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41st Annual Forum of Parliamentarians for Global Action (PGA)

The Role of Parliamentarians in the implementation of
SDGs 16 and 14:

*Promoting democratic renewal and inclusion, safeguarding
human rights, and protecting the oceans*

21-22 November 2019

Assembleia Nacional, Praia, Cape Verde

AGENDA - DAY 1

Thursday, 21 November 2019

9:00 - 10:00 a.m. Opening Ceremony

The United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) as a tool for renewing democracy, realizing fundamental human rights and safeguarding pluralistic and inclusive societies, as well as protecting the Oceans

Opening Address

H.E. Jorge Carlos da Fonseca, President of the Republic of Cape Verde

Introductory Remarks

Ms. Margareta Cederfelt, MP (Sweden); Vice-President of the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) Parliamentary Assembly; President of Parliamentarians for Global Action (PGA)

Keynote Addresses

H.E. Amb. Peter Thomson, UN Secretary-General's Special Envoy for the Ocean

Remarks

Mr. Eamon Gilmore, European Union (EU) Special Representative on Human Rights; former MP and former Minister of Foreign Affairs of Ireland

H.E. Amb. Sofia Moreira de Sousa, Head of the European Union Delegation to Cape Verde

Representative of Community of Portuguese Language Countries (CPLC) *(to be determined)*

Dep. José Sanches, MP (Cape Verde); Chair of PGA Cape Verde National Group

10:00 – 10:30 a.m. Official Group Photograph & Coffee/Tea Break

Part 1: Promoting democratic renewal and safeguarding human rights (SDG 16)

10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Panel 1

The Fight for Democratic Renewal: parliamentarians as democracy defenders

- Equipping legislators to detect and deflect early warning signs of erosion of democratic principles, including curtailment of civil and political rights, erosion of separation of powers, and diminishment of media freedoms.
- Empowering parliamentarians to act when the human rights of activists, advocates, and allies are threatened, including strategies to combat politically motivated arrests and detentions.
- Emboldening MPs to demand political dialogue that is respectful of all, resist hate speech and derogatory language, expose disinformation, and prevent and punish defamation, including online and through social media, while respecting freedoms of speech.
- Empowering parliamentarians to combat extrajudicial or summary executions and to abolish the death penalty to prevent the ultimate attacks against activists, defenders and political actors expressing dissent.

Chair

Dip. Carla Pitiot (Argentina), Secretary of Commission of General Legislation; Member of PGA Executive Committee

Panel

Hon. Rozaina Adam, MP (Maldives), PGA Member

Hon. Millie Odhiambo, MP (Kenya); Chair of PGA Kenya National Group (*to be confirmed*)

Dep. Théophile Yombombe Madjitouloum, MP (Chad), 3rd Deputy Speaker; Member, PGA

Representative of the Portuguese Parliament (*to be determined*)

12:30 – 1:30 p.m. Lunch

1:30 - 3:30 p.m. Panel 2

Policies and practices to promote open, diverse and inclusive societies

- Taking action to guarantee that every individual lives with dignity and is free from violence and discrimination, including on the basis of sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, and sex characteristics.
- Promoting and enforcing non-discriminatory laws and policies for sustainable development Protecting and enhancing the civic space.
- Taking action to ensure the “Rule of Law” is “human rights’ centered” under SDG 16, in accordance with International Law.

Chair

Mr. Charles Chauvel, Global Lead and Asia-Pacific Focal Point “Inclusive Processes and Institutions” at the regional center in Bangkok of the United Nations Development Programme; Former MP (New Zealand) and PGA member

Panel

Hon. Dr. Ana Rita Sithole, MP (Mozambique), Chair of Foreign Affairs Committee; Chair of PGA Mozambique National Group

Hon. Levy Nazaré, MP (São Tomé and Príncipe), Deputy Speaker; Member of PGA Executive Committee

Dr. The Hon. Sir Richard Cheltenham, MP (Barbados), President of the Senate

Sen. Aziza Lake (Antigua and Barbuda), PGA Member

Hon. Dorcas Sibanda, MP (Zimbabwe), Deputy Whip; Chair of PGA Zimbabwe National Group

3:30 – 3:45 p.m. Coffee/Tea Break

3:45 - 5:30 p.m. Panel 3

Towards peaceful societies: Reducing the scourge of armed conflict by 2030

- Addressing the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons, Promoting Implementation of the UN Programme of Action on SALW and Universality and Implementation of the Arms Trade Treaty; Promoting Universality and Implementation of the Biological Weapons Convention and Implementation of UN Security Council Resolution 1540 (2004)
- Strategies and policies capable of reducing illicit arms flows by 2030 “SDG 16 is considered one of the most ambitious and challenging of SDGs. Despite the prominence that SDG 16 gives to peaceful societies, only one target—16.4—directly references militarization and weaponry by committing states to inter alia ‘significantly reduce illicit arms flows by 2030’.” (cf. SIPRI, 2018)

Chair

Hon. Kasthuri Patto, MP (Malaysia); Secretary of PGA Malaysia National Group

Panel

Hon. Béatrice Epaye (Central African Republic), Chair of Foreign Affairs Committee; Member of PGA Executive Committee; Chair of PGA CAR National Group

Hon. Jasson Rweikiza, MP (Tanzania), Chair of Legal & Parliamentary Affairs Committee; Chair of PGA Tanzania National Group

Hon. Antonio Niquice (Mozambique), Member of PGA Executive Committee

Hon. Amina Maelainine (Morocco); PGA member

7:30 p.m. PGA's Defender of Democracy Award Ceremony & Dinner, the Noble Room of the Parliament

DAY 2

Friday, 22 November 2019

Part 2: The Oceans – Our Livelihood (SDG 14)

9:00 - 9:30 a.m. Panel 4

First International Parliamentary Oceans Day

Keynote Speaker

Dr. Osvaldina Duarte Silva, President National Institute for Fisheries Research and Development (INDP) of Cape Verde

9:30 - 11:30 a.m. Panel 5

Human Rights abuses and Forced Labor in the Seafood industry - The launch of a new global Treaty ratification campaign by PGA

Chair

Hon. Naveed Qamar, MP (Pakistan); Member of PGA Executive Committee, Chair of PGA Pakistan National Group

Panel

Hon. Fikile Xasa, MP (South Africa), Chair of Portfolio Committee on Environment, Forestry and Fisheries

Ms. Julie Ward, Member of the European Parliament (UK); PGA member

Ms. Sandra Allnutt, Head of Marine Technology and GBS, International Maritime Organization (IMO)

Ms. Katherine Hanly, Policy Manager, Ending Illegal Fishing Project, The Pew Charitable Trusts

11:30 – 11:45 a.m. Coffee/Tea Break

11:45 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Panel 6

Supporting Local Fishers and Ocean-dependent States - Sustainable Small-Scale Fisheries as a critical source of livelihood and development

Chair

Dip. Victor Orlando Bisonó (Dominican Republic); Chair of PGA International Council

Panel

H.E. Amb. Peter Thomson, UN Secretary-General's Special Envoy for the Ocean

Ms. Heather Zichal, Executive Director of the Blue Prosperity Coalition

Ms. Lena Westlund, International Fisheries Analyst, Fisheries and Aquaculture Department, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)

Dr. Xiao Recio-Blanco, Director of Oceans Program of the Environmental Law Institute (ELI)

1:30 - 2:30 p.m. Lunch

2:30 - 4:00 p.m. Panel 7

The High Seas: A New Treaty creating a legal framework to support long-term biodiversity conservation

Chair

Ms. Petra Bayr, MP (Austria), Chairwoman of Development Policy Subcommittee; Treasurer of PGA and Convenor of PGA Oceans Campaign

Panel

Dip. Jorge Calix (Honduras); Member of PGA Executive Committee

(to be determined)

Mr. Julian Jackson, Europe Lead for The High Seas Alliance at The Pew Charitable Trusts

4:00 – 4:15 p.m. Coffee/Tea Break

4:15 - 5:00 p.m. Closing Session

Consideration, discussion and, as appropriate, adoption of a Praia Plan of Action for the Renewal of Democracy and the Protection of the Oceans

Chair

Dr. David Donat Cattin, Secretary-General of PGA; *Adjunct Professor of International Law, Center for Global Affairs of the New York University (NYU)*

Official Closing

Ms. Margareta Cederfelt, MP (Sweden); Vice-President of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly; President of PGA

Hon. Jorge Pedro Mauricio dos Santos, MP (Cape Verde), Speaker of the National Assembly of Cape Verde

5:15 Optional guided bus tour of Praia departs from Parliament

N.B.: Each session will be followed by an open discussion with all Parliamentarians in attendance.