

SIDE EVENT AT THE UN HIGH-LEVEL POLITICAL FORUM



**HIGH-LEVEL POLITICAL FORUM
ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT**

PROTECTING THE RULE OF LAW & HUMAN RIGHTS AND ADVANCING ACCESS TO JUSTICE:

THE ROLE OF PARLIAMENTARIANS

Thursday, 11 July 2019, 1:15 – 2:45 pm

Venue: Trusteeship Council

Addressing the attacks on democracy and human rights, including the attacks on the legislative sovereignty of Parliament, the independence of the judiciary, and the use of prosecutorial and other repressive tools to silence the voice of minorities and the opposition.

- a. Taking action to ensure that the “Rule of Law” is “human rights’ centered” under SDG 16, in accordance with International Law
- b. Actions and strategies to protect the human rights of democracy activists, including parliamentarians in opposition, women in politics, minorities and vulnerable groups
- c. The role of the Ombudsperson/public advocate

Speakers:

<i>Opening remarks:</i>	H.E. Mr. Jan Kickert , Permanent Representative of Austria
	H. E. Mr. Syed Mohd Hasrin Tengku Hussin , Permanent Representative of Malaysia
<i>Panel moderator:</i>	Ms. Petra Bayr, MP (Austria) , Treasurer of Parliamentarians for Global Action (PGA)
<i>Expert Commentaries:</i>	Ms. Ulrike Grieshofer, Executive Director , International Ombudsman Institute (IOI)
	Mr. Richard Dicker , Director, International Justice Program, Human Rights Watch
<i>Political Commentaries:</i>	Ms. Margareta Cederfelt, MP, Sweden , President of PGA and Vice-President of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly
	Dep. Emilie Béatrice Epaye, Central African Republic , Board Member of PGA and Chair of the Foreign Affairs Committee

Moderated discussion with audience