# Promoting child nutrition in Asia

Regional parliamentary seminar hosted by the National Assembly of Lao People’s Democratic Republic and co-organized by the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) and the United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF) with the support of Scaling Up Nutrition (SUN)

4-6 November 2014, Vientiane (Lao People’s Democratic Republic)

## PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

### Tuesday 4 November

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<td>8.30 a.m. - 9.30 a.m.</td>
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| 10.30 a.m. - 1 p.m. | **PART I: Overview of Nutrition and Stunting**  
- Definition of nutrition and importance of Scaling Up Nutrition  
- Link to economic development and poverty reduction  
- Discussion |
| 1 p.m. - 2.30 p.m. | Lunch |
| 2.30 p.m. - 4 p.m. | **Part II: Regional Overview**  
- Malnutrition in Asia  
- Examples of pro-nutrition efforts in the region  
- Discussion |
| 4 p.m. - 4.15 p.m. | Coffee break |
| 4.15 p.m. – 6 p.m. | **Part III: Barriers to nutrition**  
- Structural barriers: Institutional, Legal, Economic, Political and Administrative factors that contribute to widespread malnutrition and stunting  
- Discussion |
| 8 p.m. | Reception |

### Wednesday 5 November 2014

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| 10 a.m. - 11 a.m. | **Part IV: Parliament’s role in advancing nutrition**  
- Pro-nutrition legislation (including regulation of breast milk substitutes, maternity leave, the agricultural sector and the food industries)  
- Implementation and Oversight  
- Alliances and collaboration (Civil society actors and partners)  
- Good practices from the region  
- Discussion |
| 11 a.m. - 11.15 a.m. | Coffee break |
| 11.15 a.m. - 1 p.m. | **Part IV (cont’d)** |
| 1 p.m. - 2 p.m. | Lunch |
2.30 p.m. - 5 p.m.  

**Part V: Budgeting for Nutrition**
- Designing pro-nutrition budgets – how parliaments can use their prospective budget planning power as well as their retrospective budget audit functions to allocate and monitor for nutrition interventions
- Investment case for nutrition
- Good practices

**Discussion**

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**Thursday 6 November 2014**

9.30 a.m. - 11 a.m.  

**Leveraging Parliamentary powers around key Interventions**
- Infant and young child feeding (breastfeeding)
- Micronutrients and food fortification
- Nutrition security in emergencies

11 a.m. - 11.15 a.m.  

**Coffee Break**

11.15 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.  

**Recommendations, next steps and summing-up by the Rapporteur and concluding comments by the organizers**

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