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Call for proposals for the theme of the third Global Parliamentary Report

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Background

Up to now, the two editions of the Global Parliamentary Report have been jointly published by IPU and UNDP.

The first-ever Global Parliamentary Report, published in 2012, was about "[The changing nature of parliamentary representation](#)". The Report analyzes changes in relations between parliaments and citizens, and suggests improvements to parliamentary strategies for meeting public expectations.

It benefitted from the input of 75 parliaments and more than 600 parliamentarians as well as experts in the parliamentary development community.

The second Global Parliamentary Report in 2017, entitled "[Parliamentary oversight: Parliament's power to hold government to account](#)", provides a global perspective on how oversight is practiced by parliaments. It makes 28 recommendations that amount to a scenario for change in favour of stronger oversight and accountability. The Report was based on responses to questionnaires from 103 parliamentary chambers in 85 countries, as well as survey responses from more than 370 parliamentarians from 128 countries, interviews with parliamentarians and written contributions from parliaments, international and non-governmental organizations and experts.

Both reports are grounded in the parliamentary experience and have drawn upon data, interviews and good practice examples from parliaments and parliamentarians in more than 100 countries. The reports have been used by many parliaments to build capacity and improve performance.

Proposals for the theme of the next Global Parliamentary Report

IPU and UNDP are currently inviting proposals for the theme of the third Global Parliamentary Report. We are looking for great ideas that would lead to stimulating debate among the parliamentary community and actionable recommendations to strengthen parliaments.

Proposals should contain a title, a description and key research questions to be addressed. They should make the case this theme should be chosen for the Global Parliamentary Report. Proposals should be coherent with the characteristics outlined below; within this, however, there are no limits to the subject areas that can be addressed. Proposals should be no more than 1000 words long.

The deadline for the submission of proposals is 26 July 2019. Proposals should be submitted online via this form <https://www.surveygizmo.eu/s3/90154952/Proposals-for-the-Global-Parliamentary-Report>

A decision on the theme will be taken in November 2019 following consultations with parliaments. All organizations/people who submit a proposal will be acknowledged in the report, which should be published in 2021.

Characteristics of the Global Parliamentary Report

The main objective of the Global Parliamentary Report is to stimulate discussion and change in parliaments, leading to better parliaments and stronger democracies.

The report should focus on a particular theme that is topical and relevant to all parliaments and which merits in-depth investigation. It should draw on evidence from the parliamentary community and other

stakeholders and set out policy options and recommendations for parliaments. Please note that it is not a report on the “state of the world’s parliaments”.

The primary target audience is the parliamentary community – parliamentarians, parliamentary staff and people/organizations who work to strengthen parliaments – as well as the broader set of policy-makers with an interest in parliament. Through the Global Parliamentary Report, we aim to inform this community and help them to take action on the issues raised in the report.

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