

Communiqué

“Hon Adrien Charles Duval delivered a keynote speech at the Tenth IPU Global Conference of Young Parliamentarians, as the world’s youngest Speaker of Parliament, on Thursday 12 September 2024”

Hon Adrien Charles Duval, Speaker of the National Assembly addressed the Tenth IPU Global Conference of Young Parliamentarians on Thursday 12 September 2024, in Yerevan, Armenia as the world’s youngest Speaker of Parliament.

In his keynote address, the Hon Speaker shared his perspective on the value of youth political leadership to protect and promote education and employment for youth in times of crisis.

Recognizing the historical role of young people in driving social change, the Speaker called for greater inclusion of the youth in politics, from local councils to national parliaments. He also advocated for the involvement in decision making processes to ensure innovative solutions as we face global challenges.

The Speaker also highlighted the unique obstacles faced by Mauritius and other Small Island Developing States as they confront climate change and evolve in an environment with fewer natural resources and emphasized the need for investment in education, technology and infrastructure to build resilience.

He underlined the urgency for the modernization of our curricula and the leveraging of technology to create more equitable and effective learning environments.

He also invited leading nations attending the conference to support Small Island Developing States as they modernize the education

systems, adapt to climate change and enter the era of Artificial Intelligence.

On a concluding note, the Hon Speaker called for immediate action to prioritize youth education and leadership. He further urged policymakers, educators and business leaders to create opportunities for younger generations. He called on young people to advocate for their future and demand a seat at the decisionmaking table and to never underestimate their power to create change.

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