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Regional Conference of Young Parliamentarians of Africa

Empowering youth:

Enhancing political participation for more inclusive and peaceful societies

Abuja (Nigeria), 27-28 September 2017

Final programme

Wednesday, 27 September	
08:00 – 18:00	Registration of delegates
09:00 – 9:30	<p>Opening session <i>Session chaired by Hon. Raphael Igbokwe, Member of Parliament (Nigeria), Chairman of the Young Parliamentarians Forum of Nigeria</i> Goodwill message by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hon. Solomon Dalong, Minister of Youth and Sport, Nigeria <p>Opening remarks by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rt. Hon. Yakubu Dogara, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Nigeria Mr. Martin Chungong, Secretary General, IPU
09:30 – 9:45	<p>Keynote address by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sen. Bukola Saraki, President of the Senate, Nigeria
09:45 – 10:00	Group photo
10:00 – 10:15	Coffee Break
10:15 – 11:45	<p>Session 1 – The current state of youth participation with a focus on African parliaments Panel presentations followed by interactive dialogues <i>Session chaired by Ms. Suzi Carla Barbosa, Member of Parliament (Guinea-Bissau)</i> Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Zeina Hilal, Programme Officer, IPU Mr. Mahmoud Abou Ahmed Mohamed Hossein, Member of Parliament, Egypt Mr. Pavyuma Kalobo, MP, Zambia, Board Member of the IPU Forum of Young Parliamentarians Hon. Philip Shuaib, Member of Parliament, Nigeria
11:45 – 13:00	<p>Session 2 – Young MPs joining forces: Youth caucuses and networks Panel presentations followed by interactive dialogues Panellists: The Young Parliamentarians' Forum of Nigeria</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hon. Raphael Igbokwe, Member of Parliament, Nigeria, Chairman of the Young Parliamentarians Forum of Nigeria <p>The impact of caucuses: Examining the example of gender caucuses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hon. Buthina Mohamed Ahmed Mohamed, Member of Parliament, Sudan
13:00 – 14:30	Lunch
14:30 – 16:00	<p>Session 3 – Not Too Young To Run: Working in partnership to mobilize change Panel presentations followed by interactive dialogues <i>Session chaired by Ms. Munah Pelham-Youngblood, Member of Parliament (Liberia)</i> Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Zeina Hilal, IPU Hon. Tony Nwulu, Member of Parliament, Nigeria

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Samson Itodo, Executive Director, Youth Initiative for Advocacy Growth & Advancement (YIAGA) • Prof. Val Ekechukwu, University of Nigeria • Mr. Ayo Obe, Speaker, Nigerian Youth Parliament
16:00 – 16:15	Coffee break
16:15 – 17:30	<p>Session 4 – Bridging the gap with the grassroots: Strengthening the engagement of young people in decision-making and harnessing their perspectives</p> <p>Panel presentations followed by interactive dialogues <i>Session chaired by Mr. Guy Dosson Mitokpe, Member of Parliament (Benin)</i></p> <p>Panellists:</p> <p>Current situation of grassroots engagement in Africa</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Kevin Fiashinou, YMCA • Mr. Oscar Obi, President, APC Youth Connect <p>Engaging youth through digital technology</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Caroline Barebwoha, Project Officer for U-Report, UNICEF
17:30 – 17:45	<p>Session 5 – Wrap up</p> <p>Interactive discussion moderated by Hon. Raphael Igbokwe, Member of Parliament (Nigeria), Chairman of the Young Parliamentarians' Forum of Nigeria</p>
19:00	<p>Welcome Reception</p> <p>Chelsea Hotel</p>

Thursday, 28 September	
08:30 – 18:00	Registration of delegates
09:00 – 09:45	<p>Special Session: What are your priorities as young MPs?</p> <p>Moderated interactive discussion</p>
09:45 – 10:00	Coffee break
10:00 – 11:00	<p>Session 6 – Youth participation as a key to building peaceful societies</p> <p>Panel presentations followed by interactive dialogues <i>Session chaired by Ms. Mansoura Hamid Nouri, Member of Parliament (Chad)</i></p> <p>Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Takwa Zebulon, Peace and Development Advisor, UNDP • Ms. Zeina Hilal, IPU • Prof. Oshita O. Oshita, Institute of Peace and Conflict, Nigeria • Hon. Godstime Samuel, Speaker, Youth Assembly of Nigeria
11:00 – 11:30	<p>Special Session – Q&A on violent extremism</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Malwam Usman Haruma Sulgiman • Pastor Olusoji Malomo, Rhema Chapel International Churches, Abuja
11:30 – 13:00	<p>Session 7 – How to counter the drivers of violent extremism</p> <p>Part 1 – Countering poverty and economic marginalization</p> <p>Panel presentations followed by interactive dialogues</p> <p>Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Martin Ejidike, Senior Human Rights Advisor, United Nations • Mr. Solomon Adodo, President, Association of Unemployed Youths, Nigeria
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch
14:00 – 15:30	<p>Part 2 – Eliminating inequalities and promoting good governance</p> <p>Panel presentations followed by interactive dialogues <i>Session chaired by Mr. Steve Biko Booyis, Member of Parliament (Namibia)</i></p> <p>Panellists:</p> <p>Eliminating inequalities</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Sandra Nwaokemele, YWCA • Hon. Nnenna Ukeje, Member of Parliament, Nigeria • Ms. Ekaette Umoh, People with Disabilities, Nigeria Promoting good governance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hon. Abosede Igbinedon, Member of Parliament, Nigeria • Mr. Anthony Mkpe Ayine, Auditor General of the Federation, Nigeria
15:30 – 17:00	<p>Session 8 - What can parliaments and young members do to address violent extremism and build peaceful societies?</p> <p>Panel presentations followed by interactive dialogues <i>Session chaired by Mr. Amadou Maiga, Member of Parliament (Mali)</i></p> <p>Panellists:</p> <p>Parliaments preventing terrorism</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Laurentiu Dumitrica, Project Coordinator, Country Office in Nigeria, UNODC <p>Country examples</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Logboh Myss Belmonde Dogo, Member of Parliament, Côte D'Ivoire • Mr. Khaled Bouriah, Member of Parliament, Algeria
17:00 – 17:15	Coffee break
17:15 – 17:45	<p>Closing session</p> <p>Presentation and adoption of the Outcome document</p> <p>Closing remarks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IPU • National Assembly, Nigeria