

Regional Seminar on the Implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals for the Parliaments of Sub-Saharan Africa

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Dear Madam Speaker, Dear Mr. Speaker,

It is our pleasure to invite your parliament to the Regional Seminar *Implementing the SDGs and enhancing regional cooperation to mitigate and adapt to climate changes that affect health and well-being in the Sub-Saharan region.* The event is to be held in Kampala from 1 till 3 March 2017. It is part of a series of IPU seminars on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

In recognition of the crucial role that parliaments play in translating the SDGs into enforceable domestic laws, the IPU and the Ugandan Parliament are pleased to convene parliaments from Sub-Saharan Africa to examine the opportunities and challenges involved in fully exercising their role in the institutionalization of the SDGs. The seminar will focus on assessing what parliaments need in order to exercise their legislative, oversight, budgetary and representative functions. Special emphasis will be placed on the issues of governance, health and climate change.

We trust that your parliament will be represented at this seminar. Parliaments are encouraged to send delegations of up to four members of the Parliament, with additional parliamentary staff if needed. Delegates should be directly involved in the topics of the seminar and should represent both different political affiliations and both genders in a balanced manner. The working languages of the seminar are English, French and Portuguese. As usual, participants are asked to make their own arrangements for visas, accommodation and travel.

Please find attached the concept note, draft agenda, general information note and registration forms for the event. Information about the seminar will soon be posted on the IPU website at: www.ipu.org/strct-e/futrmets.htm.

We very much hope that you will be able to attend this important event. We would appreciate it if you could confirm your participation by 15 February 2017 at the latest.

Yours sincerely,

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