |  |  |  |
| **5. Mentoring young aspirants** (e.g., activities with youth, parliamentary internship programmes, cooperation with youth parliaments or councils) |  |  |  |  |
| **6. Advocating for youth participation** |  |  |  |  |
| **Other measures / initiatives:[[16]](#footnote-17)**  *(please specify):* |  |  |  |  |

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| **Contact information of any parliamentarians or staff serving as leaders/focal points of the “I Say Yes” Campaign** (if available): |

1. IPU, [Rules and working modalities of the Forum of Young Parliamentarians of the IPU](https://www.ipu.org/file/11755/download), Rule 4. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
2. A youth parliament is a platform separate from a country’s national parliament to engage young people and expose them to democratic process and practices. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
3. For more details about the role of Parline Correspondents, please consult <https://data.ipu.org/content/parliaments>. [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
4. Provisions may be mandated in different sources, e.g. the Constitution, Electoral Law, or political party statutes. [↑](#footnote-ref-5)
5. Policies/legislation that guarantee young people a minimum number of seats in parliament. [↑](#footnote-ref-6)
6. Policies/legislation that require all political parties to nominate a minimum percentage of young candidates. This does not include quotas for internal party structures. [↑](#footnote-ref-7)
7. Policies adopted by individual political parties to ensure a certain proportion of young candidates. [↑](#footnote-ref-8)
8. Formal being affiliated to parliament. [↑](#footnote-ref-9)
9. Informal being not affiliated to parliament. [↑](#footnote-ref-10)
10. Formal being affiliated to parliament. [↑](#footnote-ref-11)
11. Informal being not affiliated to parliament. [↑](#footnote-ref-12)
12. Formal being affiliated to the national parliament. [↑](#footnote-ref-13)
13. Informal being not affiliated to the national parliament. [↑](#footnote-ref-14)
14. “Institutional” meaning organized, sponsored, or implemented by the parliament as an institution, such as the chamber, a parliamentary leader or authority (e.g., Speaker, Secretary General) or by an organ of parliament (Committee, Caucus), rather than by individual parliamentarians. [↑](#footnote-ref-15)
15. Sources may be laws, media articles, social media posts, videos, photos, etc. [↑](#footnote-ref-16)
16. E.g., policies or legislation, strategic plan of action, communications efforts, use of the [I Say Yes! Toolkit](https://www.ipu.org/i-say-yes#toolkit). [↑](#footnote-ref-17)