



Lisbon & Paris, 18th of August 2020

Subject: The Parliamentary Network on the WB & IMF Member Invitation – UNITE Global Summit: Virtual 2020

Dear Member of The Parliamentary Network on the WB & IMF,

On behalf of UNITE – Global Parliamentarians Network to End Infectious Diseases – I would like to extend a warm invitation to you to attend the upcoming **UNITE Global Summit: Virtual, on September 7th – 8th 2020**.

UNITE is an independent, non-profit, global network of 132 members of parliament from 62 countries. UNITE is committed to ensuring that no life is limited by infectious disease through unified political advocacy. Created under the auspices of UNAIDS, **we call on our global network of parliamentarians to hold governments accountable and to commit to the use of political levers to improve global health, acting in accordance with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).**

Recognizing the critical role of effective political actions and the need to leverage local and global political efforts, **UNITE Global Summit: Virtual 2020 is a flagship event for networking and capacity building that will bring together for the first time UNITE’s parliamentarian members and Regional Chairs.** The UNITE Global Summit poses as an extraordinary opportunity for the members of the Parliamentary Network develop the argument for stronger investment in global health as tool to achieve healthier economies, more prosperous jobs and sustainable financing mechanisms for the Welfare State. Health & well-being go hand in hand when it comes to policymaking.

The Global Summit: Virtual 2020 aims to commit, inspire, and empower policy makers towards the achievement of the UN SDGs over the next decade, while building a roadmap on clear policy actions to eliminate the threat posed by communicable diseases. **COVID-19 is leaving an indelible mark on global health and, now more than ever, governments must work in solidarity to protect and better the health of people across the world.**

Your role in the Summit will be of absolute importance, to not only contribute your knowledge and expertise, but to demonstrate commitment towards more political leadership in ensuring happier and healthier lives and economies.

To register for the event please follow this link: <https://summit.unitenetwork.org/>

We look forward to hearing from you and we truly hope that you will be able to accept our invitation. Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Amish Laxmidas, amish.laxmidas@unitenetwork.org

Warmly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ricardo Baptista Leite".

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