

# Tool: Questions for assessing parliamentary involvement in the SDGs

**Purpose of the tool:** The IPU and the UNDP have prepared a [self-assessment toolkit](#) and handbook to help parliamentarians to evaluate their engagement with the SDGs (112). This resource includes some questions that MPs can ask themselves, both as individuals and as part of a larger institution, to assess the extent to which they are (or not) engaged with the SDGs and how effectively. For our toolkit, this tool can incite MPs to pose similar questions with regard to the UHC-related SDGs. Box 14 lists questions that might be particularly relevant for UHC budget accountability.

## Box 14. Self-assessment relevant for UHC budget accountability by parliamentarians

- To what extent does parliament review, debate and act on progress reports and other relevant government documents on implementation of the SDGs and/or national sustainable development plans?
- How are parliamentary recommendations on sustainable development and/or SDG-related issues incorporated into government policy? To what extent can parliament ensure follow-up of recommendations about SDG implementation from global bodies, such as the high-level political forum?
- Are recommendations by international bodies to governments on SDG implementation tabled in parliament for review, debate or action? To what extent can parliament conduct its own inquiries into issues related to SDG implementation?
- Is the authority to initiate inquiries used to examine government implementation of SDG-related programmes or policies?
- How effective is parliamentary monitoring of the government's development policy, as a donor or a recipient of overseas development assistance?
- Are annual reports on disbursement or receipt of overseas development assistance submitted to parliament for consideration in plenary or in committee?
- How effective is parliamentary monitoring of the government's interactions with international development partners (e.g. bilateral donors, regional bodies and multilateral organizations)?
- Is the government required to table information in parliament on programmes, projects and activities supported by international development partners?