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139th IPU ASSEMBLY AND RELATED MEETINGS

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JOURNAL¹ Wednesday, 17 October 2018

Time	Meeting	Place
9 a.m. – 10 a.m.	Gender Partnership Group	Salle Genève CCV Annexe, CICG (in camera)
9 a.m. – 10.30 a.m.	Parity debate on <i>Ensuring that children enjoy their rights and grow up protected from violence</i> <i>Panellists:</i> - Mr. Owain James, Global Campaign Director, Kailash Satyarthi Children's Foundation - Ms. Anya Gass, Plan International - Ms. Jeanne d'Arc Gakuba, Vice-President of the Rwandan Senate - Mr. Habibe Millat, (Bangladesh), MP	Room 2 level 0, CICG
9 a.m. – 11 a.m.	Bureau of the Standing Committee on Democracy and Human Rights	Salle Lausanne CCV Annexe, CICG (in camera)
9.30 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Assembly <ul style="list-style-type: none">♦ Continuation of the General Debate on <i>Parliamentary leadership in promoting peace and development in the age of innovation and technological change</i>	Room 1 level 1, CICG
10 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Executive Committee	Salle Genève CCV Annexe, CICG (in camera)
11 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Standing Committee on Peace and International Security <ul style="list-style-type: none">♦ Expert hearing on <i>Non-admissibility of using mercenaries as a means of undermining peace and violating human rights</i>♦ Future programme of work	Room 2 level 0, CICG
11.30 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Open session of the Committee to Promote Respect for International Humanitarian Law on <i>Ending Statelessness by 2024 – Pledges, Action and Results</i> <i>Moderator:</i> Ms. Shahrzad Tadjbakhsh, Deputy Director, UNHCR <i>Panellists:</i> Ms. Begoña Nasarre (Spain), Senator Ms. Agnes Zani (Kenya), Senator Ms. Nahla Haidar, Member of the CEDAW Committee Mr. Chris Nash, Director of the European Network on Statelessness	Room 18 level -1, CICG

¹ Information as at 5 p.m. on 16 October.

- 2.30 p.m. – 4 p.m. Standing Committee on Democracy and Human Rights** **Rooms 3 & 4 level 0, CIGC**
- ◆ **Item 4:** *Strengthening inter-parliamentary cooperation on migration and migration governance in view of the adoption of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration*
 - Adoption of the draft resolution
 - ◆ Consideration of proposals for the Committee’s agenda at the 141st Assembly
 - ◆ Election of the Vice-President of the Committee
- 2.30 p.m. – 6 p.m. Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians** **Salle Lausanne CCV Annexe, CIGC (in camera)**
- The Committee will adopt draft decisions for submission to the Governing Council.
- 2.30 p.m. – 6.30 p.m. Assembly** **Room 1 level 1, CIGC**
- 2.30 p.m. – 3 p.m. ◆ Continuation of the General Debate
- 3 p.m. – 3.30 p.m. ◆ **Item 8** (emergency item): *Climate change – let us not cross the line*
 - Adoption of the resolution
- 3.30 p.m. – 5 p.m. ◆ Conclusion of the General Debate
- 5 p.m. – 6.30 p.m. ◆ Unfinished business from the 138th Assembly
Vote on the following question:
Do you agree that at the 140th Assembly the Standing Committee on Democracy and Human Rights holds a panel debate that will not lead to a resolution, entitled “The role of parliaments in ending discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity, and ensuring respect for the human rights of LGBTI persons”?
- 2.30 p.m. – 6.30 p.m. Standing Committee on United Nations Affairs** **Room 2 level 0, CIGC**
- ◆ Panel discussions:
 - › *Would a UN intergovernmental tax body help resolve outstanding issues of corporate tax evasion?*
 - › *What scope for cooperation between parliaments and WHO as the leading UN agency for global health?*
 - ◆ Elections
- 4.30 p.m. – 6.30 p.m. Standing Committee on Sustainable Development, Finance and Trade** **Rooms 3 & 4 level 0, CIGC**
- ◆ Panel discussion on *Taking forward the IPU resolution entitled “Engaging the private sector in implementing the SDGs, especially on renewable energy”*
 - ◆ Elections and future programme of work

Preview of main programme for Thursday, 18 October

9.30 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Governing Council	Room 1 level 1, CICG
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Consideration of remaining items on the agenda, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – decisions on the human rights of parliamentarians – reports of specialized meetings 	
11 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Joint IPU–ASGP workshop: <i>How good is parliament at holding government to account? How well am I performing my oversight role?</i>	Salle Genève CCV Annexe, CICG
2.30 p.m.	Governing Council	Room 1 level 1, CICG
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Consideration of all remaining items on the agenda 	
At the end of the Governing Council	Assembly – Closing sitting	Room 1 level 1, CICG
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Outcome document of the General Debate (Item 3) ◆ Resolution of the Standing Committee on Democracy and Human Rights (Item 4) ◆ Reports of the Standing Committees (Item 5) ◆ Approval of the subject item for the Standing Committee on Democracy and Human Rights at the 141st IPU Assembly (Item 6) ◆ Amendments to the IPU Statutes and Rules (Item 7) ◆ Remarks from representatives of the Geopolitical Groups ◆ Closure of the Assembly 	

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OTHER ASSEMBLY ACTIVITIES

- ◆ **Knowledge Fair for Innovation and Technology:** A number of stands have been set up on the ground floor of the CICG with a view to providing an opportunity for delegates to interact with members of the scientific community. Exhibitors include the European Organization for Nuclear Research (CERN), Raspberry Pi Foundation, International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA), Geneva Water Hub and Waterlex. The Fair is open daily until Thursday, 18 October during Assembly hours.
- ◆ **CERN visit:** MPs are invited to sign up for a guided tour of CERN, offered in English, French and Spanish, which will take place at lunchtime each day. Interested MPs should register online on <https://indico.cern.ch/event/759534/>. Places are limited and will be confirmed on a first-come, first-served basis.
- ◆ **Exhibition to mark the 70th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights:** Delegates are invited to view an exhibition, set up by the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), which is on display near the top of the escalator, level 1, CICG.
- ◆ **Preview of *The Price of Free*:** Delegates are invited to a screening of this award-winning documentary on child labour, which will be released worldwide on 14 November as part of the *100 Million* campaign co-founded by Nobel Peace Laureate Kailash Satyarthi. The film will be shown **today**, 17 October, from 12.30 p.m. to 2 p.m., in Rooms 3 and 4, level 0, CICG.

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OTHER INFORMATION

*** IMPORTANT INFORMATION – DEMONSTRATIONS IN GENEVA ***

On Tuesday, 16 October and Wednesday, 17 October, there will be large demonstrations in Geneva town centre by some Swiss trade unions. It is expected that between 6 a.m. and 5.30 p.m. traffic and public transportation will be disrupted or delayed. Delegates are advised to allow plenty of time for their journey to the CIGC on these two days.

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- ♦ **IMPORTANT INFORMATION – CHANGES TO PROGRAMME FOR 17 OCTOBER:** Please note that the following changes have been made to the programme of meetings for **today**, Wednesday, 17 October:
 - The Standing Committee on Democracy and Human Rights will now meet from 2.30 p.m. to 4 p.m. in Rooms 3 and 4.
 - The Standing Committee on Sustainable Development, Finance and Trade will now meet from 4.30 p.m. – 6.30 p.m. in Rooms 3 and 4.
- ♦ **Assembly App:** As part of the IPU's PaperSmart policy, an App is available which facilitates the online consultation of Assembly documents and provides access to Assembly-related information. It can be downloaded from the App Store on iOS devices and Play Store on Android (CrowdCompass AttendeeHub). Once downloaded, open the AttendeeHub app and enter "IPU 139 Assembly". New feature: it is now possible for delegations to post their brochure on the App. Any delegation that wishes to take advantage of this new service should forward the file in pdf format (not more than 10MB) to sas@ipu.org.
- ♦ **Print-on-demand service:** This service is available from 14 to 18 October at the Typing Pool and Photocopying Service (level -1 of the CIGC, close to the Internet Corner) for those delegates who wish to obtain additional copies of any documents published on the IPU Assembly web page.
- ♦ **IPU Assemblies in your pocket:** This new booklet, which provides an overview of IPU Assembly procedures, is available on the App and IPU Assembly web page. Delegations will also receive copies of the printed version in their pigeonholes.
- ♦ **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 today, Wednesday, 17 October 2018**. The final List of Participants will be published on the IPU website.
- ♦ **IPU gift items:** IPU logo gift items are on sale at a stand located on level 0 of the CIGC, in the area near the Publications Stand and Selfie Box. The stand is open daily until Thursday, 18 October, between 12 noon and 2 p.m. Please note that only cash in Swiss francs (CHF) will be accepted.

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COMMUNICATIONS INFORMATION

- ♦ **Social media:** Follow or join in the discussions at the Assembly on social media.
On Twitter: [IPUparliament](#) On Instagram: [ipu.parliament_official](#) On Facebook: [InterParliamentaryUnion](#)
Useful hashtags: #IPU139, #WomenMPs, #YoungMPs, #MeToo, #Standup4humanrights
- ♦ **Photos:** All official Assembly photographs will be uploaded on Flickr at regular times during the day: www.ipu.org/139pics. Please credit: Inter-Parliamentary Union.
- ♦ **Time for a selfie?** To mark the 70th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, and in partnership with the OHCHR, a selfie box has been set up on the ground floor near the main entrance of the CIGC. The box allows selfies to be taken with the first line of Article 1 of the Declaration "All human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights". Pictures can then be shared on social media to support the anniversary using the hashtags #Standup4humanrights and #IPU139.
- ♦ **Media enquiries:** For any media enquiries, please contact Thomas Fitzsimons on tf@ipu.org or +41 79 854 31 53.
- ♦ **Publications:** All of the IPU's most recent reports, handbooks, toolkits and guides are available at the Publications Stand on the ground floor of the CIGC.

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VACANCIES TO BE FILLED AT THE 139th 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 (one-page maximum) curriculum vitae, as well as a completed contact information form (see www.ipu.org/download/5026). In addition, candidatures for the Standing Committee Bureaux should include a written commitment from the candidate's parliament.

*Candidatures from the geopolitical groups concerned, and, where applicable, from candidates, may be submitted to the Submission and Control of Documents Service (Office 224/225, level 2, CICG), up to 9 a.m. **today**, Wednesday, 17 October 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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On 18 October 2018, the Governing Council will hold elections and make appointments as outlined below.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Governing Council will be required to elect **three members**: one member for the African Group; one member for the Asia-Pacific Group; and one member for the Twelve Plus Group.

To date, the following candidatures have been received:

- Mr. G.G. Ngothe (Chad): candidature submitted by the African Group;
- Mr. G. Chen (China): candidature submitted by the Asia-Pacific Group;
- Mr. M. Grujic (Serbia): candidature submitted by the Twelve Plus Group.

COMMITTEES AND OTHER BODIES

Committee on Middle East Questions

The Governing Council will be required to elect **four members** (three male, one female).

To date, the following candidatures have been received:

- Mr. A.A. Jama (Somalia): candidature submitted by the African Group;
- Mr. J.G. Correa (Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela): candidature submitted by the Group of Latin America and the Caribbean (GRULAC);
- Mr. R. De Roon (Netherlands) and Mr. L. Wehrli (Switzerland): candidatures submitted by the Twelve Plus Group.

Committee to Promote Respect for International Humanitarian Law

The Governing Council will be required to elect **five members**: one member (male) each for the Africa Group, the Asia-Pacific Group and the Eurasia Group; and one member (female) each for GRULAC and the Twelve Plus Group.

To date, the following candidatures have been received:

- Mr. R. Mwewa (Zambia): candidature submitted by the African Group;
- Mr. J. Wilson (Australia): candidature submitted by the candidate and endorsed by the Asia-Pacific Group;
- Ms. G. del Carmen Bañuelos (Mexico): candidature submitted by GRULAC;
- Ms. Á. Vadai (Hungary): candidature submitted by the Twelve Plus Group.

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APPOINTMENT OF TWO INTERNAL AUDITORS FOR THE 2019 ACCOUNTS

The Governing Council will appoint **two Internal Auditors** for the 2019 fiscal year.

To date the following candidature has been received:

- Mr. R. del Picchia (France): candidature submitted by the candidate.

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STANDING COMMITTEE BUREAUX

The following elections to the Bureaux will be held:

Standing Committee on Sustainable Development, Finance and Trade

Three vacancies: One vacancy each for the African Group and the Asia-Pacific Group, to be filled by women; and one vacancy for the Eurasia Group, to be filled by a man.

To date, the following candidatures have been received:

- Ms. V.M. Tsitsi (Zimbabwe): candidature submitted by the African Group to fill the vacancy and complete the term of President;
- Mr. A. Simonyan (Armenia): candidature submitted by the Eurasia Group to complete the term of Armenia.

Standing Committee on United Nations Affairs

Four vacancies: One vacancy each for the African Group and the Asia-Pacific Group, to be filled by a woman or a man; and two vacancies for the Twelve Plus Group, at least one of which to be filled by a woman.

To date, the following candidatures have been received:

- Mr. P. Katjavivi (Namibia): candidature submitted by the African Group;
- Mr. M. Melkumyan (Armenia): candidature submitted by the Eurasia Group;
- Ms. A. Theologou (Cyprus) and Mr. L. Iemets (Ukraine): candidatures submitted by the Twelve Plus Group.

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