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Regional Seminar on Achieving the Sustainable
Development Goals for the Parliaments
in the Asia-Pacific Region

**Responding to climate change
Actions of legislators to achieve the SDGs**

Ho Chi Minh City (Viet Nam), 11-13 May 2017



National Assembly
of the S.R. Viet Nam

PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

Wednesday, 10 May 2017

Arrival of delegates

Thursday, 11 May 2017

08.00 – 08.30

Registration

08.30 – 09.00

Opening session

Introduction of participants

Group photo

09.00 – 10.30

**Session I: Sustainable Development Goals and the role of parliaments
in their achievement**

1. Overview on the SDGs

The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and their targets will be introduced along with a regional baseline to measure future progress. Delegates will examine the practical steps that parliaments can take to support SDG implementation in their countries and the region.

Presentations will be followed by a debate with delegates

10.30 – 10.45

Coffee break

10.45 – 12.15

**Session I: (cont.) Sustainable Development Goals and the role of
parliaments in their achievement:**

2. Opportunities to promote gender equality and health

This session will examine the opportunities that the SDGs present to strike a better gender balance in sustainable development decision-making and the gender impact of sustainable development policies. This session will also introduce SDG 3 on health. We will discuss how countries can advance their national health agenda.

The above presentations will be followed by a debate with delegates

12.15 – 14.00

Lunch

14.00 – 15.30

Session II: Responding to climate change

**1. Challenges, opportunities and response actions of countries in the
region**

This session will consist in an overview and update on the global situation of climate change and its impact on sustainable development of the region, short- and long-term challenges, as well as opportunities for transformation

of a more sustainable development model. The session will also focus on how countries in the Asia- Pacific region respond to the challenges and take advantage of the opportunities and actions of parliaments.

[These presentations will be followed by a debate with delegates](#)

15.30 – 15.45

Coffee break

15.45 – 17.15

Session II : (cont.) Responding to Climate Change
2. International commitments and requirements for national legislators

International community agreed that national commitments in response to climate change at global level were reflected in the Paris Climate Change Agreement and will be specified by Nationally Determined Contributions of each country. What are the law-making and policy-making requirements of each country to fulfill international commitments?

[These presentations will be followed by a debate with delegates](#)

17.15 – 18.00

Launch of the IPU/UNDP SDG Self-Assessment Toolkit for Parliaments

19.00 – 20.45

Dinner hosted by H.E. Ms. Nguyen Thi Kim Ngan, Speaker of the National Assembly of Viet Nam

Friday, 12 May 2017

07.00 – 08.30

Travel to Ben Tre, Ben Tre province

08.30 – 09.00

Presentation on Ben Tre province and the climate change situation in the province by an official of the province

09.00

Leave Ben Tre for the mangrove forest

09.40 – 10.40

Attend tree planting ceremony

Tree planting

11.00

Leave for the next location

11.30 – 12.30

Visit an eroded coastal area

12.30

Travel to Thanh Phu district

13.00 – 14.30

Lunch at the Thanh Phu district People's Committee

14.30 – 16.00

Travel back to Ho Chi Minh City

Saturday, 13 May 2017

09:00 – 11:00

Session III: Mobilizing resources for SDG implementation in the Asia-Pacific region

Aid funds and debt relief were key for the Millennium Development Goals. Today, it is widely recognized that other resources from the both public and private sectors are needed to implement the SDGs. This session will consider how parliaments, together with development partners, can ensure adequate financial and non-financial resources for the implementation of national and regional SDG strategies. Key commitments of development cooperation and corresponding institutional processes will be highlighted.

[These presentations will be followed by a debate with delegates](#)

11.00 – 11.15	Coffee break
11.15 – 11.45	Closing session
12.00	Lunch hosted by H.E. Ms. Tong Thi Phong, Vice President of the National Assembly of Viet Nam
Afternoon	Free

Sunday, 14 May 2017

Departure of delegates