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# 138<sup>th</sup> IPU ASSEMBLY AND RELATED MEETINGS

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## JOURNAL<sup>1</sup> Saturday, 24 March 2018

Time	Meeting	Place
9 a.m. – 10 a.m.	<b>Bureau of Women Parliamentarians</b>	Salle Genève CCV Annexe, CICG (in camera)
10 a.m. – 11.30 a.m.	<b>Group of Facilitators for Cyprus</b>	Salle Lausanne CCV Annexe, CICG (in camera)
10.30 a.m. – 1 p.m.	<b>Forum of Women Parliamentarians</b>	Room 2 level 0, CICG
11 a.m. – 11.30 a.m.	♦ Welcome remarks and discussion on recent gender activities	
11.30 a.m. – 1 p.m.	♦ Contribution, in two breakout groups, to draft resolutions: – <i>Sustaining peace as a vehicle for achieving sustainable development</i> (Assembly agenda item 4) (Group 1); and – <i>Engaging the private sector in implementing the SDGs, especially on renewable energy</i> (Assembly agenda item 5) (Group 2) Group 1 will meet in Room 2 (CICG) and Group 2 in Salle Genève (CCV Annexe).	
11.30 a.m. – 1 p.m.	<b>Meeting of Chairpersons of Geopolitical Groups</b>	Room 18 level -1, CICG (in camera)
2 p.m. – 3 p.m.	<b>Meeting of Advisers and Secretaries to delegations</b>	Rooms 5 & 6 level 3, CICG
2.30 p.m. – 5.30 p.m.	<b>Forum of Women Parliamentarians</b>	Room 2 level 0, CICG
2.30 p.m. – 4.30 p.m.	Panel discussion:	
2.30 – 3 p.m.	♦ Dialogue between International Gender Champions	
3 – 4.30 p.m.	♦ Discussion on <i>Why are women still underrepresented in politics? The root causes and how to address them</i>	
2.30 p.m. – 5.30 p.m.	<b>Advisory Group on Health</b>	Room 15 level -1, CICG (in camera) (English only)
2.30 p.m. – 6 p.m.	<b>Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians</b> The Committee will hold hearings on cases in Ecuador and Niger.	Salle Lausanne CCV Annexe, CICG (in camera)
3 p.m. – 6 p.m.	<b>Committee on Middle East Questions</b>	Room 18 level -1, CICG (in camera)
3.30 p.m. – 5.30 p.m.	<b>Workshop on Refugee protection: Implementing the Comprehensive Refugee Response Framework – What can parliaments do?</b> In addition to a panel of experts from UNHCR and members of parliament, the workshop will feature the presentation of <i>Handbook for Parliamentarians No. 27 – A guide to international refugee protection and building state asylum systems</i> , jointly produced by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and the IPU.	Salle Genève CCV Annexe, CICG

<sup>1</sup> Information as at 6 p.m. on 23 March.



- ◆ **Survey on Assemblies and IPU Communications:** During the Assembly, IPU staff will be inviting delegates to complete a short survey on Assemblies and IPU Communications, the aim of which is to learn more about delegates' expectations and experiences at Assemblies, as well as to receive input that will help the IPU to craft its next communications strategy. The online version of the survey is available at [www.surveygizmo.eu/s3/90072706/IPU](http://www.surveygizmo.eu/s3/90072706/IPU) and on the Assembly App; paper copies can be obtained from and returned to the Publications Stand.
- ◆ **UNHCR tent on display:** In view of the theme of the General Debate, an example of a tent and equipment for refugees is on display on the ground floor of the CICG. A 10-minute film about the equipment is being shown next to the tent.
- ◆ **Humans and climate change exhibition:** Delegates are invited to view the exhibition which is on display on level 1 of the CICG, by the main entrance to the Plenary Hall.
- ◆ **Pop-up discussion with the IPU Secretariat – Global Parliamentary Report on oversight and accountability:** The Report, published in October 2017, makes 28 recommendations for strengthening parliamentary oversight. Delegates are invited to come and talk with the Secretariat about the Report's findings and practical steps towards effective oversight of government, at the IPU Publications Desk, on Sunday, 25 March between 11 a.m. and noon (English only).
- ◆ **Print-on-demand service:** This service is available at the Typing Pool and Photocopying Service (level -1, close to the Internet Corner) for those delegates who wish to obtain additional copies of any documents published on the IPU Assembly web page.
- ◆ **List of Participants:** Delegations are reminded that the provisional List of Participants is available for consultation on the Assembly App and that only a limited number of copies have been printed. In order to ensure the accuracy of the final List of Participants, delegations are kindly requested to report any changes to Ms. Marina Filippin at the Registration Desk by **12 noon on Tuesday, 27 March 2018**. The final list of participants will be published on the IPU website.
- ◆ Delegates will notice that **two boxes** have been placed on the counter at the Registration Desk for their use; one is for business cards and the other is for any suggestions delegates may wish to make regarding IPU Assemblies.
- ◆ **IPU gift items:** IPU logo gift items will be on sale at a stand located on level 0 of the CICG, near the coffee bar. The stand will be open from Monday, 26 to Wednesday, 28 March, between 12 noon and 2 p.m. Please note that only cash in Swiss francs (CHF) will be accepted.

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## MEDIA INFORMATION



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## VACANCIES TO BE FILLED AT THE 138<sup>th</sup> ASSEMBLY

For more detailed information, please see [Vacancies](#) document.

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*For all vacancies, candidatures should be accompanied by a signed cover letter and a brief curriculum vitae (one-page maximum). In addition, candidatures for the Standing Committee Bureaux should include a written commitment from the candidate's parliament, and candidates for the Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians are required to complete the vacancies form available at [archive.ipu.org/hr-e/miscel/form-chnp.pdf](http://archive.ipu.org/hr-e/miscel/form-chnp.pdf).*

*Candidatures from the geopolitical groups concerned may be submitted to the Submission and Control of Documents Service (Office 224/225, level 2, CICG) up to 12 noon on Monday, 26 March 2018 for the Bureau of Women Parliamentarians and up to 9 a.m. on Tuesday, 27 March 2018 for the Committees and other bodies. For the Standing Committee Bureaux, candidatures may be submitted up to the time of the elections.*

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### BUREAU OF WOMEN PARLIAMENTARIANS

At its sitting on Tuesday, 27 March 2018, the Forum of Women Parliamentarians will hold elections to renew half of the membership of its Bureau and to fill **two** additional vacancies: one for the Arab Group and one for the Eurasia Group.

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On 28 March 2018, the Governing Council will hold elections as outlined below.

### **COMMITTEES AND OTHER BODIES**

#### Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians

The Governing Council will be required to elect **one member**, preferably from the Asia-Pacific Group.

*To date, the following candidature has been received:*

– *Mr. D. Carter (New Zealand): candidature submitted by the candidate.*

#### Committee on Middle East Questions

The Governing Council will be required to elect **two members** (female), preferably from the African Group, the Eurasia Group or the Group of Latin America and the Caribbean (GRULAC).

#### Committee to Promote Respect for International Humanitarian Law

The Governing Council will be required to elect **one member** (male) for GRULAC.

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### **STANDING COMMITTEE BUREAUX**

The following elections to the Bureaux will be held.

#### Standing Committee on Peace and International Security

**Ten members:** One member (female or male) for the African Group; two members (at least one female) for the Arab Group; three members (at least one male) for the Eurasia Group; two members (at least one male) for GRULAC; and two members (at least one male) for the Twelve Plus Group.

#### Standing Committee on Sustainable Development, Finance and Trade

**Five members:** One member (female or male) for the African Group; one member (female or male) for the Arab Group; two members (at least one female) for the Asia-Pacific Group; and one member (male) for the Twelve Plus Group.

#### Standing Committee on Democracy and Human Rights

**Seven members:** One member (female or male) for the African Group; two members (at least one male) for the Arab Group; one member (female) for the Asia-Pacific Group; two members (at least one male) for GRULAC; and one member (female) for the Twelve Plus Group.

#### Standing Committee on United Nations Affairs

**Seven members:** Three members (at least one female) for the Arab Group; one member (female) for the Eurasia Group; two members (at least one male) for GRULAC; and one member (female or male) for the Twelve Plus Group.

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