



Joint IPU-ASGP conference, in partnership with the IFLA section on Parliamentary Libraries and Research Services and the Global Centre for ICT in Parliament¹

Parliamentary representation and communication, and the role of social media

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Provisional agenda

09.00-09.30	Opening of the conference
09.30-10.30	Discussion: Social media and parliamentarians: what risks, what benefits for representation? An exchange of experience among parliamentarians who use social media and those who don't, and others with relevant expertise and experience. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• What lessons have MPs learnt about communicating with citizens via social media?• How are MPs using the suggestions they receive via social media in their parliamentary work?• Should MPs be permitted to use social media in plenary and committee meetings? Based on the discussion, we will try to create an inventory of benefits and risks for MPs.
10.30-11.30	Workshop: using social media A 'hands-on' workshop where participants get to post messages on blogs, Facebook, Twitter etc, and practice dealing with positive and negative comments in role-play situations.
11.30-13.00	Discussion: Social media and citizens: are parliaments ready? A generation is growing up for whom social media is part of their everyday life. Are parliaments ready to interact with these citizens? How can parliaments ensure that they are adequately active and responsive institutionally without becoming politically partial? How can the parliamentary

¹ The Global Centre for ICT in Parliament is a partnership initiative launched by the United Nations and the Inter-Parliamentary Union on the occasion of the World Summit on the Information Society (www.ictparliament.org).

	<p>administration create an institutional 'voice' for parliament on social networks, without straying beyond its proper role?</p> <p>What have parliaments done to use websites and social media as a means of public input to parliamentary work? What does this experience teach us about the benefits and risks of receiving structured inputs from the public?</p> <p>To what extent could multichannel communication convergence facilitate MPs' representational work?</p>
13.00-14.00	Lunch
14.00-15.00	Innovation fair: how parliaments are using websites and social media for participation Interactive demonstrations of innovative uses of social media by parliaments.
15.00-16.00	Discussion: Guidelines/key questions on parliaments and social media The final session will allow participants to study, discuss and amend draft guidelines and/or key questions on the use of social media in parliaments.
16.00-16.30	Closing of the conference