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Regional Meeting of Young Parliamentarians of the Asia-Pacific
The Role of Young parliamentarians in Advancing Inclusive and Peaceful Societies and
Preventing Violent Extremism
Colombo, Sri Lanka, 25-26 April 2017

Final Programme

Day 1, 25 April 2017	
8.00-8.30	Registration
8.30-9.30	Opening ceremony <i>Ballroom 2</i> Opening remarks by: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hon. Ranil Wickremesinghe, Prime Minister of Sri Lanka• Hon. Karu Jayasuriya, MP, Speaker, Parliament of Sri Lanka• Hon. Saber Chowdhury, President, IPU• Ms. Una McCauley, UN Resident Coordinator & UNDP Resident Representative
9.30-10.00	Group photo and refreshments
10.00-10.45	Session One – PVE: Concepts and frameworks <i>Panel discussion, Plenary</i> <i>Session chaired by Mr. Abdullah Rifau, Member of Parliament (Maldives), Member of the Board of the IPU Forum of Young Parliamentarians</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr. Phil Matsheza, Effective Governance Cluster Leader, UNDP• Ms. Kareen Jabre, Director, Division of Programmes, IPU <u>Discussion points:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• What are the definitions and concepts related to PVE?• What are the existing UN frameworks and mechanisms to address PVE?<ul style="list-style-type: none">➢ Women, youth and peacebuilding (1325, 2250)➢ SGs Plan of Action on Preventing Violent Extremism• How is the parliamentary community addressing PVE?<ul style="list-style-type: none">➢ Overview of IPU resolutions related to PVE➢ A human rights perspective to PVE
10:45 – 11:45	Session Two - Engaging youth through political participation <i>Presentation of the IPU Report on Youth Participation 2016 and interactive discussion</i>



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	<p><i>Session chaired by Mr. Abdullah Rifau, Member of Parliament (Maldives), Member of the Board of the IPU Forum of Young Parliamentarians</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr. Jonathan Lang, Project Officer, Youth programme, IPU
11.45 -12.30	<p>Session Three – Drivers of violent extremism and radicalization <i>Interview and interactive discussion moderated by Anneliese McAuliffe (Freelance Journalist), Plenary</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A conversation with Mr. Shahid Butt (<i>Connect Futures</i> and a former extremist) <p><i>*This session will be covered and streamed on Facebook Live*</i></p>
12.30 – 13.30	Lunch
13.30 – 15.00	<p>Session Four – Understanding radicalization and violent extremism in Asia <i>Panel discussion followed by Q and A, Plenary</i> <i>Session chaired by Ms. Heena Gavitt, Member of the Lok Sabha (India)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Overview of Violent Extremism in Asia, Mr. Daniel Hyslop, Director of Research, <i>Institute of Economics and Peace</i>• Radicalization and Mobilization in Asia, Ms. Malkanthi Hettiarachchi, Chartered Clinical Psychologist• Community approach to the de-radicalization of youth, Ms. Mossarat Qadeem, Executive Director, <i>PAIMAN Alumni Trust</i> <p><u>Discussion points:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• What are the factors that contribute to radicalisation and recruitment in the region?• How do recruitment processes for VE organizations operate?• Are young people more vulnerable to these processes?• What are the drivers and patterns of violent extremism in Asia?• How do poor governance, violations of human rights and the rule of law contribute to violent extremism?• How can we prevent/counter radicalization and recruitment processes?
15.00-15.30	Coffee Break



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15.30-17.00	<p>Session Five - The role of young parliamentarians in changing the gender narratives conducive to violent extremism <i>Short introduction followed by break-out groups</i></p> <p><i>Session chaired by Mr. Tshewang Jurmi, Member of the National Assembly (Bhutan)</i></p> <p><u>Moderator:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ms. Nashida Sattar, Regional Gender and Peacebuilding Specialist, <i>UNDP</i> <p><u>Discussion points:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• What are the gendered dimensions of PVE?• How are young women and girls in particular affected by violent extremism?• What do you think is the gendered narrative and who gives voice to it and how?• What role has parliaments played in addressing the gendered dimensions of PVE?• Is there a counter narrative, who is leading it?• Can young parliamentarians play a role in countering the narrative?
18.30	Departure for Dinner hosted by Hon. Karu Jayasuriya, Speaker of Parliament (Cultural show)



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Day 2, 26 April 2017	
8.30-9.00	Registration
9.00-10.30	<p>Session Six: Preventing violent extremism and sustaining peace through civic engagement <i>Short introduction followed by break-out groups, presentations of group discussions, Plenary</i></p> <p><i>Session chaired by Ms. Shaza Fatima Khawaja, Member of the National Assembly (Pakistan)</i></p> <p><u>Moderator:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Ms. Jane Lawson, Peace & Citizen Security Specialist, UNV <p><u>Discussion groups:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">How can young MPs and young citizens collaborate and engage to prevent violent extremism?How can volunteerism enhance infrastructures for social resilience?How can innovation be used in cooperation with parliaments to increase civic engagement in the PVE agenda?How can parliaments create volunteer infrastructures to prevent violent extremism and sustain peace?
10.30-11.00	Coffee Break
11.00-12.30	<p>Session Seven: Engaging youth, communities and religious leaders in PVE <i>Panel presentation moderated by Anneliese McAuliffe, followed by Q and A, Plenary</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">The role of religious leaders in preventing recruitment, Mr. Shaukat Warraich, CEO, <i>Faith Associates</i>Promoting peace between communities, Ms. Bai Rohaniza Sumndad-Usman, Founding President and Executive Director, <i>Teach Peace</i> <p><u>Discussion points:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">How can corporate governance of religious institutions translate into positive outcomes?How can local communities prevent violent extremism and sustain peace?
12.30-13.30	Lunch



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13:30-15.00	<p>Session Eight– What can parliaments and young members do to address violent extremism? <i>Panel discussion, followed by Q and A, Plenary</i></p> <p><i>Session chaired by Mr. Darroch Ball, Member of Parliament (New Zealand)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hon. Tharaka Balasuriya, MP, <i>Sri Lanka</i> • Sen. Ayesha Raza Farooq, <i>Pakistan</i> • Ms. Nurul Izzah Binti Anwar, MP, <i>Malaysia</i> • Ms. Kareen Jabre, Director, Division of Programmes, <i>IPU</i>, presentation of <i>Parliaments and the SDGs: A self-assessment toolkit</i> <p><u>Discussion points:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What can MPs and in particular young MPs do to prevent violent extremism in their parliamentary work? • How can MPs feed PVE considerations into law-making and parliamentary oversight? • How can young MPs take the lead on PVE and communicate with the public on PVE? • What are the obstacles to the political participation of youth, women, and other marginalized groups?
15.00-15:30	Coffee Break
15:30-16.30	<p>Session Nine – Taking parliamentary action to prevent violent extremism</p> <p><i>Session chaired by Mr. Darroch Ball, Member of Parliament (New Zealand)</i></p> <p><u>Working Groups:</u> Participants will split up into groups with each consolidating proposals for action on one of the following thematic areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New ways to connect parliaments and citizens, in particular, youth • Technology as a tool to address extremism • Boosting socioeconomic and political opportunities • National and international partnerships <p><i>Presentations of group discussions, plenary</i></p> <p>A rapporteur from each group will report on their group’s discussion to the plenary.</p>
16.30-17.00	<p>Wrap-up session <i>Plenary</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conclusions and recommendations



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17.00-17.30	Concluding remarks <i>Plenary</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr. Dhammika Dasanayake, Secretary General, <i>Parliament of Sri Lanka</i>• Ms. Kareen Jabre, Director, Division of Programmes, <i>IPU</i>• Mr. Simon Finley, Governance & Peacebuilding Advisor, <i>UNDP</i>
19.30	Hosted dinner