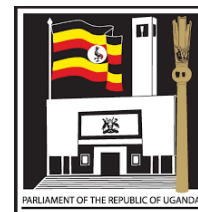




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# Regional Seminar on the Sustainable Development Goals for the Parliaments of Sub-Saharan Africa



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## Programme

Day 1	
08:30 – 10:00	<b>Registration of delegates</b>
10:00 – 10:30	<b>Inaugural session</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ms. Rebecca Kadaga, Speaker, Parliament of Uganda</li><li>• Mr. Ekwee Ethuro, Speaker, Senate of Kenya; IPU Vice-President</li></ul>
10:30 – 12:00	<b>Session I: The role of parliaments in achieving the SDGs</b> <p>The session will present progress, gaps and lessons learned in achieving the Millennium Development Goals. The 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 in their countries and the region.</p> <p>Moderator: Ms. Almaz Gebru, UNDP Country Director, Uganda</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ms. Rosa Malango, UN Resident Coordinator (video message)</li><li>• Mr. Byarugaba Alex Bakunda, Member of Parliament, Uganda</li></ul> <p><i>Presentations will be followed by a debate with delegates</i></p>
12:00 – 13:00	Lunch break
13:00 – 14:30	<b>Session II: Effective governance as a critical element of sustainable development</b> <p>This session will introduce SDG 16 on peace, justice and strong institutions, all of which are key to the sustainable development of sub-Saharan Africa. Key steps to develop more effective, accountable and transparent institutions as well as inclusive, participatory and representative decision-making, with a focus on parliaments, will be reviewed. Ways to enhance citizen engagement with the SDGs will be discussed.</p> <p>Moderator: Mr. Mukitale Biraahwa, Member of Parliament, Uganda</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mr. Dieudonné Tshiyoyo, Regional Electoral Advisor, UNDP</li><li>• Mr. Richard Ssewakiryanga, Executive Director Uganda National NGO Forum</li></ul> <p><i>Presentations will be followed by a debate with delegates</i></p>
14:30 – 15:00	Coffee/Tea

15:00 – 17:00

### **Session III: Achieving sustainable development through tackling climate change**

The climate change and disaster risk targets of the SDGs will be critical to environmental sustainability. This session will present prevention and mitigation measures that stem from the SDGs and other relevant cross-sector frameworks. We will focus on the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction and the Paris Agreement. We will consider how parliaments can legislate consistently to help combat the urgent threat of climate change and prevent existing disaster risks, both of which particularly affect vulnerable groups, communities and ecosystems.

Moderator: Mr. Biyika Lawrence Songa, Member of Parliament, Uganda

- Mr. Robert Ondhowe, Legal Officer, UNEP

[Presentations will be followed by a debate with delegates](#)

## **Day 2**

09:00 – 09:15

Summary of discussions from day one

09:15 – 11:00

### **Session IV: Ensuring good health and well-being for all through the SDGs**

Good health and well-being are key determinants of human development. This session will introduce SDG 3 on health. It will present recent achievements in the region on maternal and child mortality, HIV/AIDS, malaria and other diseases. We will discuss how countries can advance their national health agenda. In particular, we will discuss how to meet the needs of women, girls and other marginalized and vulnerable populations.

Moderator: Ms. Betty Amongi, Minister of Lands, Housing and Urban Development, Government of Uganda

- Mr. Tarande Constant Manzila, WHO Representative in Uganda
- Ms. Amakobe Sande, UNAIDS Country Director, Uganda

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11:00 – 11:15

Coffee/Tea

11:15 – 13:00

### **Session V: Mobilizing resources for SDG implementation in sub-Saharan Africa**

Aid funds and debt relief were key for the Millennium Development Goals in the region. Today, it is widely recognized that other resources from both 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: Ms. Syda Bbumba Namirembe, Member of Parliament, Uganda

- Mr. Fanwell Bokosi, Director, African Forum and Network on Debt and Development

[Presentations will be followed by a debate with delegates](#)

13:00 – 14:00	Lunch break
14:00 – 15:30	<b>Session VI: Group work</b>
15:30 – 15:45	Coffee/Tea
15:45 – 17:00	<b>Session VII: Reporting from the group work</b> Moderator: Mr. Musasizi Henry, Member of Parliament, Uganda

## Day 3

09:00 – 09:15	Summary of discussions from the first two days
09:15 – 10:45	<p><b>Session VIII: Becoming fit for purpose: African Parliaments engage on the SDGs</b></p> <p>This session will build on the exchanges of the first two days. We will discuss how national parliaments can effectively institutionalize the SDGs and establish mechanisms to oversee their implementation. Delegates will be introduced to the IPU self-assessment toolkit on the SDGs. The toolkit is designed to help parliaments assess how ready they are to engage with the SDGs in their own country context.</p> <p>Moderator: Mr. Magyezi Raphael, Member of Parliament, Uganda</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Aleksandra Blagojevic, Program Officer for International Development, IPU</li> <li>• Ms. Yemesrach Assefa, Senior Economist, UNDP Uganda</li> <li>• Mr. Pierre Flambeau Ngayap, Senator, Cameroon</li> </ul> <p>Presentations will be followed by a debate with delegates</p>
10:45 – 11:00	Coffee/Tea
11:00 – 12:30	<p><b>Session IX: Adoption of an outcome document and closing</b></p> <p>This session will be an opportunity for a general discussion of lessons learned from the seminar, next steps and follow-up actions. It will also reflect on specific strategies that will mobilize a larger group of parliamentarians to promote and implement the SDGs. The session will conclude with the adoption of a sub-Saharan parliamentary action plan on the SDGs.</p> <p>Moderator: Mr. Lugolobi Amos, Member of Parliament, Uganda</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Ekwee Ethuro, Speaker, Senate of Kenya; IPU Vice-President</li> </ul>