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Our Goals

- Encouraging parliaments that have taken significant steps
- Supporting parliaments that want to enhance their public engagement



Public engagement relies on **people** as well as **tools & processes**.

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Why engagement matters

- Sustaining democracy in a rapidly changing world
- Public engagement is mutually beneficial



When MPs engage with their constituents on matters of interest & concern, they are **improving relationships** with their voters & **countering distrust**.

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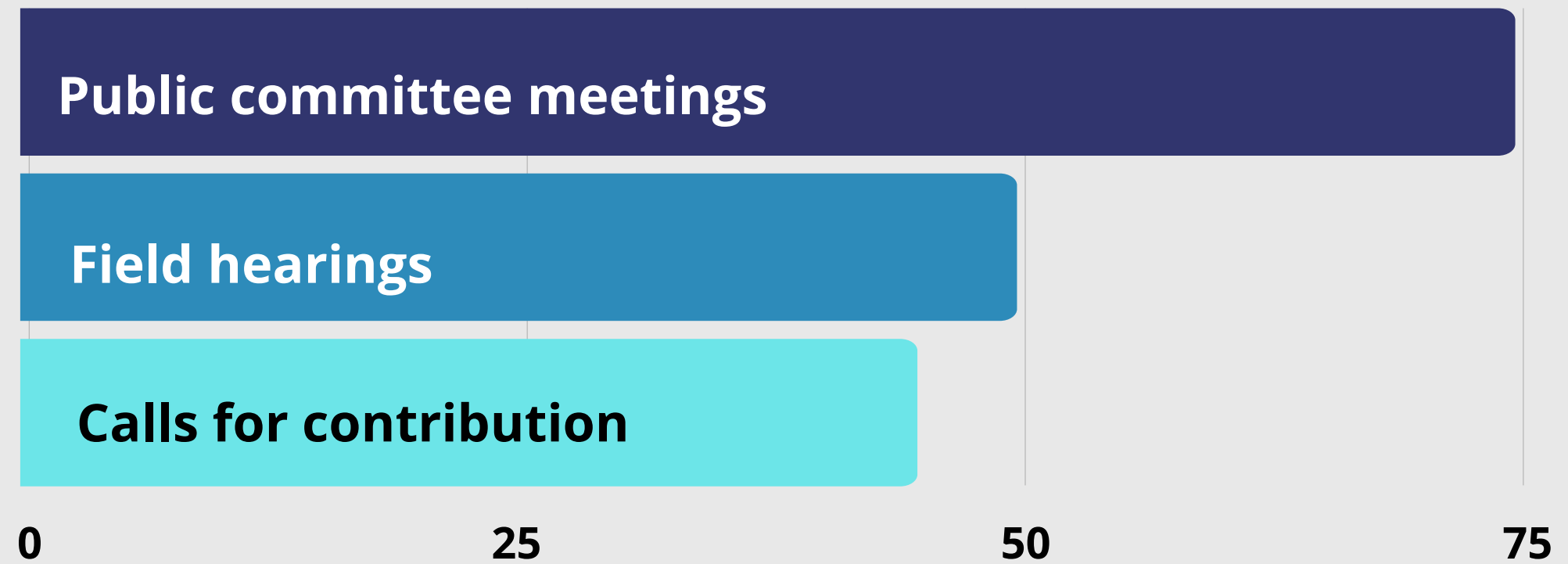
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How parliaments are engaging

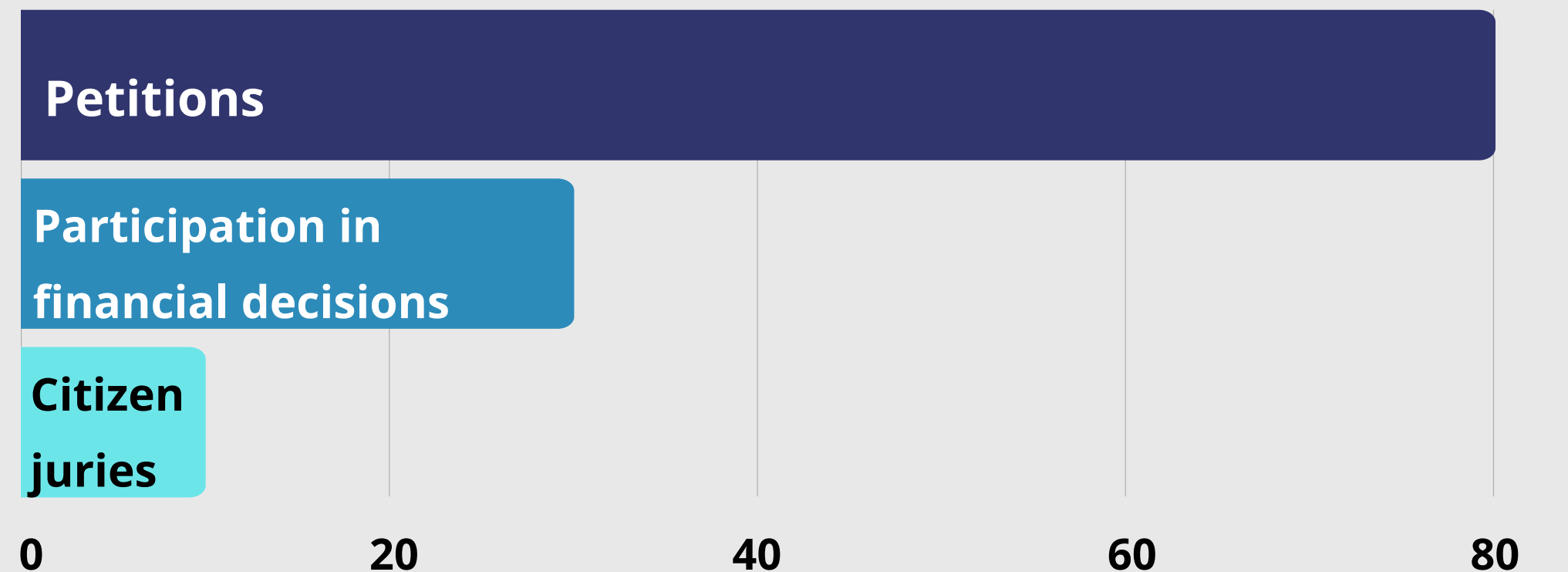
1. Information
2. Education
3. Communication
4. Consultation
5. Participation

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Engagement through consultation



Engagement through participation





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Key trends

- Growth of digital engagement
- From informing to involving
- Experiments with new forms of engagement



There are signs that parliaments & parliamentarians are seeking to put themselves in “**listening mode**” more often.





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Key trends

- Reaching all communities

takes extra effort

- Engagement requires investment

- Evaluation is key to learning and

improvement



A true willingness to involve the community is the **bedrock** of meaningful engagement.

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Future focus of engagement

1. Take youth seriously
2. Leave no one behind
3. Transform through technology
4. Encourage innovation
5. Work together



Increase youth participation through **bolder approaches** involving young people.

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Recommendations

1. Strategic
2. Inclusive
3. Participatory
4. Innovative
5. Responsive



Without a **special effort** to reach all communities, structural barriers are likely to limit some **voices**.





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Case studies

Good practices

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- **South Africa Silvia Lucas**
Deputy Chairperson of the National Council of Provinces
- **Fiji Ratu Epeli Nailatikau**
Speaker of Parliament (video)
- **United Kingdom Harriett Baldwin**
Chair of the British IPU Group
- **Ecuador Wilma Andrade**
Member of the National Assembly



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Call to action

- **Review** your parliament's strategy for public engagement
- **Join** the network of *“Engagement Champions”*
- **Share** your good practices with other parliaments
- **Contribute** to positive change

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