



PARLIAMENTARY MEETING ON THE OCCASION OF  
THE WORLD SUMMIT ON SUSTAINABLE  
DEVELOPMENT

*The role of Parliaments in ensuring  
implementation and accountability*

Johannesburg, 29 and 30 August 2002



## Note on practical arrangements for the Parliamentary Meeting

### Venue

The World Summit on Sustainable Development will be held at the Sandton Convention Centre. The IPU Parliamentary Meeting will be held in the Maroela Room of the Sandton Sun Hotel (5<sup>th</sup> Street Sandhurst, Johannesburg), which is joined to the Sandton Convention Centre by a skywalk.

### Accreditation

All parliamentarians attending the World Summit, whether they are part of their national government delegation to the Summit or part of a delegation to the NGO Forum held on the occasion of the Summit or attending in their individual capacity, are invited to participate in the Meeting. Parliamentarians who are members of their official government delegation to the World Summit will receive official UN badges granting access to all Summit facilities, including the Sandton Sun Hotel. Parliamentarians who are **not** members of their national government delegation to the Summit will receive one-day passes only allowing access to the Sandton Sun Hotel for the joint IPU/South Africa Parliamentary Meeting. They will, however, not be able to access the Convention Centre with such passes. A booth will be set up in the main accreditation centre, located in Sandton Square, where these passes will be handed out. The area will be marked "*IPU Meeting Accreditation*".

### Registration with the IPU

Registration for the Meeting at the IPU Information and Registration Desk, located directly outside the Maroela Room, will start on the eve of the Meeting (Wednesday, 28 August, from 10 a.m. to 6p.m.) and will continue throughout the Meeting. A provisional list of participants will be available before the start of the Parliamentary Meeting. In order to enable the IPU Secretariat of the Meeting to issue the final list before the closure of the event and to ensure the accuracy of its contents, participants are requested to advise the Desk as soon as possible of any corrections to be made to the provisional list.

### Programme

The Opening Ceremony of the Parliamentary Meeting will consist of statements delivered by the Speaker of the South African National Assembly, Dr. Frene Noshir Ginwala, a Senior Official of the World Summit on Sustainable Development, the President of the Council of the Inter-Parliamentary Union, Dr Najma Heptulla, and the Minister of Environmental Affairs and Tourism of the Government of South Africa, Mr. Valli Moosa. Dr. Ginwala will chair the discussions.

At the conclusion of these opening statements, four consecutive panel discussions will take place on the following four themes which each bear a particular relevance to Parliaments and their members:

- *Role of Parliaments in ensuring implementation and compliance with reporting requirements;*
- *Sustainable development: The basis of human security;*
- *Improving the international framework for sustainable development;*
- *New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD) and other new forms of partnerships for development.*

## **Debates**

All the debates will take place in plenary and all participants will have equal speaking rights. To enable the Meeting to achieve its expected goal and to facilitate the necessary interplay of ideas, the following arrangements will apply:

- (a) There will be no pre-established list of speakers on any agenda item. Participants wishing to take the floor should use special registration forms to notify the Chairpersons of the Panels of the specific point they wish to address. The forms will be distributed at the Information and Registration Desk and will also be available in the meeting room;
- (b) The Chairpersons will give the floor to participants in an order that is both logical and conducive to a real exchange of opinions. When calling on speakers, the Chairpersons will announce the name and delegation of the subsequent speaker;
- (c) Participants are requested to refrain from reading out pre-prepared statements as far as possible;
- (d) Subject to any other arrangements made by the Chairpersons in the light of the circumstances, statements may not exceed four minutes. Participants may, however, speak several times on each item, particularly in response to other statements;
- (e) There will be no formal record of the debate.

## **Final outcome**

At the end of its proceedings, the Meeting will adopt a brief declaration to the World Summit. Moreover, a press communiqué on the gathering will be issued and circulated, in particular at the World Summit.

## **Languages**

Simultaneous interpretation will be provided into and from Arabic, English, French and Spanish.

## **Documents**

The only official documents of the Parliamentary Meeting will be its programme and agenda, the draft declaration, the list of participants and any information note prepared by the IPU Secretariat.

Should participants wish to distribute their own documents and other material pertaining to the themes of the Meeting, they may use a table provided for that purpose in the immediate vicinity of the meeting room.

### **Transport**

Participants will have to use the World Summit on Sustainable Development Transport system. Information on transport can be obtained from the official Web site of the Summit management company at [www.wssddmc.co.za](http://www.wssddmc.co.za).

### **Weather**

The City of Johannesburg is in the moist Highveld Grassland Climate Region. The months of August and September have often seen extreme weather. The highest temperature could be 31°C and the lowest 0°C.

### **Reception**

All participants are kindly invited to a reception given by the South African Parliament, which will take place at 7.00 p.m. on Thursday 29 August.