

International Day of Parliamentarism- 30th June 2023

In June 1889, the Inter- Parliamentary Union was set up and is recognized as a multilateral parliamentary organization promoting human rights, democratic principles, and the rule of law.

This commemorative day celebrates the role and importance of parliamentary systems of governments worldwide. It creates the unique opportunity for global parliamentary representatives, to not only celebrate but to take stock of their roles and responsibilities in the day-to-day processes of national and global developments towards improving the lives of the very people who gave parliamentarians the mandate to safeguard their interest and to be their voice.

The National Assembly of Seychelles also joins the rest of the global parliamentary institutions to look back, assess achievements, strong and weak points to redouble efforts to be more proactive in our oversight roles and scrutiny.

Our global community is under threats from effects of climate change, the risk of pandemics, as well as geopolitical armed conflict and unfair trade practices. Thus, parliamentarians globally are called upon to reassess the different tool kits at their disposition to respond to national and global matters of concern.

It is our role and duty to intensify our scrutiny on government actions, budget expenditure and influence enabling laws to safeguard the sustainable development of people and country in progress. It is essential to continuously hold government to account and to promote national and global transparency in the process. The need to redesign the global architecture is a necessity including the promotion current world order to be more democratic and inclusive in the decision-making.

The IPU is forging on with the campaign “My Parliament My Planet”, which is an appealing call for parliament to step up their representation; be it their oversight role, or scrutiny to promote justice, fairness and a more balance approach to global responses to global issues.