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139th IPU ASSEMBLY AND RELATED MEETINGS

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Time	Meeting	Place
8 a.m. – 10.30 a.m.	Bureau of Women Parliamentarians	Salle Genève CCV Annexe, CICG (in camera)
9.30 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Governing Council <p>During this sitting, the Governing Council will continue its consideration of items remaining on its agenda. It will complete its work during the afternoon sitting.</p> <p>Remaining items include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">› Reports on recent IPU specialized meetings› Reports and decisions of the Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians› Reports of committees and other bodies› IPU Assemblies in 2019› Future inter-parliamentary meetings› Amendments to the IPU Statutes and Rules <p>The Governing Council will hold the following elections and make the following appointments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">› Election of three members to the Executive Committee› Election of four members to the Committee on Middle East Questions› Election of five members to the Committee to Promote Respect for International Humanitarian Law› Nomination of two internal auditors for the 2019 accounts	Room 1 level 1, CICG
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

¹ Information as at 5 p.m. on 17 October.

2.30. p.m.

Governing Council

The Council will complete its consideration of the remaining items on its agenda.

**Room 1
level 1, CIG**

**At the end of the
Governing Council**

Assembly – Closing sitting

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level 1, CIG**

- ♦ General Debate on the theme *Parliamentary leadership in promoting peace and development in the age of innovation and technological change (Item 3)*
 - › Adoption of the outcome document
- ♦ Strengthening inter-parliamentary cooperation on migration and migration governance in view of the adoption of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration (*Standing Committee on Democracy and Human Rights (Item 4)*)
Rapporteur: Mr. J.I. Echaniz (Spain)
 - › Adoption of the draft resolution
- ♦ Reports of the Standing Committee on Peace and International Security; Sustainable Development, Finance and Trade; and United Nations Affairs (**Item 5**)
- ♦ Approval of the subject item for the Standing Committee on Democracy and Human Rights at the 141st IPU Assembly (**Item 6**)
 - › *Achieving universal health coverage by 2030: The role of parliaments in ensuring the right to health* (Standing Committee on Democracy and Human Rights)

Co-Rapporteurs: – Mr. H. Millat (Bangladesh)
– To be confirmed
- ♦ Amendments to the IPU Statutes and Rules (**Item 7**)
- ♦ Concluding remarks by 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 CIG 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 until the early afternoon today, Thursday, 18 October.
- ♦ **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, CIG.

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OTHER INFORMATION

- ♦ **Print-on-demand service:** This service is available from 14 to 18 October at the Typing Pool and Photocopying Service (level -1 of the CIGG, 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:** The final List of Participants will be published on the IPU website (www.ipu.org).
- ♦ **Results of the 139th Assembly and related meetings:** Delegations will receive one printed copy of the Results of the Assembly. Members of the IPU are reminded that the different sections of the Brochure may be accessed on the IPU website (www.ipu.org) and downloaded in PDF format two weeks after the close of the Assembly.
- ♦ **Summary records of the Assembly, the Governing Council and the four Standing Committees** will be made available before the next Assembly.
- ♦ **IPU gift items:** IPU logo gift items are on sale at a stand located on level 0 of the CIGG, 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](https://twitter.com/IPUparliament) On Instagram: [ipu.parliament_official](https://www.instagram.com/ipu.parliament_official) On Facebook: [InterParliamentaryUnion](https://www.facebook.com/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 CIGG. 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 CIGG.

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VACANCIES TO BE FILLED AT THE 139th ASSEMBLY

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

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Today, 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.

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**.

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**.

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.

The following candidature has been received:

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

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