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### Mitigating the global economic crisis through enhanced parliamentary oversight

It would be difficult to find a newspaper these days that has not published a recent front-page story about market upheavals, countless business fold-ups, sky-rocketing unemployment and mounting social tensions, all of which accompany the unfolding economic crisis. [ [Full story ...](#) ]

#### ■ Towards effective nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation

Legislators meeting in Addis Ababa on the occasion of the 120th IPU Assembly expressed their commitment to advance nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation. [ [Full story ...](#) ]

#### ■ Jordan MPs discuss discriminatory laws against women

Thirty years after the adoption of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, discrimination against women still permeates societies in direct and indirect forms. [ [Full story ...](#) ]

#### ■ Stop the world: we want to get on

The adoption by the UN General Assembly in December 2006 of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities closed a long chapter in the fight against the exclusion and marginalization of disabled people. [ [Full story ...](#) ]

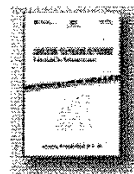
#### ■ Gearing up for the Climate Change Conference in Copenhagen

With a view to the new deal on climate change expected at the end of the year in Copenhagen, the IPU is helping parliamentarians develop a shared understanding of the problem and practical solutions

#### New publication

##### Combating human trafficking

The IPU and the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime recently launched a Handbook for parliamentarians on *Combating Trafficking in Persons*. The Handbook begins by stressing that trafficking in persons is a form of modern-day slavery - a human rights violation that constitutes a crime against the individual and the State. [ [Full story ...](#) ]



#### Selected forthcoming IPU events

- Fifth Annual Meeting of Women Speakers of Parliament.  
VIENNA (Austria), 13-14 July '09
- Regional seminar for Latin American Parliaments on Violence against Women.  
BUENOS AIRES (Argentina), 19-21 August '09
- 121st IPU Assembly and Related Meetings.  
GENEVA (CICG), 19-21 October '09
- Parliamentary Meeting on the occasion of the United Nations Climate Change Conference.  
COPENHAGEN (Denmark), 16 December '09

#### On the IPU website

■ Latest news



to tackle it. [ [Full story ...](#) ]

■ **Mapping out reconciliation process  
in Sierra Leone**

The IPU and the Parliament of Sierra Leone organized a national seminar in Freetown for local parliamentarians. The seminar was part of a broader IPU project to support parliaments in English-speaking Africa. [ [Full story ...](#) ]

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