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**Fifth Expert Roundtable on the
Common Principles for Support to Parliaments**
***The Common Principles at ten years: Charting the next
decade of parliamentary self-development***
Salle Genève, CCV Annexe building, CICG, Geneva
28 March 2024



Ten years:
Common principles,
common progress

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28 March 2024 – Salle Genève, CCV Annexe building, CICG	
9:30 – 9:45	<p>Welcome and introduction</p> <p>Opening remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms Tulia Ackson, President, Inter-Parliamentary Union Mr. Najib El Khadi, President, Association of Secretaries General of Parliaments, Secretary General, House of Representatives of Morocco
9:45 – 11:15	<p>The Common Principles at ten years: How have the Common Principles been applied in your Parliament or organization and how have they contributed to better parliamentary development?</p> <p>In this session, participants will share concrete examples of how using the Common Principles has impacted their Parliament's development and the challenges they have faced. Examples will also be shared on how to use the Common Principles when providing support.</p> <p>Short panel presentations will set the scene for the discussion. These will be followed by working groups and reporting in plenary.</p> <p>Moderator: Ms. Kareen Jabre, Director, Division of Programmes, IPU</p> <p>Panelists</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Roy Ngulube, Clerk, National Assembly of Zambia Prof. Nyokabi Kamau, Executive Director, Centre for Parliamentary Studies and Training (CPST) M. Juan de Dios Cincunegui, Deputy Director of the Centre for Parliamentary Studies, Research and Prospective and Executive Director of the International Diploma in Parliamentary Diplomacy, Universidad Austral.
11:15 – 11:30	Coffee break and group photo
11:30 – 13:00	<p>Charting the future: What actionable tools or products would be useful to further help parliaments and partners enhance application of the Common Principles in the years ahead?</p> <p>In this session, participants will discuss tools that can be used to better drive parliamentary self-development, as well as innovations to help parliaments and partners bolster operationalization of the Common Principles.</p> <p>The recently launched Indicators for democratic parliaments will be presented as one example of a tool.</p> <p>Short panel presentations will set the scene for the discussion. These will be followed by working groups and reporting in plenary.</p> <p>Moderator: Mr. Jonathan Murphy, Head of Programme, INTER PARES</p> <p>Panelists</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Marta Udina, Head of Parliamentary Support and Capacity Building Unit, European Parliament



- Mr. Andy Richardson, Manager, Resource Center, IPU	
13:00 – 14:00	Buffet lunch
14:00 – 15:30	<p>Celebrating common progress: How can parliaments and partners raise awareness of the Common Principles and celebrate the tenth anniversary?</p> <p>In view of the upcoming tenth anniversary at the 149th IPU Assembly in October 2024, in this session participants will share proposals on how they can celebrate the anniversary and raise awareness of the Common Principles in their institutions. To ensure the Common Principles remain an active and sustainable guide for parliamentary self-development, participants will also discuss how to bolster ongoing awareness and engagement within parliaments.</p> <p>Short panel presentations will set the scene for the discussion. These will be followed by working groups and reporting in plenary.</p> <p>Moderator: Mr. Alexander Kravetz, National Democratic Institute (NDI), Country Director, Iraq</p> <p>Panelists</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Madam Steejit Taipiboonsuk, Deputy Secretary General of the House of Representatives of Thailand• Ms. Kareema Alabbasi, Secretary General of the Shura Council, Bahrain• Dr Bettina Giesecke, Head of Division – International Exchange Programmes, German Bundestag
15:30 – 16:00	Concluding session: Key findings and next steps