



Inter-Parliamentary Union



Bangladesh Parliament



World Health Organization

Multi-Country Seminar on Parliaments and Accountability for Women's and Children's Health

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Dear Madam Speaker,
Dear Mr. Speaker,

The Parliament of Bangladesh, the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) and the World Health Organization (WHO) are organizing a multi-country seminar to strengthen the contribution of parliaments to national accountability mechanisms for women's and children's health. The seminar will be held on 30 and 31 July 2013 at the Ruposhi Bangla Hotel in Dhaka, Bangladesh. The event will bring together parliaments from Bangladesh, Kenya, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Malawi, Nigeria, Philippines, Rwanda, Tanzania, Uganda and Zimbabwe. The purpose of the seminar is to provide members of parliament with a platform to share and discuss processes and mechanisms to promote accountability for women's and children's health.

In view of your country's commitment to enhancing its performance on improving women's and children's health, it gives us great pleasure to invite your parliament to take part in this important seminar and to send a delegation of three members, preferably composed of members of both sexes, and with experience in issues relating to women's and children's health.

Please find attached the provisional programme, information note, registration form and hotel reservation form. Travel and other costs associated with participation must be borne by individual parliaments. We would be grateful if you could register your parliament by **15 July 2013**.

We sincerely hope that your parliament will be able to participate in this meeting and look forward to receiving confirmation thereof.

Yours sincerely,

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