# The IPU Global Conference of Young Parliamentarians in Tokyo

**Democracy, peace and prosperity**

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National Diet of Japan, Tokyo (Japan)

## Revised provisional programme

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| 09:30 – 10:00 | **Opening session**  
*Session chaired by Ms. Karen MAKISHIMA, Member of Parliament (Japan)*  
- Mr. Tadamori OSHIMA, Speaker of the House of Representatives, National Diet of Japan  
- Mr. Saber CHOWDHURY, President of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU)  
  
*Multipurpose Hall* |
| 10:00 – 10:30 | **Introductory session: 2015: A milestone for youth, for Japan**  
*Session chaired by Ms. Karen MAKISHIMA, Member of Parliament (Japan)*  
**Introductory remarks on:**  
- **Celebrating 20 years of the World Programme of Action for Youth**  
  - Video message by Mr. Ahmad ALHENDAWI, United Nations Secretary General’s Envoy on Youth  
  - Mr. Tetsuo KONDO, Director of UNDP’s Japan Representation Office in Tokyo  
- **IPU Resolution on Youth participation in the democratic process: Five years on**  
  - Mr. Faisal AL TENAIJI, Member of Parliament (United Arab Emirates), President of IPU’s Forum of Young Parliamentarians  
- **70th anniversary of universal suffrage in Japan: Ensuring youth participation in politics and the sustainability of society**  
  - Mr Hirofumi TAKINAMI, Member of Parliament (Japan)  
  
*Multipurpose Hall* |
| 10:30 – 10:50 | Coffee break                                                            |
| 10:50 – 12:00 | **Session 1: Youth in a world of socio-economic crisis**  
*Session chaired by Mr. Many HUN, Member of Parliament (Cambodia), Member of the Board, IPU’s Forum of Young Parliamentarians*  
**Presentations in plenary session on:**  
- **Youth employment, education and skills training**  
  - Ms. Keiko KAMIOKA, Director, Office for Japan, International Labour Organization (ILO)  
- **Youth participation in politics**  
  - Ms. Zeina HILAL, Youth participation programme, Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU)  
  - Mr. Kensuke HARADA, President, Non-profit Corporation YouthCreate  
  (Japan)  
- **Youth-friendly health policies**  
  - Dr Venkatraman CHANDRA-MOULI, Adolescent Sexual and Reproductive Health Scientist, Department of Reproductive Health and Research, World Health Organization (WHO)  
  - Ms. Rosaline SMITH, Member of Parliament (Sierra Leone)  
- **Youth and the sustainable development goals (SDGs)**  
  - Mr. Beniam GEBREZGHI, Programme Specialist, Civil Society and Youth Effective Governance Team, UNDP Regional Hub in Bangkok |
The presentations will be followed by a debate

**12:00 – 13:30**
Buffet lunch

**Large Conference Hall**

**13:30 – 14:50**
**Debates in two working groups**
- **Working Group A: Enhancing youth participation in politics**
  *Group chaired by Ms. Mercedes ALVAREZ, Member of Parliament (Philippines), Member of the Board, IPU’s Forum of Young Parliamentarians*
  - Introductory remarks by Mr. Mohamed Ali HOUMED, President of the National Assembly (Djibouti)
  
- **Working Group B: Addressing socio-economic challenges from a youth perspective**
  *Group chaired by Mr. Diego VINTIMILLA, Member of Parliament (Ecuador), Member of the Board, IPU’s Forum of Young Parliamentarians*

**Multipurpose Hall**

**14:50 – 15:10**
Coffee break

**15:10 – 15:20**
Reports from working groups in plenary session

**15:20 – 17:00**
**Session 2: What is the youth vision of a prosperous world and how can it be achieved?**
*Session chaired by Mr. Masanobu OGURA, Member of Parliament (Japan)*

**Debate in plenary session moderated by:**
- Dr. Ranga KALANSOORIYA, Media Development Consultant

**Multipurpose Hall**

**17:00**
Group photo session

**Multipurpose Hall**

**18:00 – 20:00**
Welcome Reception hosted by the National Diet of Japan and performances of Japanese traditional arts

*Ballroom Ho’oh, the Capitol Hotel Tokyu, 1st floor*

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**Thursday, 28 May**

**08:00 – 17:00**
Registration of delegates

**09:00 – 10:10**
**Session 3: Can young people help eliminate violence and conflict through the democratic process?**
*Session chaired by Ms. Tamam ALRIYATI, Member of Parliament (Jordan), Member of the Board, IPU’s Forum of Young Parliamentarians*

**Presentations in plenary session on:**
- **The involvement of young people in conflicts: Old and new trends**
  - Ms. Gulalai ISMAIL, Chairperson, Aware Girls, United Network of Young Peacebuilders (Pakistan)
  - Ms. Wafa BANI MUSTAFA, Member of Parliament (Jordan)
- **Youth and democracy for peace building**
  - Ms. Rumiko SEYA, President, Japan Center for Conflict Prevention (Japan)
- **International law and the protection of young people**
  - Dr. K. Chris HIRABAYASHI, Director of UNICEF Public Partnerships Division, Tokyo Office
- **Eliminating all forms of violence against youth, in particular girls and young women**
  - Ms. Yoko HAYASHI, Chairperson, UN Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW)

The presentations will be followed by a debate

**Multipurpose Hall**
10:10 – 10:30 Coffee break

10:30 – 12:00 **Debates in two working groups**
- **Group A: Countering young people’s engagement in violence and conflict**
  Group chaired by Mr. Raphael IGBOKWE, Member of Parliament (Nigeria), Member of the Board, IPU’s Forum of Young Parliamentarians
  *Multipurpose Hall*

- **Group B: Better involving young people in peace building**
  Group chaired by Ms. Carmen Lucila CREXELL, Member of Parliament (Argentina), Member of the Board, IPU’s Forum of Young Parliamentarians
  *International Conference Hall*

12:00 – 13:30 Buffet lunch

13:30 – 13:40 **Reports from the working groups in plenary session**
13:40 – 14:40 **Session 4: What concrete actions should young parliamentarians take to advance peace and prosperity? What are the challenges for the future?**
Session chaired by Ms Mizuho ONUMA, Member of Parliament (Japan)
Debate in plenary session moderated by:
- Dr. Ranga KALANSOORIYA, Media Development Consultant
  *Multipurpose Hall*

14:40 – 15:00 Coffee break

15:00 – 16:30 **Session 5: Is it possible for young people to grow up in a culture of non-violence in today’s world?**
Session chaired by Mr. Arata TAKEBE, Member of Parliament (Japan)
Debate in plenary session moderated by:
- Dr. Ranga KALANSOORIYA, Media Development Consultant
  *Multipurpose Hall*

16:30 – 16:35 Short break for preparation of the closing session (participants are asked to remain seated)

16:35 – 17:00 **Closing session**
Session chaired by Mr. Vytautas GAPSYS, Member of Parliament (Lithuania), Member of the Board, IPU’s Forum of Young Parliamentarians
- **Presentation and adoption of the outcome document**
  - Ms. Tionei Melody DZIVA, Member of Parliament (Zimbabwe), Member of the Board, IPU’s Forum of Young Parliamentarians
  - Mr. Hirofumi TAKINAMI, Member of Parliament (Japan)
- **Closing speech by Mr. Masaaki YAMAZAKI, President of the House of Councillors, National Diet of Japan**
  *Multipurpose Hall*

17:00 – 18:00 Farewell Cocktail hosted by the Japanese Delegation
  *Large Conference Hall*