Parliament’s Role in Implementing the SDGs: A Handbook for Legislators

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The SDGs and Parliamentarians

- MPs involved in SDGs development through regional and international parl organisations
- IPU was active in supporting parliamentarians to input their ideas into official processes
  - March 2013 - Quito Communique: “Stronger parliaments will have to play a central role in the implementation of the SDGs. This will include ensuring that development policies and plans are drawn up through participatory and inclusive processes, and with regular progress reports submitted to parliament for review.”
  - April 2015 – Hanoi Declaration: “[We] commit to doing our utmost to strengthen national ownership of the goals, particularly by making them known to our constituents…As representatives of the people, we are responsible for ensuring that each and every voice is heard in the political process without discrimination and irrespective of social status.”
  - Early September 2015 - Speakers of Parliament endorsed Declaration on “Placing democracy at the service of peace and sustainable development: Building the world the people want” - stressed the importance of ensuring that the 2030 Agenda adopted a human rights-based approach to implementation and ensured more inclusive and equal outcomes for people.
Handbook for MPs: SDGs

What can MPs do to support SDGs:
- National planning
- Implementation
- Monitoring / Oversight

Handbook sets out suggestions for MPs to take action
- Based on experience with MDGs
- Good practice and lessons learned from real parliamentary efforts
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- Handbook highlights key areas for MP action
  - Parliamentary understanding of the SDGs;
  - Coordinating efforts with other stakeholders;
  - Law-making and law reform;
  - Budgeting for SDGs implementation;
    - Including development effectiveness in relation to foreign aid
  - Committee and other forms of oversight
  - Facilitating citizen participation;

- Ensuring proper support for parliamentarians and staff.