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Multi-stakeholder dialogue on *Corporate investment in sustainable development* (Joint session with the World Investment Forum)

14 October 2014 (3.30 – 5.30 p.m.)
Room 2, level 0, CICG

Concept note

Background: As part of the 131st IPU Assembly and the 2014 World Investment Forum, this session will see parliamentarians from around the world join in an interactive debate with business executives, ministers and heads of international organizations to debate the legislative and regulatory frameworks to support investment into SDG sectors and ensure development impact.

Specifically, the session will address the following questions:

- How can more financing be channelled into micro, small and medium-sized enterprises as key engines of development?
- What are the challenges to channelling corporate investments into SDG sectors?
- What is the impact of international investment agreements in the context of sustainable development and how can investments be further regulated from a sustainable development perspective?
- How can the interaction between parliaments, policymakers, the private sector and communities be improved so as to better deliver on development?
- What are the global policy imperatives in this context, and how can international organizations contribute?

Expected achievement and outcome: Through their exchange, participants will enhance each other's understanding of the various perspectives that come to play in the context of making parliaments deliver on development through engagement with the private sector (defined as micro, small, medium-sized and large enterprises), smart regulation and forward-looking legislation. It will also enable cross-fertilization through interaction between constituents from different countries.

Format: The session will take the form of an interactive debate between parliamentarians, business executives, heads of leading NGOs and ministers. Lead discussants will be assembled in a Davos-type setting with a moderator to stimulate discussion.

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For more information on the World Investment Forum, please visit <http://unctad-worldinvestmentforum.org/programme/sessions/investing-in-sustainable-development/>

