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Parliamentary meeting on the occasion of the 28th United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP28)

Connect Conference Centre, COP28 Green Zone, Expo City Dubai, United Arab Emirates

Organized jointly by the Inter-Parliamentary Union and
the Federal National Council of the UAE

PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

Tuesday, 5 December

14:00–17:00 Registration (tbc)

Wednesday, 6 December

08:00 Registration

09:00–09:45 **OFFICIAL OPENING**

Welcoming remarks

09:45–10:45 **SETTING THE SCENE: SCIENTIFIC INSIGHTS, GLOBAL PROGRESS AND THE CALL FOR ENHANCED AMBITION**

The aim of this session is to provide a comprehensive overview of the current climate landscape, scientific advancements and progress made in implementing the Paris Agreement. Panellists will present the latest scientific findings, showcasing the gravity of the climate crisis. It is against this backdrop that the outcomes of the Global Stocktake exercise will be discussed to demonstrate the state of collective progress towards the Paris Agreement goals, and to emphasize the importance of urgent and enhanced ambition. It will offer a deeper understanding of the evolving climate context, foster momentum for transformative action and inspire midcourse corrections to align efforts with the Paris Agreement goals. The aim is to empower and motivate parliamentarians to exercise oversight and hold governments accountable for climate commitments. The session will set the stage for the panels that will follow.

10:45–11:05 **COFFEE BREAK**

11:05–12:30 **BRIDGING THE GAP: ADVANCING CLIMATE ACTION ADAPTATION FOR VULNERABLE COMMUNITIES**

This panel will focus on the importance, opportunities and challenges of giving equal priority to adaptation and mitigation efforts in the global response to climate change. Panellists will discuss adaptation for vulnerable groups and gender-responsive actions that have mitigation co-benefits, such as nature-based solutions. The panel will share experiences and insights on advocating for adaptation financing. Emphasis will be placed on the critical need to increase financing to frontline countries to address the significant and growing gap between adaptation finance flows and adaptation needs. The session will aim to empower parliamentarians to hold

governments accountable for COP28 outcomes on adaptation and financing, and to galvanize advocacy efforts for equitable resources to support vulnerable communities and bridge the adaptation finance gap.

The panellists' presentations will be followed by an interactive discussion.

12:30–12:45

PARLIAMENTS FOR THE PLANET CAMPAIGN – PHASE 2

Presentation of Phase 2 of the IPU #Parliaments4thePlanet campaign to mobilize parliaments to take action on the climate emergency and to establish a compendium of best practices.

12:45–13:45

LUNCH

13:45–15:10

BEYOND MITIGATION AND ADAPTATION: OPERATIONALIZING LOSS AND DAMAGE

Acknowledging that many severe climate impacts are and will continue to occur irrespective of national, regional and global mitigation and adaptation efforts, this session will highlight the urgency of operationalizing the Loss and Damage Mechanism for countries facing irreparable impacts of climate change. Participants will share experiences in coping with irreversible losses from climate impacts and encourage a discussion among all participants on the importance, opportunities and challenges of holding governments to account on the details of the Loss and Damage Mechanism, including on the sources and recipients of funding, the eligibility criteria for Loss and Damage interventions, and on how to ensure that new and existing funding arrangements effectively support the wide range of solutions required.

The panellists' presentations will be followed by an interactive discussion.

15:10–15:25

COFFEE BREAK

15:25–16:45

THE ROAD AHEAD: PARLIAMENTARY OVERSIGHT OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT IMPLEMENTATION POST-COP28

This panel will convene parliamentary leaders and experts to deliberate on the critical role of parliamentary oversight in driving effective implementation of the Paris Agreement and commitments beyond COP28. The panellists will explore strategies to strengthen parliamentary engagement, legislative frameworks and transparency, while highlighting the crucial role and importance of parliaments in amplifying the voices of all citizens, ensuring their inclusion in climate change discussions and international negotiations. By discussing the crucial oversight role of parliaments, the panel will aim to chart a path towards accelerated climate action, ensuring the successful realization of the Paris Agreement' goals in a post-COP28 landscape.

The panellists' presentations will be followed by an interactive discussion.

16:45–17:15 **OFFICIAL CLOSING**

The session will be moderated by the Rapporteur, Ms. Meera Al Suwaidi, appointed by the Federal National Council, UAE.

Adoption of the meeting Outcome Document and closing remarks.