

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. DATE AND VENUE

The Parliamentary Meeting at the First High-Level Meeting of the Global Partnership for Effective Development Cooperation will be held on Monday, 14 April 2014 at the former seat of the Senate, located at No. 9, Xicoténcatl Street, Col. Historical Centre, C.P. 06000, Mexico City.

2. CONTEXT AND PURPOSE

The Meeting will examine progress made in fulfilling the obligations undertaken in Busan (2011) and identify ways of promoting effective development cooperation in the context of the post-2015 development agenda.

The principal purpose of the meeting is to continue driving change at the national level and secure the active involvement of all interested parties. The main sessions will focus on taxation and the mobilization of national resources for development and South-South and triangular development, development cooperation for middle-income countries and the role of corporations as partners for development.

3. INVITED PARLIAMENTS

The Parliamentary Meeting is open to all members of parliament accredited to the High-Level Meeting.

4. REGISTRATION

Delegations are invited to complete the attached registration form and return it to the following e-mail address and/or fax number by 7 April latest: e-mail: postbox@ipu.org; fax: +4122 919 4160.

N.B. *Neither the IPU nor the host Parliament is in a position to facilitate your accreditation to the High-Level Meeting of the Global Partnership for Effective Development Cooperation or to facilitate the issuance of entry visas for Mexico. This is the responsibility of each delegation as part of the overall accreditation procedure for the High-Level Meeting.*

5. PRACTICAL MODALITIES

The Meeting will be structured around three plenary sessions. Each session will begin with opening remarks by a lead speaker. Delegates may participate in the debate either to make brief comments or ask questions.

A moderator will steer the deliberations and determine the order of interventions and questions.

6. LANGUAGES

Spanish is the official language of the meeting. Interpreting in English and French will be provided.

7. MEALS

The participants will be treated to a lunch courtesy the host Parliament at the *Museo Interactivo de Economía* (MIDE), located in a separate part of the same building.

Tacuba 17 (between Bolívar y Filomeno Mata)
Centro Histórico Delegación Cuauhtémoc
Mexico City, CP 06000
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<http://www.mide.org.mx/mide/informacion-general/#sthash.5uf6K6mg.dpuf>

The cafeteria service available during the event will also be free of charge.

8. ACCOMMODATION AND RESERVATIONS

Delegates will be responsible for covering their accommodation costs.

Block bookings have been made at the Hilton Hotel Mexico City Reforma, located on Av. Juárez 70, Colonia Centro, Mexico City, C.P. 06010, Mexico.

In order to ensure room availability for delegates, kindly send a message to the following e-mail address: MEXRF_Reservaciones@hilton.com ; or call + 52 55 51 30 52 52.

When making bookings, please enter or quote the following code “GRPMPA”.

The rate for a single room is US\$ 129 + taxes
The rate for a double room is US\$149 + taxes
Breakfast is included.

Only bookings made with a valid credit card guarantee will be considered confirmed.

Bookings made after 7 April are subject to availability.

9. TRANSPORT

Upon arrival at the International Airport in Mexico City, please make your way to the taxi service. The fare from the airport to the Historical Centre in Mexico City is approximately US \$20.

A shuttle service will be provided between the hotel and the venue of the Parliamentary Meeting. Transport will also be provided to the cultural event.

10. COSTS

Participants are required to cover the costs of their travel, accommodation and stay.

11. REGISTRATION AND INFORMATION DESK

A Registration and Information Desk will be available for participants at the Meeting venue. It will be open on 14 April 2014 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Participants are kindly requested to register with this Desk as soon as they arrive at the Meeting venue. They will be provided with identification badges and further details about the Meeting.

12. MEDICAL SERVICE

A first-aid medical service will be available at all times at the meeting venue to attend to the medical needs of the participants.

13. SECURITY

All necessary measures will be taken to guarantee the personal safety of the participants. To this end, participants are kindly asked to clearly display the identity badges issued by the host Parliament at all times at the meeting venue and for all official receptions.

14. WEATHER

In April the average temperature in Mexico City is 25°C.

15. OTHER SERVICES AND GENERAL INFORMATION

CURRENCY

The national currency of Mexico is the peso and the exchange rate is roughly 1 USD= 13.12 MXN

VOTAGE

The voltage in Mexico is 110 volts.