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# SWISS PARLIAMENTARY TECHNICAL COOPERATION

Swiss expertise at the service of parliamentary democracy



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Parliamentary technical cooperation is an international activity of the Swiss Parliamentary Services (SPS). Its aim is to share the technical expertise of the SPS with other parliamentary administrations through exchange of best parliamentary practices, training and advice. The objective is to improve the skills and services of partner parliamentary administrations for the benefit of elected officials and citizens.

## Mission

To apply the expertise of the SPS to good governance projects abroad supported by the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) and the Peace and Human Rights Division (PHRD).

- **Duration of projects:** 1 to 2 years
- **Key areas of expertise:** legislative work of parliament, parliamentary oversight, public policy evaluation, budget processes, legislative work, committee system, parliamentary law, participation of parliament in foreign policy and parliamentary diplomacy, informing the general public about the role of parliament, public relations policy, civic education, information technologies, transcript of minutes (drafting technique, recording system)



## Objectives and strategy

Withing the framework of parliamentary technical cooperation activities, the SPS:

- work with parliaments where the SDC and the PHRD conduct projects in the areas of parliamentary development and strengthening the role of parliaments in human security;
- focus on concrete projects, such as the development of civic education manuals or tools;
- promote exchanges with the staff of partner parliamentary administrations (peer-to-peer);
- begin with exchange of general topics, then move on to identify concrete projects for collaboration;
- create working groups with the partner parliamentary administration to foster collaboration.



## Legal basis and financing

The technical cooperation activities of the SPS are consistent with the goals of Swiss foreign policy as laid down in the Federal Constitution (Art. 54, para. 2), relating in particular to the promotion of democracy. The SPS's commitments abroad (travel, hotel and meal expenses) are financed by the SDC and the PHRD, in accordance with a memorandum of understanding signed with the SPS.



**Albania:** Support with civic education and parliamentary oversight. Exchange between parliamentary libraries.



**Kosovo:** Exchange of institutional communication practices: producing videos and photographs for social media and writing press releases.



**Moldova:** Exchange of best practices in the following areas: civic education and public relations, institutional communication, legislative procedure, parliamentary oversight and evaluation of public policies.



**Nigeria:** Exchange of communication, parliamentary diplomacy and services provided by the parliamentary library.



**North Macedonia:** Development of an online booking system for guided tours of Parliament and creation of a new civic education programme based on the Swiss game 'Mon point de vue' (my point of view). Exchanges on the budget process, financial planning, management of the state debt (debt brake) and financial oversight.



**Mongolia:** Support in the field of public policy evaluation. Exchange of methodological and institutional aspects of evaluation and on the work of the oversight committees.



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