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*Monday, 16 October 2017 (2.30 – 4 p.m.)
Multi-functional Hall, Parliamentary Center*

Concept note

As in previous years, the IPU is organizing a Parliamentary Meeting at the next UN Climate Change Conference (COP 23). The meeting is being organized jointly with the Parliament of Fiji and the German Parliament and will take place on 12 November 2017 in Bonn, Germany.

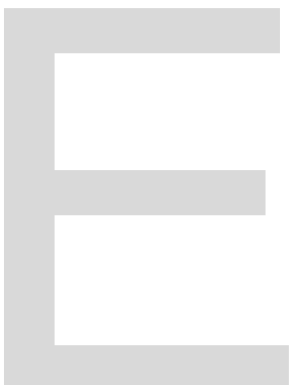
The Parliamentary Meeting in Bonn is expected to adopt an outcome document. The co-Rapporteurs appointed by the Parliaments of Germany and Fiji, Ms. Bärbel Höhn and Mr. Inia Seruiratu respectively, have prepared a preliminary draft of the outcome document, which is available on the IPU website and the Assembly app. The Standing Committee on Sustainable Development, Finance and Trade will hear a presentation of the preliminary draft and will have an opportunity to exchange views on its form and content.

Amendments to the outcome document should be sent to the IPU Secretariat by 27 October 2017. The co-Rapporteurs will then finalize the draft and the IPU will publish it on its website ahead of the Meeting in Bonn.

The Committee will also hear a presentation on the study entitled *Global trends in climate change legislation and litigation*. The study is another important milestone in the cooperation between the IPU and the Grantham Research Institute on Climate Change and the Environment at the London School of Economics and Political Science. It is a valuable source for parliamentarians and a tool that facilitates the process of law-making—a first critical step in ensuring that the Paris Agreement translates into national action on climate change.

Speakers:

- Dr. Alina Averchenkova, Principal Research Fellow, Grantham Research Institute on Climate Change and Environment, London School of Economics
- Ms. Bärbel Höhn, Member of the German Parliament, co-Rapporteur of the Parliamentary Meeting at COP 23



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