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## PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA

Tuesday 28 June

Plenary session					
08:00 – 09:00	<i>Registration</i>				
09:30 – 10:00	<b>Opening ceremony</b>				
10:00 – 11:00	<p><b>Launch of the World e-Parliament Report 2016</b></p> <p>The findings of the World e-Parliament Report 2016 show how digital and social technologies have led to and supported deep changes in the operational environment and cultural landscape of parliaments. The digital parliament is now a living entity that is linked to those it serves in ways that were hard to imagine when the first World e-Parliament Report was published in 2008.</p>				
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14:30 – 16:00	<p><b>The goals of an “e-parliament” today</b></p> <p>It is increasingly accepted that governance institutions aren't changing/adapting as quickly as society and technology. The challenge for parliaments in the coming decades will involve being more nimble in the face of rapid socio-economic and technological change. This session will focus on what parliaments are, or need to be, doing to prepare themselves.</p>	<p><b>Legislative document management</b></p> <p>Digital technologies and their underlying processes now allow parliaments to create systems that underpin the legislative, representative and oversight work of parliaments. This session looks at recent innovations in the field of legislative document management, including developments on open standards, and both XML- and non-XML based systems.</p>
16:00 – 16:30	<i>Coffee</i>	
16:30 – 18:00	<p><b>Digital parliamentarians: Tools, opportunities and challenges for elected representatives</b></p> <p>This session will investigate the technologies being used by parliamentarians inside and outside the parliamentary chamber to connect with citizens, including young people. It will also touch on ways to build awareness and create incentives for all parliamentarians to use digital technologies.</p>	<p><b>Workshop: Creating ICT infrastructure in a low-resource environment</b></p> <p>A hands-on session that will put participants to work, giving them an opportunity to discuss how parliaments can develop appropriate ICT systems in a situation of low budgets and low commercial contracting capacity.</p>

**Wednesday 29 June**

	<b>Policy Track</b>	<b>Technical track</b>
09:00 – 10:30	<p><b>Openness: building commitment to openness</b></p> <p>It is perhaps too early to say that openness is 'business as usual' for parliaments, but it is certainly clear that making information accessible to people outside parliament is increasingly happening in digital, and specifically machine-readable, ways. The session will explore new and emerging forms of commitment to openness in legislation and parliamentary rules and practices.</p>	<p><b>Recent developments in parliamentary websites</b></p> <p>The website has become one of the primary channels for parliaments to communicate, share information and engage with the public. Today, the proliferation of mobile devices, the social web and higher bandwidth capabilities mean that websites increasingly include audio, video, data, are more interactive and are designed to work cleanly on a wide range of devices. This increases the complexity of planning, managing and resourcing a parliament's web-estate, as well as the costs of operating it.</p>
10:30 – 11:00	<i>Coffee</i>	
11:00 – 13:00	<p><b>Openness: making use of open data</b></p> <p>At first, it was assumed that if parliaments made their data available, people would come and get it. More recently, it has become clear that there is still much to do to make open data "profitable" and usable in a constant and reliable way. The session will also question parliament's ability to access and use data from the executive branch of government and elsewhere in its own research activities.</p>	<p><b>Workshop: Citizen engagement strategies and social media</b></p> <p>A hands-on session to help parliaments analyze their citizen engagement strategies. Social media is now more widely used amongst parliaments than third-party television or radio. Yet the use of social media tools within parliaments has to be appropriate, and finding the balance with traditional methods of engagement takes practice and fine-tuning.</p>
	<p><b>Innovation in parliaments #2; Hackathon update</b></p>	
13:00 – 14:30	<i>Lunch</i>	
14:30 – 16:00	<p><b>Trends in citizen input to the work of parliament</b></p> <p>Numerous participatory processes are being developed in law-making. What are the most effective ways to connect parliaments and citizens? To what extent do these processes address the digital divide within countries, which leaves many men and women feeling angry and excluded from the political process?</p>	<p><b>Cyber security</b></p> <p>Cyber security is of increasing importance at the current time. This session will look at the steps parliaments are taking to guarantee the integrity of their proceedings and consultations.</p>

16:00 – 16:30	<i>Coffee</i>
16:30 – 18:00	<i>Tour of Parliament buildings, and demonstration of the e-parliament technologies in Chile</i>

### Thursday 30 June

	Policy Track	Technical track
09:00 – 10:30	<p><b>Working together: national partnerships</b></p> <p>There is a range of models for good collaboration between parliaments, civil society and other partners, including multi-party working groups, parliamentary inquiries, formal commissions and other mechanisms. This session will help to identify lessons learned in establishing successful partnerships.</p>	<p><b>*Unconference*</b></p> <p>The Unconference opens a space for small group discussions with a focus on problem-solving and practical solutions.</p> <p>The programme will be decided during the conference by participants themselves. Delegates will be able to propose discussions on the subjects that are most important to them. The subjects that gather the most interest from other participants will be allocated a room and time during the Unconference.</p> <p>It is expected that 6-8 sessions will take place in parallel in small meeting rooms, with 20-30 people per session. For practical reasons, these sessions will be held in one language only. The main Unconference event will take place in the parallel meeting room with interpretation in English, French and Spanish.</p>
10:30 – 11:00	<i>Coffee</i>	
11:00 – 13:00	<p><b>Working together: global and regional collaboration</b></p> <p>Globalization of politics requires parliaments all over the world to cooperate and exchange information. The session will learn about existing forms of inter-parliamentary collaboration, and discuss perspectives for developing common approaches, including open source software solutions, and open standards for legislative document management, including XML.</p> <p><b>Innovation in parliaments #3</b></p>	
13:00 – 14:30	<i>Lunch</i>	
	<b>Plenary session</b>	
14:30 – 15:30	<b>Feedback from the conference; lessons learned and future perspectives; presentation of the results of the Hackathon</b>	
15:30 – 16:00	<b>Conclusions and closing ceremony</b>	

## **Notes**

### **Hackathon**

Following the example of parliaments in – among others - Brazil, Finland, the United Kingdom, the United States and the European Parliament, the World e-Parliament Conference 2016 will host a Hackathon in collaboration with parliamentary staff and IT experts from civil society (“hackers”).

Working with international parliamentary datasets, the Hackathon is expected to demonstrate the potential of collaboration with civil society for opening parliamentary data; deliver prototypes of legislative applications; and promote cooperation between regional and global networks on parliamentary openness

Participants in the Hackathon will work on things such as data visualization tools (e.g. concerning voting, attendance, committee activity etc.) and participation tools that make it easier for different stakeholders to provide input into legislative proposals.

Conference participants are free to visit the Hackathon area, spend there some time, ask questions, follow the Hackathon proceedings online or in person. A daily update will be given in plenary during the “Innovation in parliaments” segment, and the Hackathon team will present the prototypes developed on the final afternoon of the conference.

The Hackathon will be coordinated by a team from the HackerLab in the Chamber of Deputies of Brazil.

### **Online interaction**

During the Conference, online interaction, information sharing and participation will be promoted through the use of social media and collaboration tools.

Online engagement will be facilitated via the Conference web pages, the Twitter hashtag #eParliament and an online collaboration board where delegates can share comments, facts and ideas in parallel to the proceedings.