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## Tenth IPU Global Conference of Young Parliamentarians

### *Avoiding lost generations: Preserving education and employment in all circumstances*

12–14 September 2024, Yerevan, Armenia  
 Seven Visions, The Dvin

#### Programme

Wednesday, 11 September	
09:00 – 18:00	Registration of delegates
19:00	Reception hosted by the National Assembly of Armenia (Venue: Seven Visions, The Dvin)
Thursday, 12 September	
07:30 – 18:00	Registration of delegates
09:30 – 10:15	<p><b>Opening ceremony</b></p> <p><b>Chairperson:</b> Ms. Hasmik Hakobyan, Member of Parliament, Armenia, Member of the IPU Board of the Forum of Young Parliamentarians</p> <p><b>Opening remarks</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Alen Simonyan, President of the National Assembly of Armenia</li> <li>• Ms. Tulia Ackson, President of the Inter-Parliamentary Union</li> <li>• Mr. Nikol Pashinyan, Prime Minister of the Republic of Armenia</li> <li>• Mr. Martin Chungong, Secretary General of the Inter-Parliamentary Union</li> <li>• Mr. Dan Carden, Member of Parliament, United Kingdom, President of the Board of the Forum of Young Parliamentarians of the IPU (video message)</li> </ul>
10:15 – 10:30	<p><b>Keynote address</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Nour Mussa, Former Refugee, Educator, UWC Dilijan</li> </ul>
10:30 – 10:45	Coffee break
10:45 – 13:00	<p><b>Session 1: Countdown to 2030: Where are we on youth education and employment?</b></p> <p><b>Chairperson:</b> Mr. Lord Fakafanua, Speaker of Parliament, Tonga, Member of the IPU Board of the Forum of Young Parliamentarians</p> <p><b>Keynote address</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Felipe Paullier, United Nations Assistant Secretary-General for Youth Affairs</li> </ul> <p><b>The global perspective (presentations from representatives of international organizations – 20 minutes)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Mikhail Pouchkin, Director, Decent Work Technical Support Team and Country Office for Eastern Europe and Central Asia, International Labour Organization (ILO)</li> <li>• Mr. Francis Azubuike, Member of the Steering Committee, Global Students Forum</li> <li>• Ms Stefania Gianini, Assistant Director General for Education, United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) (video message)</li> </ul> <p><b>National-level stock taking (presentations from young MPs – 115 minutes)</b></p>

	<p><b>Keynote address</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Adrien Charles Duval, Speaker of the National Assembly of Mauritius</li> </ul> <p><b>Speech</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Vahan Kostanyan, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Armenia</li> </ul> <p><b>Presentations from young MPs</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms Tsovinar Vardanyan, Member of Parliament, Armenia</li> <li>• Ms. Katrine Daugaard, Member of Parliament, Denmark</li> <li>• Ms. Patience Masua, Member of Parliament, Namibia</li> </ul> <p>Participants will assess progress – or lack thereof – by the global community and their respective countries in achieving quality education and decent work, and identify areas where more concerted actions are needed.</p> <p>Presentations by panellists will be followed by an exchange of good practices and ongoing challenges in advancing youth education and employment.</p>
13:00 – 14:30	Lunch
14:30 – 15:30	<p><b>Session 2: Young lives disrupted: The impact of crisis on youth socio-economic rights and empowerment</b></p> <p><b>Chairperson:</b> Mr. Mohamed Anouar Bouchouit, Member of Parliament, Algeria, Member of the IPU Board of the Forum of Young Parliamentarians</p> <p><b>Keynote address</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, Director General, World Health Organization (WHO) (video message)</li> </ul> <p><b>Presentations by international experts from the UN and civil society (20 minutes)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Ignacio Ibarra, Regional Advisor, WHO</li> <li>• Ms. Kristina Almazidou, WHO Youth Council representative</li> <li>• Mr. Kiri Atri, External Relations Officer, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)</li> <li>• Ms. Veerle Miranda, Senior economist, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)</li> </ul> <p>Participants will examine the disruptive effects of global crises, including wars, economic downturns, pandemics and climate change, on youth education and employment. They will look at the legislative, policy, budgetary and oversight measures young MPs can take to champion youth education and employment, especially in such times of crisis.</p> <p>Presentations by panellists will be followed by a Q and A exchange</p>
15:30 – 15:45	Coffee break
15:45 – 17:15	<p><b>Session 2 (cont'd): How are youth rights impacted by crisis in my country?</b></p> <p><b>Chairperson:</b> Mr. Mohamed Anouar Bouchouit, Member of Parliament, Algeria, Member of the IPU Board of the Forum of Young Parliamentarians</p> <p><b>Presentations of case studies by young parliamentarians limited to their own country (25 minutes)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Hasmik Hakobyan, Member of Parliament, Armenia, Member of the IPU Board of the Forum of Young Parliamentarians</li> <li>• Ms. Sara Falaknaz, Member of Parliament, United Arab Emirates, Member of the IPU Board of the Forum of Young Parliamentarians</li> <li>• Mr. Nathaniel Erskine-Smith, Member of Parliament, Canada</li> <li>• Mr. Olamijuwonlo Alao-Akala, Member of Parliament, Nigeria</li> <li>• Mr. Boubacar Balbone, Member of Parliament, Burkina Faso</li> </ul>

	In the second part of this session, presentations will be made by young parliamentarians to present case studies from their countries on how youth rights are impacted by crisis and the policy measures taken to empower young people in such circumstances.  Presentations by panellists will be followed by a Q and A exchange
17:30	Group photo (Venue: National Assembly of Armenia)
18:00	Open air reception hosted by the National Assembly of Armenia

### Friday, 13 September

09:30 – 10:45	<p><b>Session 3: Leaving no one behind: Delivering education and employment to the most vulnerable and marginalized</b></p> <p><b>Chairperson:</b> Mr. Dan Carden, Member of Parliament, United Kingdom, President of the Board of the Forum of Young Parliamentarians of the IPU</p> <p><b>Setting the scene:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mr. Claude Cahn, Human Rights Officer, Indigenous Peoples and Minorities Section, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) (video message)</li> </ul> <p><b>Speech</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ms. Cynthia Lopez Castro, Senator, Mexico, President of the IPU Bureau of Women Parliamentarians</li> </ul> <p><b>Presentations by international experts on marginalization and vulnerable groups to facilitate a capacity-building discussion</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ms. Natia Natsvlishvili, Resident Representative in Armenia, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)</li> <li>Ms. Hilda Macheso, Disability Rights Advocacy Fund</li> <li>Ms. Kasia Kos, Advisor, Influencing and Partnerships – Parliamentarian Engagement, Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS)</li> </ul> <p>This capacity-building session will feature presentations from experts and representatives specializing in protecting and empowering marginalized groups or those in vulnerable situations. By building knowledge and sharing tips and advice, it will explore:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>How to identify vulnerable and marginalized youth groups?</li> <li>What can help MPs identify the needs of vulnerable youth groups?</li> <li>Inspire us: Are there examples of good practice in responsive education and employment policies or initiatives targeting vulnerable youth populations?</li> </ul> <p>Presentations by panellists will be followed by a debate and an exchange of good practices. Concluding remarks from Ms. Macheso will also introduce the following session's working groups exercise.</p>
10:45 – 11:00	<b>Coffee break</b>
11:00 – 12:30	<p><b>Session 4: Preserving youth empowerment in times of crisis: What young MPs can do</b></p> <p><b>Working group sessions</b></p> <p>Building on the previous session, participants will break out into working groups to dive more deeply into specific issues related to youth education and employment in times of crisis. This will serve to explore concrete actions by young MPs, foster collaboration and identify policy solutions.</p>
12:30 – 14:00	Lunch
14:00 – 15:30	<b>Session 5: Unconference</b>

	<p><b>Chairperson:</b> Ms. Sara Falaknaz, Member of Parliament, United Arab Emirates, Member of the IPU Board of the Forum of Young Parliamentarians</p> <p>Young parliamentarians will be invited to take the lead of an 'Unconference' session, on the topics of education and employment for young people in times of crisis. This session will be a free space in the conference agenda where topics are proposed and chosen by the participants. All parliaments are invited to propose a topic. The young MPs making the selected proposals will be tasked with facilitating their sessions in working groups. More information can be found in the Annex.</p> <p>Topics voted by the young parliamentarians:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <a href="#"><u>Leveraging education outcomes to enhance employment and national development for future generations</u></a></li> <li>2. <a href="#"><u>Global solidarity in crisis: Safeguarding education in conflict zones</u></a></li> </ol>
15:30 – 16:30	<p><b>Reporting session</b></p> <p><b>Chairperson:</b> Mr. Lord Fakafanua, Speaker of Parliament, Tonga, Member of the IPU Board of the Forum of Young Parliamentarians</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Report on the Unconference session</li> <li>• Reports on the working group discussions</li> </ul>
16:30 – 16:45	Coffee break
16:45 – 17:30	<p><b>Closing session</b></p> <p><b>Chairperson:</b> Mr. Dan Carden, Member of Parliament, United Kingdom, President of the Board of the Forum of Young Parliamentarians of the IPU</p> <p><b>Presentation and adoption of the outcome document</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Hakob Arshakyan, Vice-President of the National Assembly of Armenia</li> <li>• Ms. Emma Tangi Muteka, MP, Namibia, Member of the IPU Board of the Forum of Young Parliamentarians</li> </ul> <p><b>Closing speeches</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Vahagn Khachatryan, President of the Republic of Armenia</li> <li>• Mr. Alen Simonyan, President of the National Assembly of Armenia</li> <li>• Ms. Tulia Ackson, President of the Inter-Parliamentary Union</li> </ul>
19:30	Reception and cultural night hosted by H.E. Mr. Alen Simonyan, President of the National Assembly of Armenia (Venue: Seven Visions, The Dvin)
<b>Saturday, 14 September</b>	
	Visit to the Garni pagan temple organized by the National Assembly of Armenia
Evening	Free time
	Departure of delegates
<b>Sunday, 15 September</b>	
	Departure of delegates