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## Regional Seminar on “The evolving relationship between citizens and parliaments in the Arab world”

Rabat (Morocco), 5-6 June 2013

### *Provisional programme*

*Wednesday, 5 June 2013*

<i>Wednesday, 5 June 2013</i>	
9.30 – 10 a.m. Chamber	<b><u>Opening session:</u> Launch of the <i>Global Parliamentary Report</i> for Arab countries</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Mr. Karim Ghellab, Speaker of the House of Representatives</li><li>- Mr. Mohamed Cheikh Biadillah, Speaker of the House of Councillors</li><li>- Mr. Abdelwahad Radi, President of the IPU</li><li>- Ms. Rebecca Grynspan, Associate Administrator, United Nations Development Programme</li></ul>
10 – 11 a.m. Chamber	<b><u>Session 2 :</u> The issue of parliamentary representation in the Arab world</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Mr. Greg Power, Author of the <i>Global Parliamentary Report</i></li><li>- Mr. Elie Khoury, Regional Expert in Parliamentary Development</li></ul> Debate
11 – 11.30 a.m.	<b>Coffee break</b>
11.30 a.m. – 1 p.m. Salle Marocaine	<b><u>Session 3:</u> How citizens’ and in particular young people’s expectations of parliament and its members are changing in the Arab world and how parliaments (institutions and members) are responding to them.</b>
1 – 2 p.m.	<b><i>Lunch break</i></b>
2 – 3.30 p.m. Salle Marocaine	<b><u>Session 4:</u> Experiences of parliamentary representation: Daily challenges and difficulties encountered by MPs in Arab countries</b>
3.30 – 4 p.m.	<b><i>Coffee break</i></b>
4 – 5.30 p.m. Salle Marocaine	<b><u>Session 5:</u> What possibilities do MPs have to enrich their parliamentary work with experience gained from constituency work?</b>
5.30 p.m.	<b>End of first day</b>
8 p.m.	<b>Official dinner</b>

*Thursday, 6 June 2013*

9.30 – 11 a.m. Salle Marocaine	<b><u>Session 6</u>: New online communication tools such as Facebook and Twitter in parliamentary work: Opportunities and challenges</b> – Official launch of AGORA, Portal for Parliamentary Development, in Arabic ( <a href="http://www.agora-parl.org/ar">www.agora-parl.org/ar</a> )
11 – 11.30 a.m.	<b>Coffee break</b>
11.30 a.m. – 1 p.m. Salle Marocaine	<b><u>Session 7</u>: How to enhance the way parliament is perceived? Prospects for partnership with civil society organizations, the media and parliamentary monitoring organizations</b>
1 – 2 p.m.	<b><i>Lunch break</i></b>
2 – 3.30 p.m. Salle Marocaine	<b><u>Session 8</u>: Working groups – Identification of measures that both MPs and parliaments can take within 6 to 12 months to enhance their representation function</b>
3.30 – 4 p.m.	<b><i>Coffee break</i></b>
4 – 5.30 p.m.	<b><u>Closing session</u></b>