



## **THE 3<sup>RD</sup> WORLD PARLIAMENTARY FORUM ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT (WPFSD) 4 - 5 SEPTEMBER 2019 - BALI, INDONESIA**

### **TERMS OF REFERENCE**

#### **THE 3<sup>rd</sup> WORLD PARLIAMENTARY FORUM ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT (WPFSD)**

##### ***Combating Inequality through Social and Financial Inclusion***

**Bali - Indonesia  
4-5 September 2019**

#### **Background**

The United Nations describes sustainable development as the achievement of the three interrelated development policies on economic, social and environmental protection. Following the deadline of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) in 2015, as many as 193 world leaders declared their commitment to further promote the global development agenda which will due in 2030 under the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The SDGs covers inclusive development targets which deliberated in 17 goals and 169 indicators.

The SDGs is considered as the most critical commitment made by the UN Member States. It is expected to have an impact for the life of the society. Parliament, with its core functions in legislating, budgeting, and oversight, is considered to have a central role in the achievement of SDGs. Members of Parliaments have the ability to identify and to express the interests of the people in development. With the authority in budgeting, their involvement is critical.

The role of Parliaments has been further emphasized in the United Nations' outcome document titled "Transforming Our World: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development". This recognition provides a new momentum for Members of Parliaments to formulate sound policies towards sustainable development.



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### **World Parliamentary Forum on Sustainable Development: Combating Inequality through Social and Financial Inclusion**

On 5-8 September 2017, the House of Representatives of the Republic of Indonesia held the First World Parliamentary Forum on Sustainable Development (WPFSD) at Bali Nusa Dua Convention Centre (BNDCC) in Denpasar, Bali. The event was attended by 285 participants from 47 countries, consisting of 7 Speakers of Parliaments, 7 Vice Speakers of Parliaments, 121 Members of Parliaments, 45 parliamentary staffs and advisors; also 34 representatives from Embassies; and 60 observers from international, regional and local organizations.

The WPFSD was the first and the only parliamentary forum that specifically addresses sustainable development. The topics in the meetings resolved around 3 important issues, namely: SDGs and Climate Action; Ending Violence, Sustaining Peace; and Leave No One Behind: Promoting Inclusive and Equitable Development. The meeting adopted the Bali Declaration which further acknowledged that parliamentarians have significant roles in the full implementation of SDGs and that ending violence is a crucial factor to the successful achievement of SDGs.

The Declaration also decided to continue the event as a global parliamentary forum focusing SDGs issues. Therefore, on 12-13 September 2018, the Indonesian House of Representatives hosted the Second World Parliamentary Forum on Sustainable Development (WPFSD) in Seminyak, Bali while raising the theme “Partnership towards Sustainable Energies for All.”

The 2nd WPFSD was attended by 194 participants from 45 countries, consisting of 4 Speakers of Parliaments; 16 Vice Speakers of Parliaments; 101 Members of Parliaments; 41 parliamentary staffs and advisors; 22 representatives from Embassies; as well as 18 observers from international, regional, and local organizations. The meeting adopted the Bali Commitment which called all parliamentarians to scale up efforts to raise awareness among parliaments in each participating countries on the importance of SDGs achievements.

To demonstrate its commitment in SDGs, the Indonesian House of Representatives will host the Third World Parliamentary Forum on Sustainable Development (WPFSD) on 4-5 September 2019 in Bali, Indonesia, raising the theme “Combating Inequality



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through Social and Financial Inclusion.” With the adoption of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, combating inequality and applying social protection has become the centre of policy agenda in all countries.

While financial inclusion should be at the forefront of government policies to reduce income inequality, governments must protect the people and promote more social inclusion by distributing resources more fairly. This is in line with Goal 8 of the SDGs which calls for Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all; and Goal 10 of the SDGs which calls for Reduce inequality within and among countries. The event will also discuss specific issues related to Goal 3, 6, 9, 16 and 17 of SDGs.

### **Meeting Sessions and Sub-Themes**

The meeting will consist of three plenary meetings, in which a separate sub-theme related to reducing inequality will be discussed in each session.

The first plenary, titled “*How Infrastructure and Industrial Innovation can Foster Equal Opportunities?*” will discuss the role of infrastructure and industry as the foundation to eliminate inequalities and create inclusive communities.

The second plenary, titled “*Ensuring Rural Access to Clean Water Supply, Sanitation and Hygiene*” will focus on finding solutions to reach the poorest and the marginalized in improving their health, nutrition and productivity.

The third plenary, titled “*Enhancing Partnership towards Inclusive Financing*” will focus on ways and means in ensuring the creation of accountable, accessible and sustainable financial services for all.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> WPFSD will also invite Heads of Delegates to deliver their national statements addressing the main theme of the event, *Combating Inequality through Social and Financial Inclusion*.



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The target participants of this forum are Members of Parliaments and other relevant stakeholders, including civil society organizations, intellectuals and researchers.

### **Objectives**

This forum aims to:

- 1) Safeguarding efforts towards the achievement of SDGs, particularly on achieving equality in all social and financial aspects.
- 2) Identify the challenges in achieving social and financial inclusion and how to address them.
- 3) Promote women empowerment in all walks of life.

### **Technical Guidelines**

a) Schedule of event

The 3<sup>rd</sup> WPFSD will be held in 4 (four) consecutive days, consist of:

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| Day 1 | : | Arrival of delegates                   |
| Day 2 | : | The first panel and the second panel   |
| Day 3 | : | National statement and the third panel |
| Day 4 | : | Field Trip and Departure of delegates  |

b) Event participants

As the host of the 3<sup>rd</sup> WPFSD, the Indonesian House of Representatives will invite all IPU Member Parliaments and Parliaments of friendly countries; as well as representatives of governments, international/regional NGOs, intellectuals, researchers, CSOs and business practitioners.

c) Time and Venue

The 3<sup>rd</sup> WPFSD will be held on 4-5 September 2019 in Bali.

d) Transport and Accommodation

The host will provide local transport, meals, and meeting facilities. All participants are kindly requested to make their own travel arrangement and hotel reservation.