



Evaluating parliament: objectives, methods, results and impact

Geneva, Switzerland
Thursday 22 October 2009

Agenda

8:30 - 9:00	Registration of delegates and coffee
9:00 - 9:15	Welcome and opening Remarks
Speakers:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Mr. Anders B. Johnsson, Secretary General of the Inter-Parliamentary Union</i> ▪ <i>Mr. Hafnaoui Amrani, President of the Association of Secretaries General of Parliament</i>
9:15 - 10:15	<p>Session 1: Objectives</p> <p>This session provides a high-level introduction and gives participants the opportunity to speak about their parliament's experiences.</p> <p>Format: The session will start with an overview on how the issue of evaluation of parliamentary performance has emerged and recent activities in this field. This will be followed by a moderated discussion in which participants will be invited to share their experiences, including lessons learned and challenges.</p>
Speakers:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Mr. Scott Hubli (National Democratic Institute for International Affairs, NDI)</i> <p><i>Moderator: Mr. Zingile Alfred Dingani (South Africa)</i></p>
10:15 - 11:15	<p>Session 2: Tools</p> <p>This session introduces participants to the different methods/tools developed by different parliamentary organizations.</p> <p>Format: Presentations of methods for evaluating/benchmarking parliaments followed by a discussion period.</p>
Speakers:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU): Mr. David Beetham</i> ▪ <i>Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA): Mr. Andrew Imlach</i> ▪ <i>Assemblée parlementaire de la francophonie (AFP): Ms. Françoise Fassiaux, member of the Parliament of the French Community in Belgium</i> <p><i>Moderator: Mr. Jakes Jacobs (Namibia)</i></p>
11:15 - 11:30	Coffee

11:30 - 13:00	<p>Session 3: Case studies</p> <p>This session draws on real-life examples to examine why and how parliaments have carried out evaluations.</p> <p>Format: Representatives explain what their parliament did, why, how, and what the outcome has been. Each presentation is followed by a question period.</p>
Speakers:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Canada: Senator Donald Oliver</i> ▪ <i>Pakistan: Mr. Faisal Karim Kundi, Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly</i> ▪ <i>Cambodia: Mr. Oum Sarith, Secretary General of the Senate</i> ▪ <i>Colombia: Mr. Francisco Herrero, NDI</i> <p><i>Moderator: Ms. Doris Mwinga (Zambia)</i></p>
13:00 - 14:30	Lunch
14:30 - 16:30	<p>Session 4: Parallel sessions - practical workshops</p> <p>This session will give participants the opportunity to apply one of the evaluation methods/tools to their own parliament.</p> <p>Format: Participants are invited to participate in one of the parallel working groups where, with the help of a facilitator, they work through a section of the organization's method/tool, then discuss the substantive and procedural issues in carrying out an evaluation. The parallel working groups convene for one and a half hours, after which participants come together in plenary to exchange experiences.</p>
Parallel sessions:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>IPU: Room 2 (plenary room). Languages: English, French, Spanish, Arabic</i> ▪ <i>NDI: Room 3/4 (ground floor). Languages: English, Spanish</i> ▪ <i>APF: Room 15 (lower ground floor). Languages: French only</i> ▪ <i>CPA: Room 18 (lower ground floor). Languages: English only</i>
16:30 - 17:30	<p>Session 5: Wrap-up and closing remarks</p> <p>Format: Moderated discussion for participants to provide their feedback on the day, parliamentary evaluation and the tools available, and to consider how an evaluation could be carried out in their parliamentary context.</p>
	<i>Moderator: Mr. Marc Bosc (Canada)</i>