



Second Regional Seminar for the Asia-Pacific Region Parliaments on Achieving the Sustainable Development Goals

Ulaanbaatar (Mongolia), 27-28 May 2019

Organized jointly by the Inter-Parliamentary Union and the State Great Hural of Mongolia

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Dear Madam Speaker, Dear Mr. Speaker,

This letter is to follow up on an invitation we sent on 14 February 2019 regarding the Second Regional Seminar for the Asia-Pacific Region Parliaments on Achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) that will be jointly organised by the State Great Hural of Mongolia and the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU). The event will be held in Ulaanbaatar (Mongolia) from 27 to 28 May 2019 and is part of the extensive global efforts by the IPU and its Member Parliaments to promote SDG implementation.

The seminar will follow up on the conclusions of the first seminar held in Ho Chi Minh City (Viet Nam) in 2017. It will also give participants the opportunity to pursue discussions about some of the crucial issues debated during the 140th Assembly recently held in Doha, most notably on parliaments as platforms to enhance education for peace, security and the rule of law. The subjects of discussion will also include health, climate change and citizen engagement. Special focus will also be given to socially and economically marginalized groups and on how to ensure that no one is left behind in the SDG implementation process.

We would like to emphasize the importance of attending this regional seminar as it will be a precious opportunity to acquire relevant information, exchange ideas with peers, share good practices and lessons learned, and strengthen regional cooperation - another crucial aspect for the advancement of SDGs implementation. We trust that your Parliament will be represented at the seminar, its presence would not only enrich discussions but ensure that conclusions well reflect the perspectives and priorities of the entire region.

Please note that all documents related to the seminar are available online at: https://www.ipu.org/event/second-regional-seminar-asia-pacific-region-parliaments-achieving-sustainable-development-goals/documents. As a gentle reminder, registration forms should be completed and returned to the State Great Hural of Mongolia with copy to the IPU Secretariat by 15 May 2019 at the latest.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

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