

Parliaments' Role in Linking Good Security Sector Governance to SDG16 amid COVID-19

Virtual HLPF side event

This session focuses on the crucial role of parliaments in promoting the nexus between peace and sustainable development envisaged under Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 16. Through their role as one of the most prominent oversight bodies of the state, parliaments hold governments accountable for their commitments under the 2030 Agenda, and ensure that national security sectors operate within a framework of democratic civilian control, rule of law and respect for human rights – thereby contributing to peace, justice and security. This oversight function is especially critical during times of crisis, as we are facing today with the challenges posed by COVID-19.

Ahead of the presentation of their country's Voluntary National Review (VNR), members of Parliaments from around the world will showcase how their work contributes to realizing the good governance ambitions of SDG16 and the 2030 Agenda, and how these same principles are essential in the response to COVID-19. Panelists will also share their experience and insight regarding their country's VNR.

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8:00 – 9:00 EDT

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on Zoom.*



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Programme

08:00: Introductory Remarks

Ambassador Rodrigo A. Carazo, Permanent Representative of Costa Rica to the United Nations

Ambassador Thomas Guerber, Director, DCAF

08:10: Introduction of the members of parliament

Moderator: **Dr. Hans Born**, Head of Policy and Research Division, DCAF

Ms. Nielsen Pérez Pérez, Legislative Assembly of the Republic of Costa Rica

Hon. Dawda Jawara, National Assembly of the Gambia (TBC)

Ms. Sophie Kiladze, Parliament of Georgia

Hon. Dr. Deepak Prakash Bhatt, Federal Parliament of Nepal

08:20: Moderator will pose questions to MPs

08:40: Summary of linkages of VNRs, SDG16 and SSG/R by **Ms. Alexandra Preperier**, DCAF

08:45: Q&A from the audience (questions will be voted on by the audience)

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