



## Regional Seminar on Achieving the Sustainable Development Goals for the IPU's Twelve Plus Geopolitical Group

18–19 January 2024, Paris, France

Jointly organized by the Inter-Parliamentary Union and the Parliament of France

### GENERAL INFORMATION

#### SEMINAR VENUE AND DATE

The seminar will be held on 18 and 19 January 2024 at the Senate, Palais du Luxembourg, in Paris, France. Delegates should collect their badges and seminar documents at the Senate on the first day. Badges must be worn throughout the seminar.

#### PARTICIPATION

The seminar is open to the parliaments of the following countries of the Twelve Plus Group: Albania, Andorra, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Canada, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Monaco, Montenegro, Netherlands, New Zealand, North Macedonia, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, San Marino, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Türkiye, Ukraine, United Kingdom.

Parliaments of these countries are invited to send **delegations of up to three members, comprising parliamentarians and/or parliamentary staff**. Delegations should be gender-balanced and inclusive of different political affiliations within their respective parliaments. It is recommended that delegates be persons who work directly on sustainable development issues.

#### ORGANIZATION OF PROCEEDINGS

In keeping with IPU practice, all participants will have equal speaking rights. To make the discussions as fruitful and enriching as possible, the following rules will apply:

- a) After the resource persons have introduced an agenda item, the floor will be opened to participants for questions and comments.
- b) Experience has shown that this kind of meeting does not lend itself to the reading out of prepared statements. Subject to arrangements that the Chair may make to suit the circumstances, oral contributions may not exceed three minutes. Participants may speak several times on each item, particularly to respond to other statements.

## **DOCUMENTS**

Where possible, the IPU Secretariat will make available any presentation(s) on the topics discussed on the IPU website.

Participants wishing to distribute relevant documentation to their colleagues will be required to provide it in sufficient quantities and place it on a designated table.

## **WORKING LANGUAGES**

The working languages of the seminar will be **English** and **French**.

Two interpretation booths will be made available to delegations wishing to bring their own interpreters. If that is the case, delegations must inform the organizers as soon as possible but no later than 5 January 2024. The interpretation booths will be made available on a first-come-first-served basis.

## **REGISTRATION**

Participants should register using the link below, and **no later than 5 January 2024**:  
<https://registration.ipu.org/3rdRegSemSDGs>

## **TRANSPORT**

All participants should arrange their transport upon arrival and departure between the airport or the train station and their respective hotels.

Travelling by taxi from the airport to the city centre takes approximately 45 minutes. Official taxis between the airports and Paris city centre charge government-regulated fares. The approximate fares for 2023 are as follows:

- €55 between Paris-Charles de Gaulle airport and Paris "right bank"
- €62 between Paris-Charles de Gaulle airport and Paris "left bank"
- €41 between Paris-Orly airport and Paris "right bank"
- €35 between Paris-Orly airport and Paris "left bank"

The organizers will provide daily transfers from the Novotel Paris Centre Tour Eiffel hotel and the seminar venue (the Senate), as well as to and from the field visit.

## **ACCOMMODATION**

Participants should meet their own hotel expenses.

The Parliament of France has negotiated a special rate at the Novotel Paris Centre Tour Eiffel hotel (61 Quai de Grenelle, 75015, Paris).

Bookings should be made exclusively via this dedicated link for the event:

[https://all.accor.com/lien\\_externe.svlt?goto=rech\\_rese&destination=3546&sourceid=EVENT4&dayIn=17&monthIn=01&yearIn=2024&nightNb=2&preferredCode=EVENT4&merchantid=par-accorFR](https://all.accor.com/lien_externe.svlt?goto=rech_rese&destination=3546&sourceid=EVENT4&dayIn=17&monthIn=01&yearIn=2024&nightNb=2&preferredCode=EVENT4&merchantid=par-accorFR)

The Special Event Rate applies to classic rooms (excluding family rooms). Online payment is required, and the full amount will be debited from the card used to make the booking seven days before the check-in date. It will not be possible to change or cancel a booking or to receive a refund beyond this date.

Subject to availability, other room types can be booked via the dedicated link above (superior rooms, junior suites and executive suites). Participants who book one of these alternative room types are advised to check the cancellation terms associated with the different rates:

- Saver Rate: online payment required at booking, no changes allowed, non-refundable
- Semi-flexible Rate: online payment required at booking, cancel free of charge up to seven days before the check-in date
- Flexible Rate: secure the booking with a credit or debit card, no pre-payment, cancel free of charge up to one day before the check-in date

**Bookings must be made no later than 2 January 2024.**

**Important: Availability is limited so participants are advised to book as early as possible.**

### **VISAS**

All applicants for entry visas to France are requested to contact a French embassy/consulate accredited to their country and close to their place of residence in order to obtain the appropriate visa.

### **CURRENCY REGULATIONS**

The official currency in France is the euro (EUR). Major international currencies can be exchanged at banks, currency exchange bureaus and major hotels. Most major credit cards are widely accepted.

### **WEATHER IN PARIS**

For information, please visit:

<https://www.accuweather.com/fr/fr/paris/623/weather-forecast/623>