



**WHO-IPU African Parliamentary High-Level Conference on
Strengthening Health Security Preparedness**

**8 to 10 November 2023
Accra, Ghana**

30 August 2023

Dear Madam Speaker,
Dear Mr. Speaker,

It is our great pleasure to invite your Parliament to the WHO-IPU African Parliamentary High-Level Conference on Strengthening Health Security Preparedness. The Conference, which is being convened by the World Health Organization (WHO) Regional Office for Africa and the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) will be held from **8 to 10 November 2023** in Accra, Ghana.

Parliamentarians, through their core functions of law-making, budgeting and oversight, including their mandate to represent constituencies, can play an important role in fostering multisectoral actions across government, engaging in international partnerships, and advancing not only global health security, but also universal health coverage as part of the Sustainable Development Goals.

The WHO and the IPU have a long-standing collaboration that promotes parliamentary engagement in health security preparedness and response. The new WHO Africa *Regional strategy for health security and emergencies 2023-2030* reaffirms the importance of effective legislation framework as one of the core pillars of the Promoting Resilience of Systems for Emergencies (PROSE) Flagship Project, which intends to strengthen the preparedness capacities of Member States.

The Conference will strengthen parliaments' and parliamentarians' awareness of the opportunities presented by their unique functions to play a role in advancing health emergency preparedness at the national and regional level. We would highly appreciate your Parliament being represented at this important event. Parliaments are encouraged to send delegations of up to **three members** (committee chair from each of the following committees: health, finance and foreign affairs). Delegations should be inclusive of different political affiliations and be made up of both men and women.

The working languages of the Conference are English, French and Portuguese. WHO AFRO will facilitate administrative support including local transport within Ghana. Participants are encouraged to

make their own arrangements for accommodation and international travel, but WHO AFRO will facilitate in-country reservations for a selected number of guests including facilitators.

We kindly request you to arrange for the online registration form, available at <https://extranet.who.int/sph/who-ipu-aphl-conference/en>, to be completed by 20 October 2023 at the latest. For further information please contact: sph@who.int or postbox@ipu.org. The programme of the Conference will be sent out in due course to the participants. More detailed information about the Conference will be posted on <https://www.afro.who.int/> and <https://www.ipu.org/events/current-and-future-events> as it becomes available.

We look forward to hearing from you.

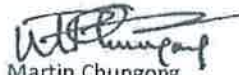
Yours sincerely,



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