

Parliamentary Briefing at the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development

Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

INFORMATION NOTE FOR PARTICIPANTS

Title	UNCSD follow up: the role of parliaments
Date	Wednesday, 20 June 2012 - from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.
Venue	<p>Room T-10, inside the Rio Centro (main venue of the UN conference) at Avenida Salvador Allende 6555, BarradaTijuca.</p> <p>Please arrive early to secure a seat (seating capacity is limited to 64)</p> <p>Note that the room may be subject to change. Participants are well advised to confirm the room location by consulting the list of side events provided by the United Nations or by checking with the information desk in the main reception area at the Rio Centro.</p>
Format/ languages	Short panel presentations followed by interactive discussion with participants. The briefing will be in English only.
Agenda	<p>An assessment of the new international agreement from the perspective of parliamentarians and a reflection on their role in carrying it forward.</p> <p>The discussion will aim at reviewing: 1/ the extent to which the new agreement acknowledges a clear role for parliaments; 2/ the overall substantive content of the new agreement and whether this constitutes a decisive step forward; and 3/ key provisions of the agreement, particularly those that may relate to the establishment of new sustainable development goals or the constitution of a new international framework for sustainable development.</p>
Participation	<p>No formal registration is required to attend the briefing. However, those planning to attend are encouraged to notify the IPU in writing to the contact below.</p> <p>The briefing is open to all members of parliament duly accredited to the main UN conference as part of their national delegation. Civil society representatives may also participate. The IPU will not be able to accredit anyone to the UN conference or to obtain entry badges for participants in the briefing. Similarly, the IPU will not be able to assist participants with accommodation arrangements or any other logistical issue.</p> <p>Note that waiting times at the UN accreditation office may be long. Delegates to the conference are well advised to arrive early and allow for at least one hour to obtain their entry badge. The UN accreditation office will be open on 18, 19 and 20 June from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.</p>
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