

Sixth IPU Global Conference of Young Parliamentarians

Achieving the SDGs and empowering youth through well-being

9 and 10 September 2019, Asuncion, Paraguay

Provisional Programme

Sunday 8 September	
14:00 – 18:00	Registration of delegates
Monday, 9 September	
07:30 – 18:00	Registration of delegates
09:00 – 10:00	<p>Opening session</p> <p><i>Session chaired by Ms. Mamata Tiendrébéogo, Member of Parliament, Burkina Faso, member of the Board of the IPU Forum of Young Parliamentarians</i></p> <p>Opening remarks by</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Blas Llano, President of the Congress of Paraguay • Ms. Gabriela Cuevas Barron, IPU President • Mr. Melvin Bouva, President of the IPU Forum of Young Parliamentarians • Mr. Carlos Enrique Silva Rivas, MP, Paraguay
10:00 – 10:15	Group photo
10:15 – 10:30	Coffee break
10:30 – 11:30	<p>Session 1 – Well-being and happiness as core elements of the Sustainable Development Goals</p> <p><i>Session chaired by Mr. Shahzaib Durrani, Senator, Pakistan, member of the Board of the IPU Forum of Young Parliamentarians</i></p> <p>Panel discussion</p> <p>With 11 years remaining to achieve the SDGs, the focus is on entry points that will accelerate action to meet the objectives set. This panel discussion will allow participants to gain a better understanding of the pursuit of well-being and happiness as a fundamental human goal and its link with the SDGs. How can a more inclusive, equitable and balanced approach to economic growth promote sustainable development, gender equality, poverty eradication, happiness and well-being of all peoples, in particular youth? How can young MPs tackle irrational patterns of production and consumption that impede sustainable development? What can young MPs do to accelerate the achievement of the SDGs? Would placing well-being at the heart of all efforts provide the answer?</p> <p>Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Jazmín Narvaez Osorio, MP, Paraguay • Mr. Ulrich Lechte, MP, Germany, Member of the Board of the IPU Forum of Young Parliamentarians • Mr. Kong Tau, MP, China

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Nayé Anna Bathily, Director, Head of Global Parliamentary Engagement, the World Bank Group <p>Presentations by panellists will be followed by a debate.</p>
11:30 – 13:00	<p>Session 2 – Policy-making for well-being and happiness and their effect on youth empowerment: Case studies.</p> <p><i>Session chaired by Ms. Cynthia Iliana López Castro, MP, Mexico, member of the Board of the IPU Forum of Young Parliamentarians</i></p> <p>Panel discussions</p> <p>Two panel discussions will focus on case studies on well-being policies, legislation, mechanisms and measures, their impact on youth empowerment and the role that young MPs can play in designing and implementing them. The first panel will focus on national initiatives and the second on local action. Concrete examples from different regions will be presented, analysed and discussed to identify good practices. How can young MPs lead the way on adopting public policies and legislation that focus on people’s well-being? How can well-being public policies and legislation effectively help young men and women realize their human potential and better contribute to youth empowerment? Delegations are encouraged to come prepared with examples of good practices from their countries to share with their colleagues.</p> <p>Panel I: Learning more about national initiatives</p> <p>Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Ruth Benítez, Specialist, UN Women Honourable Mr. Kinga Penjor, MP, Bhutan Mr. Patrick Paul Kemper Thiede, Senator, Paraguay Mr. Christopher Bishop, MP, New Zealand <p>Presentations by panellists will be followed by a debate and an exchange of good practices.</p>
13:00 – 14:30	Lunch (Main Hall, National Congress Building)
14:30 – 16:00	<p>Cont. Session 2 – Policy-making for well-being and happiness and their effect on youth empowerment: Case studies</p> <p>Panel II: Acting for well-being at the local level</p> <p>Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Katty Mabel González Villanueva, MP, Paraguay Ms. Alejandra Reynoso, Senator, Mexico Mr. Ágúst Ólafur Ágústsson, MP, Iceland Ms. Maria Cristina Melgarejo Paucar, MP, Peru <p>Presentations by panellists will be followed by a debate and an exchange of good practices.</p>
16:00 – 16:30	Coffee Break

16:30 – 18:00	<p>Session 3 – Measuring well-being and happiness and exercising oversight of policy implementation</p> <p><i>Session chaired by Mr. Ulrich Lechte, MP, Germany, member of the Board of the IPU Forum of Young Parliamentarians</i></p> <p>Panel discussion</p> <p>This panel discussion will allow participants to learn more about different approaches and examples of efforts to measure happiness and well-being worldwide. It will also focus on how young MPs can better hold governments to account for their commitments to improving people's lives. What laws or policies can young MPs champion to ensure the full accomplishment of the vision of "leaving no one behind"? What can young MPs do to effectively exercise their parliamentary oversight role in relation to well-being policies?</p> <p>Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Justin Lall, Director of Strategic Partnerships, Gallup • Ms. Jennifer Ribarsky, Senior Economist, IMF • Ms. Carrie Exton, Head of the Monitoring Well-Being and Progress Section, OECD • Mrs. Silvia Morimoto, UNDP Resident Representative, Paraguay • Mr. Carlos Antonio Rejala Helman, MP, Paraguay <p>Presentations by panellists will be followed by a debate.</p>
18:30	Transfer to the "Agustín Pio Barrios Casa Bicentenario de la Música"
19:00	Welcome reception offered by the National Congress of Paraguay (at the "Agustín Pio Barrios Casa Bicentenario de la Música")

Tuesday, 10 September	
07:30 – 18:00	Registration of delegates, continued (Main Hall, National Congress Building)
09:00 – 10:30	<p>Mentorship Café</p> <p>Moderated by Ms. Deb Quinn, Principal Surf Communications</p> <p>Highlights</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Q&A on mentorship • Interactive team exercises and brainstorming • Group collaboration and discussion <p>Young MPs will explore possibilities to carry out peer-to-peer mentorship, share lessons learned from mentorship experiences and draw relevant recommendations to inform the crafting of mentorship programmes for young MPs.</p>
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee Break
11:00 – 13:00	<p>Training Hub</p> <p>Break out session</p> <p>The Training Hub will provide young MPs with a unique opportunity to build and exercise their leadership and communication skills. To facilitate interaction and personalized activities, the Training Hub will be organized in three groups (by language: English, French, and Spanish*).</p> <p>Trainers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ms. Deb Quinn, Principal at Surf Communications, professional trainer, Canada (English group) ○ Mr. Socé Sène, Director of the Gender Institute, professional trainer, Senegal (French group) ○ Ms. Elvira Laura Albornoz Pollmann, former State Minister and lawyer, professional trainer, Chile (Spanish group) <p><i>Session I: Taking a deeper dive into your leadership 'essence'</i></p> <p>With the support of a professional trainer, each group will focus on building and exercising, among others, the following key skills:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Looking at the various types of leadership approaches and styles • Identifying one's strengths and weaknesses as a decision-maker • How to become a more successful leader, make better decisions and manage conflicts? • Developing cross-cultural intelligence and creating healthy, inclusive and productive environments.
13:00 – 14:30	Lunch (Main Hall, National Congress Building)

* As the number of Arabic speaking participants is too low to set up a separate working group, Arab speaking participants will be invited to join the English speaking group which will have simultaneous interpretation.

14:30 – 16:30	<p>Training Hub</p> <p>Break out session</p> <p>Session II: Communicating your story</p> <p>Hands-on, collaborative session – led by professional trainers – focused on offering support and tips to young MPs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communicating their personal story, goals and focus as an MP in a clear, compelling and authentic way • Engaging across multiple mediums: traditional media, blogs, podcasts, text, email, YouTube, FB, Twitter, Instagram, etc. • Proactively anticipating and responding to sensitive issues
16:30 – 16:45	Coffee break
16:45 – 17:15	<p>Presentations of group discussions in plenary</p> <p>A rapporteur from each group will report on their group’s discussion and main takeaways to the plenary.</p>
17:15 – 18:00	<p>Closing session</p> <p><i>Session chaired by Mr. Melvin Bouva, Deputy Speaker, Suriname, President of the Board of the IPU Forum of Young Parliamentarians</i></p> <p>Presentation and adoption of the Outcome Document</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Carlos Enrique Silva Rivas, MP, Paraguay • TBD <p>Closing speeches by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Gabriela Cuevas Barron, IPU President • Mr. Blas Llano, President of the Congress of Paraguay