



## Survey: Democratic Governance and Sustainable Development

Member States of the United Nations are working to develop a set of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) that will build upon the current Millennium Development Goals when they expire in 2015. As part of IPU's engagement in this process, this survey will garner the views of parliamentarians on the significance of *democratic governance* as a possible new goal to help carry forward a more ambitious sustainable development agenda for both developed and developing countries. For the purpose of the survey, democratic governance is defined as the application of democratic principles, such as participation, transparency and accountability, to the practice of governing at all levels. Responses to the survey will be collected mainly through face-to-face interviews. However, written responses are also welcome and may be submitted to the IPU Secretariat in person. Survey results will be discussed at a workshop on the last day of the Assembly, 27 March (see Journal for more information).

Country: \_\_\_\_\_ Male  Female  Number of terms in office: \_\_\_\_\_

1. *Democratic governance is necessary for sustainable development in its three constituent parts (social, economic, and environmental)*

[Choose one]

Agree  Somewhat agree  Somewhat disagree  Disagree  No opinion

2. *Should democratic governance be pursued as a stand-alone (global) Sustainable Development Goal?*

Yes  No  No opinion

3. *Principles of democratic governance, such as participation, transparency and accountability, should be incorporated in other SDGs.*

[Choose one]

Yes  No  No opinion

4. *What would be the most important objectives of a democratic governance goal?*

[Pick top three]

A. Achieve coherence between social, economic, and environmental policies	<input type="checkbox"/>
B. Support effective results in sustainable development	<input type="checkbox"/>
C. Promote national planning for sustainable development through participatory processes	<input type="checkbox"/>
D. Strengthen dialogue between citizens and political institutions	<input type="checkbox"/>
E. Ensure more inclusive development processes	<input type="checkbox"/>
F. Strengthen accountability among stakeholders	<input type="checkbox"/>
G. Increase trust in political institutions	<input type="checkbox"/>
H. Other:	<input type="checkbox"/>

5. *National and regional differences should be factored into the monitoring and evaluation of progress on democratic governance.*

[Choose one]

Agree  Somewhat agree  Somewhat disagree  Disagree  No opinion

6. *What aspects of participation, transparency and accountability are most important to you?*  
*[Pick top three]*

A. Citizen participation in decision-making at all levels	<input type="checkbox"/>
B. Inclusion of minorities in all decision-making processes	<input type="checkbox"/>
C. Gender equality in all spheres of politics, society, and economy	<input type="checkbox"/>
D. Transparency in the workings of political institutions and public administration	<input type="checkbox"/>
E. Curbing corruption in politics and public administration	<input type="checkbox"/>
F. Accountability for results in government policies for sustainable development	<input type="checkbox"/>
G. Application of international human rights standards at the national level	<input type="checkbox"/>
H. Other:	<input type="checkbox"/>

7. *How would you improve participation, transparency and accountability in your own parliament?*  
*[Provide one idea for each, if possible]*

Participation:
Transparency:
Accountability:

8. *If you agreed in question 2 that a stand-alone democratic governance goal should be pursued, would you be interested in actively supporting such a goal?*

Yes  No

9. *If Yes to 8 above, which of the following actions would you be prepared to undertake?*  
*[Choose as many as apply]*

A. Organizing a thematic discussion in my parliamentary committee	<input type="checkbox"/>
B. Organizing a discussion within my parliamentary group	<input type="checkbox"/>
C. Inviting experts to speak in parliament	<input type="checkbox"/>
D. Discussing such matters in town hall meetings or public hearings	<input type="checkbox"/>
E. Initiating an online debate through social media (blogs, e-discussions etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/>
F. Other:	<input type="checkbox"/>

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