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To Presidents of National IPU Groups

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Dear Madam President,
Dear Mr. President,

I am pleased to inform you that the 2023 edition of the World Investment Forum will feature a special session on 17 October focused on stimulating dialogue between parliamentarians, policy makers and business leaders. The concept note for this event is enclosed with this letter.

The World Investment Forum is the pre-eminent global platform for investment and development. Convened by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), the Forum devises strategies and solutions for global investment and development challenges. It offers a unique opportunity to influence investment-related policymaking, shape the global investment environment, and network with global leaders in business and politics. The IPU has been working with UNCTAD for several years now to integrate a parliamentary dimension to the Forum.

The 2023 World Investment Forum will take place in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, from 16 to 20 October 2023. Organized under the overall theme *Investing in Sustainable Development*, this multi-stakeholder event will address the challenges caused by today's multiple crises, including the need to invest in food security, energy, health, supply chain resilience and productive capacity growth in the poorest countries. More information about the Forum is available at <https://worldinvestmentforum.unctad.org/wif-events-programme?event=80>.

I very much hope that your parliament will be able to seize this opportunity and be represented at the World Investment Forum and at the tripartite dialogue session. Registration for the World Investment Forum can be completed online at <https://indico.un.org/event/1004992/>.

Yours sincerely,

Martin Chungong
Secretary General