



**International Conference:**  
**Effective capacity building programmes for parliamentarians**  
Bern (Switzerland)

**Expert seminar. Draft programme, 19 October 2011**

10.00-10.15	<b>Opening remarks</b>
10.15-11.15	<p><b>Theory &amp; Practice of Capacity Building</b></p> <p>The change of status of new parliamentarians upon election is apparent and instantaneous. There is great responsibility on those wishing to create programmes to equip parliamentarians with the skill and knowledge required to perform their parliamentary and electorate roles effectively. However, there is currently very little literature on capacity building for parliamentarians on which to base such programmes.</p> <p>This session will present major findings from the international research project 'Parliamentary careers: design, delivery and evaluation of improved professional development'. The project has been led by Monash University (Australia), in partnership with the IPU and AusAID.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ken Coghill, Ross Donohue &amp; Peter Holland. Capacity Building for Parliamentarians as Human Resource Development</li><li>• Elsie Simpamba. The assessment of the levels of knowledge, skills and abilities (KSAs) held by new or continuing parliamentarians and the determination of training and professional development needs</li></ul>
11.15-11.30	Coffee
11.30-12.30	<p><b>Theory &amp; Practice of Capacity Building (continued)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Katrin Steinack. Why some train and some don't – An international comparison of MPs' attitudes towards parliamentary training</li><li>• Colleen Lewis. Barriers to prioritising education and training: role complexity and the media</li></ul>
12.30-14.00	Lunch

14:00-15:00	<p><b>Case studies from parliament</b></p> <p>There are many different models for providing capacity building for parliamentarians. Some parliaments have set up specialized training institutes; others have dedicated capacity building units within the parliamentary administration; yet others call on parliamentary staff or international organizations in an ad hoc manner.</p> <p>This session will begin to investigate different models for delivery capacity building, and the outcomes achieved so far.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kevin Rozzoli, Experiences in the Field. Parliamentary training in Indonesia and the South Pacific</li> <li>• Abel Kinyondo. <i>Return on training investment in parliaments: The need for change in the Pacific region.</i></li> </ul>
15:00-16:00	<p><b>Case studies from parliament (continued)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wannapat Chaitep &amp; Simon Usherwood. The Role of Parliamentary Secretariat staff in supporting International Diplomatic Duties of Parliamentarians (Case Study: Thai Senate)</li> <li>• Paolo Zuddas &amp; Giovanni Piccirilli. The role played by Chambers' counsellors and legislative advisors in enhancing Italian MPs' knowledge and skills development: the assistance offered to an autonomous and aware collection of information in the pre-legislative scrutiny</li> </ul>
16:00-16.30	Coffee
16:30-18:00	<p><b>Discussion: Parliaments and capacity building</b></p> <p>Following brief 2-sentence statements from each of the presenters of the day, this round-table discussion will explore what their findings mean for parliamentarians, parliament administration and external providers of parliamentary capacity building.</p> <p>Moderator: Ken Coghill</p>
19:00	<p><b>Dinner at the Entrecôte Café Fédéral</b></p> <p>Please note that this at participants' own expense. Please contact Dr KatrinSteinack of Monash University (katrin.steinack@monash.edu) for all information regarding the dinner and to register for it.</p>