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TOKYO 2015

Revised provisional programme

Tuesday, 26 May

14:00 – 18:00 Registration of delegates

Wednesday, 27 May

08:00 – 18:00 Registration of delegates

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

Multipurpose Hall

- 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)*Multipurpose Hall*
 - **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
International Conference 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

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	<p>Debates in two working groups</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group A: Countering young people’s engagement in violence and conflict <i>Group chaired by Mr. Raphael IGBOKWE, Member of Parliament (Nigeria), Member of the Board, IPU’s Forum of Young Parliamentarians</i> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Multipurpose Hall</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group B: Better involving young people in peace building <i>Group chaired by Ms. Carmen Lucila CREXELL, Member of Parliament (Argentina), Member of the Board, IPU’s Forum of Young Parliamentarians</i> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>International Conference Hall</i></p>	
12:00 – 13:30	Buffet lunch	<i>Large Conference Hall</i>
13:30 – 13:40	Reports from the working groups in plenary session	
13:40 – 14:40	<p>Session 4: What concrete actions should young parliamentarians take to advance peace and prosperity? What are the challenges for the future? <i>Session chaired by Ms Mizuho ONUMA, Member of Parliament (Japan)</i></p> <p>Debate in plenary session moderated by:</p> <p>- Dr. Ranga KALANSOORIYA, Media Development Consultant</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Multipurpose Hall</i></p>	
14:40 – 15:00	Coffee break	
15:00 – 16:30	<p>Session 5: Is it possible for young people to grow up in a culture of non-violence in today’s world? <i>Session chaired by Mr. Arata TAKEBE, Member of Parliament (Japan)</i></p> <p>Debate in plenary session moderated by:</p> <p>- Dr. Ranga KALANSOORIYA, Media Development Consultant</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Multipurpose Hall</i></p>	
16:30 – 16:35	Short break for preparation of the closing session (participants are asked to remain seated)	
16:35 – 17:00	<p>Closing session <i>Session chaired by Mr. Vytautas GAPSYS, Member of Parliament (Lithuania), Member of the Board, IPU’s Forum of Young Parliamentarians</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation and adoption of the outcome document <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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 <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Multipurpose Hall</i></p>	
17:00 – 18:00	Farewell Cocktail hosted by the Japanese Delegation	<i>Large Conference Hall</i>