



MONITOR, REVIEW AND ACT: PARLIAMENTARY LEADERSHIP IN IMPLEMENTING THE GLOBAL STRATEGY FOR WOMEN'S CHILDREN'S AND ADOLESCENTS' HEALTH

Side event at the 133rd IPU Assembly

Tuesday, 20 October 2015

1.00 to 2.30 p.m.

CICG Geneva, Room 18

A light lunch will be served

On 26 September 2015 the United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon officially launched the new Global Strategy for Women's, Children's and Adolescents' Health. The Strategy has ambitious yet achievable targets and is fully aligned with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). It offers a roadmap to end all preventable deaths of women, children and adolescents, which will ensure that they achieve the highest attainable standard of health and that they do not just survive, but thrive and achieve their full potential.

Developed in collaboration with stakeholders led by the World Health Organization, the Strategy builds on the success of the 2010 Strategy and its *Every Woman Every Child* movement. That movement helped accelerate the achievement of the health-related Millennium Development Goals and will act as a platform to put women, children and adolescents at the heart of the SDGs.

The Strategy has galvanized strong political leadership, created a powerful multi-stakeholder movement for health and attracted more than \$25 billion in initial commitments (due over the next five years). The next step is to operationalize the Strategy at Member State level: all partners are called to play an active role in supporting this transition from planning to taking action.

As institutions with legislative, oversight, representative and appropriation mandates, parliaments will be central to advancing this agenda and keeping governments accountable for the commitments taken within the Strategy and the SDGs. As the global organization of parliaments, the IPU actively participated in the formal consultations led by the World Health Organization which prepared the Strategy. The IPU committed to ensure that national parliaments continue to play a central role in improving women's, children's and adolescents' health at national, regional and global levels. Building on the landmark resolution *Access to health as a basic right: The role of parliamentarians in addressing key challenges to securing the health of women and children* adopted in Kampala, 2012, and the results of its parliamentary campaign and programme that followed, the IPU has renewed its commitment to encourage and work with parliaments to position women's, children's and adolescents' health high on parliamentary agendas.

This side event will discuss what parliaments can do to operationalize the Strategy in their countries. Special attention will be paid to their role in ensuring accountability for commitments and how their contribution in this area will feed into global accountability mechanisms for the Strategy.

Discussion points will include:

- § What are the next steps in terms of the operationalization of the Global Strategy?
- § What can parliamentarians do to support the implementation of the Strategy and how can they get engaged?
- § What can parliaments do to increase accountability for commitments at national and global levels?
- § How can the IPU continue to keep the issue of women's, children's and adolescents' health high on the agendas of parliaments, encourage action and effective oversight?

Languages of the side event: English, French, Spanish



Agenda

Moderator: Dr. Marleen Temmerman, Director, Department of Reproductive Health and Research, World Health Organization

Welcome: Mr. Martin Chungong, IPU Secretary General

Panel discussion:

- Dr. Flavia Bustreo, Assistant Director-General, Family, Women and Children Health, World Health Organization
- Hon. Rebecca Kadaga, Speaker of Parliament, Uganda
- Senator Futho Hooхло, Vice-President of the Senate, Lesotho
- Hon. Ulrika Karlsson, Member of Parliament, Sweden
- Dr. Andres de Francisco, Deputy Executive Director, The Partnership for Maternal, Newborn and Child Health
- Hon. Victor Suarez, Member of the Chamber of Deputies, Dominican Republic, Member of the IPU Advisory Group on HIV/AIDS and Maternal, Newborn and Child Health

Moderated discussion with the audience

Next steps and wrap-up by the moderator