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Parliaments and the MDGs

During the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) summit that took place in New York from 20 to 22 September 2010, the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) and the United Nations (UN) Millennium Campaign organised a meeting aimed at mobilising parliamentary support for MDG policies and plans. The meeting, held on 21 September, served to highlight in very concrete terms what parliaments and parliamentarians can do to help advance the MDGs.

The IPU has frequently emphasised the role of parliaments in meeting the MDGs. For instance, it has stated the following:

Parliaments have a role to play in fostering awareness and guaranteeing efficient oversight of government programmes, furthering the adoption of the right policies

and budgets and promoting legislative reform for the implementation of the MDGs. Ensuring public participation and exercising and displaying political will are key to achieving the MDGs (IPU Progress Report 2000–2010).

The MDG Summit Outcome Document that was adopted on 22 September acknowledges the particular role of parliaments in meeting the MDGs by 2015.

For further information, visit the IPU website at <http://www.ipu.org/news-e/latest.htm> or <http://www.ipu.org/splz-e/mdg10.htm>. The IPU Progress Report 2000–2010 is available at <http://www.ipu.org/splz-e/speakers10/3a.pdf>. South Africa's MDG country report 2010 can be accessed at <http://www.pmg.org.za/files/docs/100921mdg.pdf>.