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Regional Seminar on Achieving the Sustainable
Development Goals for the Parliaments
in the Asia Pacific Region



National Assembly
of the S.R. Viet Nam

**Responding to climate change
Actions of legislators to achieve the SDGs**

Ho Chi Minh City (Viet Nam), 11-13 May 2017

PROGRAMME

Wednesday, 10 May 2017

Arrival of delegates

Thursday, 11 May 2017

08.00 – 08.30

Registration
Venue: Ground floor, GEM Center

08.30 – 09.00

Opening session
Venue: Ballroom Pollux 2-3 (third floor, GEM Center)

Introduction of participants

- Opening speech of H.E. Ms. Nguyen Thi Kim Ngan, President of the National Assembly of Viet Nam
- Keynote speech of H.E. Mr. Saber Chowdhury, IPU President
- Welcome speech of H.E. Mr. Nguyen Thien Nhan, Secretary of Ho Chi Minh City Party Committee

Group photo

09.00 – 10.30

Session I: Sustainable Development Goals and the role of parliaments in their achievement

1. Overview on the SDGs
Venue: Ballroom Pollux 2-3 (third floor, GEM Center)

Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and their targets will be introduced along with a regional baseline to measure future progress. Delegates will examine the practical steps that parliaments can take to support SDG implementation both in their countries and the region.

Moderator: H.E. Mr. Saber Chowdhury, IPU President

- Dr. Kamal Malhotra, UN Resident Coordinator, UNDP Resident Representative in Viet Nam
- Mr. Nguyen The Phuong, Deputy Minister of Planning and Investment of Viet Nam
- Mr. Mahn Win Khaing Than, Speaker of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw of Myanmar
- Mr. Phuntsho Raptan, Member of the National Council, Bhutan

Presentations will be followed by a debate with delegates

10.30 – 10.45

Coffee break

10.45 – 12.15

Session I: (cont.) Sustainable Development Goals and the role of parliaments in their achievement:

2. Promoting gender equality and health in the context of responding to climate change

Venue: Ballroom Pollux 2-3 (third floor, GEM Center)

This session will examine the opportunities that the SDGs present to achieve a better gender balance in sustainable development decision-making and the gender impact of sustainable development policies. It will also introduce SDG 3 on health. We will discuss how countries can advance their national agendas and the impacts of climate change on SDG 3 and SDG 5.

Moderator: Mr. Martin Chungong, IPU Secretary General

- Dr. Lokky Wai, WHO Country Representative in Viet Nam
- Mr. Ali Safarnejad, UNAIDS Acting Director in Viet Nam
- Ms. Shoko Ishikawa, UN Women Country Representative in Viet Nam
- Ms. Nguyen Thuy Anh, Chairperson, Social Affairs Committee, Viet Nam National Assembly

The above presentations will be followed by a debate with delegates

12.15 – 14.00

Lunch

Venue: Ballroom Bollux 4 (third floor, GEM Center)

14.00 – 15.30

Session II: Responding to climate change

1. Challenges, opportunities and response actions of countries in the the region

Venue: Ballroom Pollux 2-3 (third floor, GEM Center)

This session will feature an overview and update on climate change around the globe and its impact on sustainable development in the region, short- and long-term challenges, as well as opportunities for transformation into a more sustainable development model. It will also focus on how countries in the Asia-Pacific region respond to the challenges and take advantage of the opportunities and actions of parliaments.

Moderator: Mr Mai Trong Nhuan, Vice Chairman of the Viet Nam Panel on Climate Change and Director of VNU Key Laboratory of Geoenvironment and Climate Change Response

- Ms. Jenty Kirsch Wood, UNDP Climate Change Adaptation and Resilience Advisor in Viet Nam
- Mr. Tran Hong Ha, Minister of Natural Resources and Environment of Viet Nam
- Mr. Pantaleon D. Alvarez, Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Philippines
- Mr. Jesper Moller, UNICEF Deputy Representative in Viet Nam
- Dr. Vu Canh Toan, ISET Technical Consultant in Viet Nam

These presentations will be followed by a debate with delegates

15.30 – 15.45

Coffee break

15.45 – 17.15

Session II : (cont.) Responding to Climate Change

2. International commitments and requirements for national legislators

Venue: Ballroom Bollux 2-3 (third floor, GEM Center)

The international community agreed that national commitments in response to climate change at global level were reflected in the Paris Climate Change Agreement and will be specified by Nationally Determined Contributions of each country. What are the law-making and policy-making requirements of each country to fulfill international commitments?

Moderator: Prof. Tran Thuc, Vice Chairman of the Advisory Council for National Committee on Climate change of VietNam

- Ms. Anna Schreyoegg, GIZ Climate Change Policy and Mitigation Advisor in Vietnam
- Mr. Phan Xuan Dung, Chairman of the Committee on Science, Technology, Environment, Viet Nam National Assembly
- Mr. Lorna Eden, Assistant Minister for Local Government, Housing and Environment, Fiji

These presentations will be followed by a debate with delegates

17.15 – 18.00	Launch of the IPU/UNDP SDG Self-Assessment Toolkit for Parliaments <i>Venue: Ballroom Pollux 2-3 (third floor, GEM Center)</i>
19.00 – 19.30	APPF Presidency Handover ceremony between the Fiji Parliament and the Viet Nam National Assembly <i>Venue: Reunification Palace, 135 Nam Ky Khoi Nghia Street, District 1, Ho Chi Minh City</i>
19.30 - 20.45	Dinner hosted by H.E. Ms. Nguyen Thi Kim Ngan, President of the National Assembly of Viet Nam <i>Venue: Reunification Palace, 135 Nam Ky Khoi Nghia Street, District 1, Ho Chi Minh City</i>

Friday, 12 May 2017

07.30	Visit to Can Gio district, Ho Chi Minh City
08.30 – 09.00	Visit to the Dan Xay resettlement area, affected by rising sea levels
09.30 – 10.30	Attend tree planting ceremony <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Remarks by the Leader of Ho Chi Minh City• Remarks by the President of the IPU• Tree planting by countries
10.30	Leave for next location
11.00 – 12.00	Visit mangrove forest
12.00 – 13.30	Lunch hosted by Ho Chi Minh City authority
13.30	Travel back to Ho Chi Minh City

Saturday, 13 May 2017

09:00 – 11:00	Session III: Mobilizing resources for SDG implementation in the Asia-Pacific region <i>Venue: Ballroom Pollux 2-3 (Third Floor, GEM Center)</i> Aid funds and debt relief were key for the Millennium Development
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Goals. Today, it is widely recognized that other resources from both the public and private sectors are needed to implement the SDGs. This session will consider how parliaments, together with development partners, can ensure adequate financial and non-financial resources for the implementation of national and regional SDG strategies. Key commitments of development cooperation and corresponding institutional processes will be highlighted.

Moderator: Mr. Martin Chungong, IPU Secretary General

- Mr. Ousmane Dione, World Bank Country Director in Viet Nam
- Mr. Kim Han-jung, MP, National Assembly of the Republic of Korea
- H.E. Mr. Pereric Högberg, Ambassador of Sweden

These presentations will be followed by a debate with delegates

11.00 – 11.15

Coffee break

11.15 – 11.45

Closing session

Venue: Ballroom Pollux 2-3 (third floor, GEM Center)

- Remarks by Mr. Martin Chungong, IPU Secretary General
- Closing speech by H.E. Ms. Tong Thi Phong, Vice President of the National Assembly of Viet Nam

11.45 – 12.30

Press conference

Venue: Ballroom Pollux 1 (third floor, GEM Center)

12.30

Farewell lunch hosted by H.E. Ms. Tong Thi Phong, Vice President of the National Assembly of Viet Nam

Venue: Ballroom Pollux 4 (third floor, GEM Center)

Afternoon

Free

Sunday, 14 May 2017

Departure of delegates