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Provisional programme

- 08.00 – 16.00 Registration of participants
- 09.30 – 10.15 **Welcome**
Ms. Gabriela Cuevas Barron, IPU President
Ms. Beata Mazurek, Deputy Speaker of the Sejm of Poland
Ms. Patricia Espinosa, Executive Secretary, UNFCCC
Moderator: *Ms. Aleksandra Blagojevic*, Programme Manager for International Development, IPU
- 10.15 – 10.45 **Key note / Setting the scene:**
Moving into the implementation of the Paris Agreement with ambitious Nationally Determined Contributions: Key areas to be addressed through national laws and policies
Mr. Niklas Hagelberg, Coordinator, Climate Change Programme, UN Environment
- 10.45 – 12.00 **General discussion:**
(1) Developing and strengthening legal and regulatory frameworks as enabling environments for climate action at the national level
 - How can legislators support the effective, sustainable and ambitious implementation of the Paris Agreement and Nationally Determined Contributions?
 - Which existing initiatives and tools can assist parliamentarians in their work at the national level?
 - What can be learned from past experiences?*Ms. Maria Socorro Manguiat*, Head, National Environmental Law Unit, UN Environment
Dr. Alina Averchenkova, Distinguished Policy Fellow, Grantham Research Institute, London School of Economics
Mr. Matthew Moorhead, Senior Legal Adviser, Commonwealth Secretariat
Moderator: *Ms. Claudia Roth*, Vice-President, German Bundestag
- 12.00 – 13.00 **Discussion on focus areas:**
(2) Enabling environments for renewable energy investments
 - To what extent does the legal investment framework support or hinder funding for renewable energy?
 - What other legal or institutional arrangements affect the investment environment?
 - What parliamentary powers could be particularly useful in creating an enabling environment?*Mr. Henk Rogers*, Founder and Board Chair, Blue Planet Foundation
Ms. Elizabeth Press, Director, Planning and Programme Support, IRENA
Moderator: *Mr. Andries Gryffroy*, Senator, Belgian Senate

13.00 – 14.00 Lunch break

14.00 – 15.30 **Discussion on focus areas:**

(3) Economic instruments in national environmental laws and policies (e.g., carbon tax, carbon pricing, and fiscal incentives)

- What measures have proven effective?
- What are the challenges in putting in place the necessary conditions to optimize the effectiveness of economic instruments?

Mr. Daniel Besley, Senior Climate Change Specialist, World Bank
Moderator: *H.E. Hon. Chief F.Z. Charumbira*, 4th Vice President, Pan-African Parliament

15.30 – 16.00 **Conclusions, future outlook and adoption of the outcome document:**

- How can legislators / parliamentarians have greater impact towards achieving the Paris Agreement goals?
- How can parliaments assess the impact of climate change legislation?

Ms. Anna Paluch, Rapporteur, Member of the Polish Sejm
Moderator: *Prof. Michal Sewerynski*, Deputy Speaker of the Polish Senate