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Regional Seminar on the Sustainable Development Goals for the Parliaments of Central and Eastern Europe and Central Asia



Parliamentary cooperation for sustainable development: Investing in climate change and water cooperation opportunities

Regional seminar for Parliaments from Central and Eastern Europe and Central Asia organized jointly by the Hungarian National Assembly and the Inter-Parliamentary Union

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Dear Mr./Madam Speaker,

It is our pleasure to invite your parliament to the Regional Seminar *Parliamentary cooperation for sustainable development: Investing in climate change and water cooperation opportunities* for Parliaments from Central and Eastern Europe and Central Asia. This event, to be held in Budapest on 23 and 24 February 2017, is the third in a series of IPU seminars on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) for the region, the previous two having been hosted by the Romanian Parliament.

In recognition of the major role parliaments play in implementing the SDGs, the IPU and the Hungarian National Assembly are pleased to continue to provide a platform for the exchange of ideas on the opportunities and challenges that come with the task of meeting the SDGs. With this in mind, the 2017 seminar will focus on ways in which parliamentary cooperation can enhance sustainable development. Special attention will be paid to the issues of climate change and water.

We trust that your parliament will be represented at this Seminar. Parliaments are encouraged to send delegations of up to four members (parliamentarians and parliamentary staff) who are directly involved in these topics and who represent different political affiliations and both genders in a balanced manner. The working languages of the Seminar are English, French, Russian and Hungarian. As usual, participants are asked to make their own arrangements for visas, accommodation and travel.

The concept note, draft agenda, general information note and registration forms for the event are enclosed. The registration forms should be completed and returned to the Hungarian National Assembly with a copy to the IPU Secretariat by **1 February 2017** at the latest. This and other information about the Regional Seminar will soon be posted on the IPU website (<http://www.ipu.org/strct-e/futrmets.htm>).

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

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