



To Presidents of Member
Parliaments of the IPU

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Dear Madam President,
Dear Mr. President,

The World Investment Forum is the pre-eminent global platform for investment and development. Convened by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), the Forum devises strategies and solutions for global investment and development challenges. It offers a unique opportunity to influence investment-related policymaking, shape the global investment environment, and network with global leaders in business and politics.

The next World Investment Forum will take place from 22 to 26 October 2018 at the United Nations Office in Geneva. Organized under the overall theme *Investing in Sustainable Development*, this multi-stakeholder event will address global challenges for international investment in the new era of globalization and industrialization. The Forum is expected to bring together some 5'000 participants, including heads of State and Government, ministers, members of parliament, business leaders and civil society – more information at <http://worldinvestmentforum.unctad.org/#/ms-1/1>.

We are pleased to announce that this year's World Investment Forum will feature a special programme for parliamentarians from 22-24 October. The programme will start on 22 October with a workshop for parliamentarians on financing of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), continue with a special session on 23 October focused on stimulating dialogue with policy makers and business leaders, and provide opportunities for parliamentarians to attend a variety of Forum sessions on 24 October. A draft parliamentary programme is enclosed with this letter.

We very much hope that your parliament will be represented at the World Investment Forum and our related parliamentary meetings. Given the nature of the event and its discussions, we would particularly encourage participation by Chairs of Budget and Foreign Affairs Committees.

Registration for the World Investment Forum can be completed online at <http://worldinvestmentforum.unctad.org/2018-registration/>. Further information about the parliamentary sessions will be shared in due course.

We very much hope that your parliament will be able to send a delegation to this important global event.

Yours sincerely,

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