

# Parliamentary Practices to Facilitate Media Coverage of Legislative Issues



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# The Road Map



- Domestic and International Obligations
- Sustainable Development Goal 16.10 – Ensure public access to information and protect fundamental freedoms, in accordance with national legislation and international agreements
- The Santiago Declaration – “Citizen-friendliness”.  
Opening up parliaments and the political party system

# The Indicators



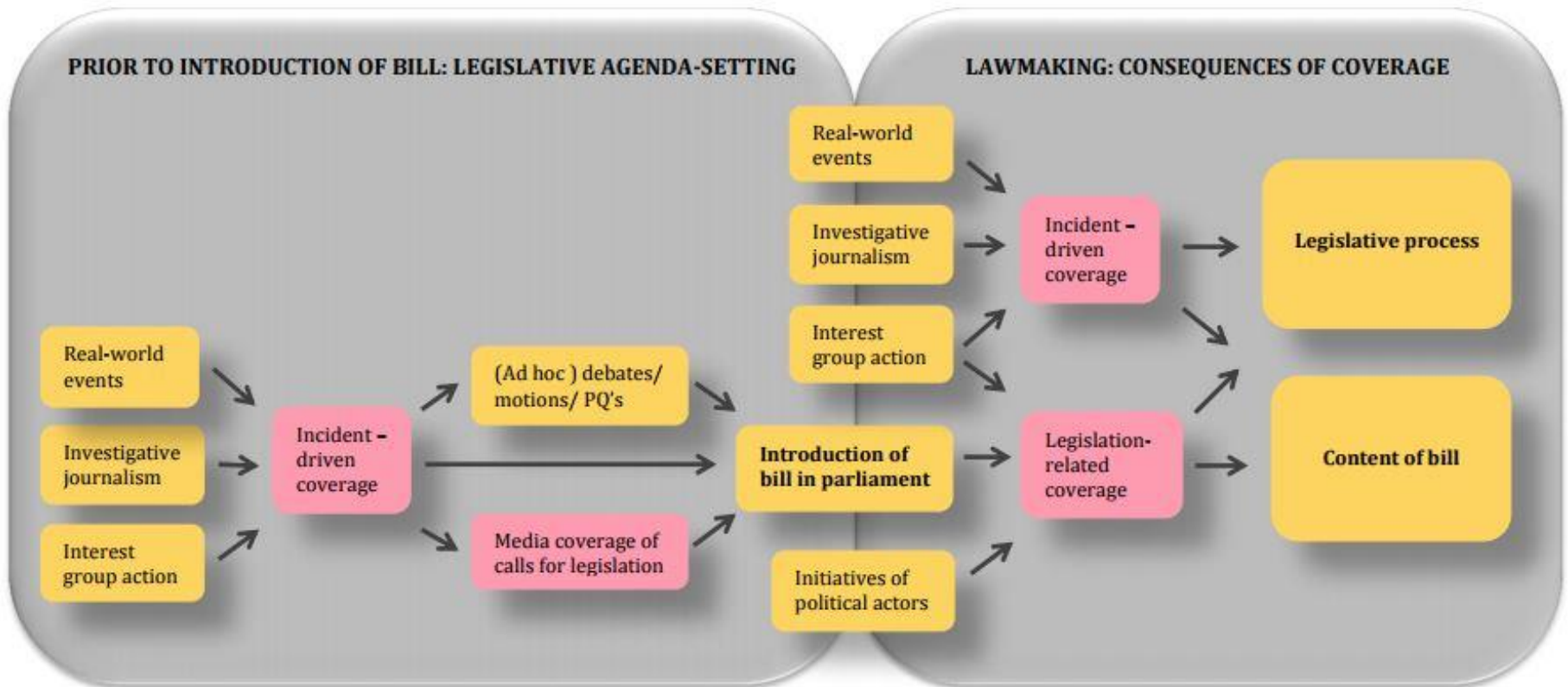
- Live parliamentary broadcasts
- Accreditation for and access of Journalists
- Access to tools for media coverage
- Opening of committee proceedings
- Availability of parliamentary documents
- Participation of citizens, through media, in debates

# The Challenges



- Hostile political environments
- Disappearance of “beat” journalists
- Poor media performance / poor quality debates
- Social Media
- The “nature” of news – news agenda vs parliamentary agenda

# Media & the Legislative Agenda



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# The Common Ground



- Shared democratic responsibilities
- Leadership in civil discourse
- Watchdogs over the public interest

# Thank you!



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