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Time	Meeting	Place ²
9 a.m. – 10 a.m.	Bureau of Women Parliamentarians	Salwa 1 (in camera)
9 a.m. – 11 a.m.	Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians	Al Bashir (in camera)
10 a.m. – 11 a.m.	Meeting of Advisers and Secretaries to delegations	Salwa 3
10.30 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Forum of Women Parliamentarians	Al Rayyan
10.30 a.m.	♦ Opening and welcome remarks	
11.30 a.m. – 1 p.m.	♦ Discussion on the draft resolutions on <i>Non-admissibility of using mercenaries as a means of undermining peace and violating human rights</i> (Item 4 of the Assembly agenda) and <i>The role of fair and free trade and investment in achieving the SDGs, especially regarding economic equality, sustainable infrastructure, industrialization and innovation</i> (Item 5 of the Assembly agenda)	
	After introductory remarks, the Forum will split into two groups (at 11.45 a.m.): Group 1 will discuss Item 4 in the Al Rayyan room and Group 2 will discuss Item 5 in the Salwa 1 room.	
11.30 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Meeting of Chairpersons of Geopolitical Groups and Presidents of Standing Committees	Al Bashir (in camera)
1.30 p.m. – 2.30 p.m.	Gender Partnership Group	Salwa 1 (in camera)
2 p.m. – 3.30 p.m.	Meeting of Heads of regional and other parliamentary organizations	Salwa 3 (in camera)
2.30 p.m. – 5.30 p.m.	Forum of Women Parliamentarians	Al Rayyan
2.30 p.m. – 4.30 p.m.	♦ Panel discussion on <i>Equality at work</i>	
4.30 p.m.	♦ Elections to the Bureau of Women Parliamentarians	
2.30 p.m. – 5.30 p.m.	Advisory Group on Health	Al Nakhil (in camera)
2.30 p.m. – 6 p.m.	Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians The Committee will hold hearings on cases in Turkey.	Al Bashir (in camera)
3 p.m. – 6 p.m.	Committee on Middle East Questions	Salwa 1 (in camera)
7.30 p.m. – 8.30 p.m.	Inaugural Ceremony of the 140 th Assembly in the presence of His Highness Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani, Emir of the State of Qatar, followed by a reception	Al Dafna
	♦ Seating in the Plenary Hall is limited.	
	♦ Delegates are requested to wear their badges and show their access cards.	
	♦ Delegates are further requested to take their seats no later than 7 p.m.	
	♦ All participants are warmly invited to the reception (expected to start at around 8.30 p.m.).	

¹ Information as at 5 p.m. on 5 April.

² All meeting rooms indicated are located in the Sheraton Convention Center.

Preview of main programme for Sunday, 7 April

9 a.m. – 11 a.m.	Governing Council	Al Dafna
9 a.m. – 12.30 p.m. and 2.30 p.m. – 6 p.m.	Standing Committee on Peace and International Security <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Interactive exchange with Mr. Vladimir Voronkov, Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations Counter-Terrorism Office ◆ Presentation, debate and start of drafting in plenary of the draft resolution on <i>Non-admissibility of using mercenaries as a means of undermining peace and violating human rights</i> 	Al Rayyan
10 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Forum of Young Parliamentarians of the IPU <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Country updates on youth participation ◆ Contribution to the work of the 140th Assembly ◆ Election of the new Board of the Forum ◆ Update and discussion on the Forum's workplan and activities (2018-2019) ◆ Debate on young citizens' engagement ◆ Preparations for the 141st Assembly 	Salwa 2
11 a.m. – 6.30 p.m.	Assembly <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Start of the General Debate on <i>Parliaments as platforms to enhance education for peace, security and the rule of law</i> Special guest speaker: Dr. Rafael Yuste, Brain Research through Advancing Innovative Neurotechnologies (BRAIN) Initiative ◆ High-level segment of the General Debate ◆ Continuation of the high-level segment of the General Debate ◆ Decision on the emergency item 	Al Dafna
11.30 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Panel discussion on <i>Ending energy poverty through access to renewable energies and inclusive public policies: How can parliaments help?</i>	Salwa 1
1 p.m. – 1.15 p.m.	Group photo – all Heads of delegation	Al Dafna
2.30 p.m. – 6.30 p.m.	Standing Committee on Sustainable Development, Finance and Trade <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Presentation, debate and start of drafting in plenary of the draft resolution on <i>The role of fair and free trade and investment in achieving the SDGs, especially regarding economic equality, sustainable infrastructure, industrialization and innovation</i> 	Salwa 2
7 p.m.	Reception in honour of the Forum of Women Parliamentarians hosted by Ms. Reem Al-Mansoori, MP, President of the Forum of Women Parliamentarians <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ There will be a shuttle service from the Sheraton to the reception between 6 p.m. and 7 p.m. 	Yasmine Restaurant The Pearl, Doha

OTHER ASSEMBLY ACTIVITIES

- ♦ **Knowledge Fair for Education:** A number of stands have been set up close to the Plenary Hall, with a view to providing an opportunity for delegates to interact with members of education-related institutions and IPU partners. Exhibitors include H.E.R. Academy, the Qatar Foundation, the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO). The Fair will be open from 9 a.m. on Sunday, 7 April until 2 p.m. on Wednesday, 10 April.
- ♦ **Technical briefing on universal health coverage:** The briefing will be given by experts from the World Health Organization (WHO). The event is by invitation; those wishing to attend are invited to contact Ms. Elisa Scolaro, WHO (scolaroe@who.int).

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OTHER INFORMATION

- ♦ **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 140 Assembly". Delegations that wish to post their brochure on the App should forward the file in pdf format (not more than 10MB) to sas@ipu.org.
- ♦ **Print-on-demand service:** This service is available until 10 April at the Typing Pool and Photocopying Service (Business Center) 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 booklet, which provides an overview of IPU Assembly procedures, is available on the App and IPU Assembly web page in English, French, Spanish and Arabic.
- ♦ **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, 9 April 2019**. The final List of Participants will be published on the IPU website.

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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: #IPU140, #WomenMPs, #YoungMPs
- ♦ **Photos:** All official Assembly photographs will be uploaded on Flickr at regular times during the day: www.ipu.org/140pics. Please credit: Inter-Parliamentary Union.
- ♦ **Time for a selfie?** Come to the selfie box next to the Business Center.
- ♦ **Media enquiries:** For any media enquiries, please contact Thomas Fitzsimons on tf@ipu.org or +41 79 854 31 53.
- ♦ **Press conferences (in the Media Center):** Opening press conference: today, Saturday 6 April, 1 p.m. – 2 p.m.
Closing press conference: Wednesday 10 April, 1.30 p.m. – 2.30 p.m.

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VACANCIES TO BE FILLED AT THE 140th 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/5971). 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 https://www.ipu.org/sites/default/files/documents/form_vacancies_chrp_april_2019-e.pdf.

Candidatures from the geopolitical groups concerned, and, where applicable, from candidates, may be submitted to the Submission and Control of Documents Service (Dukhan Hall), up to 12 noon today, Saturday, 6 April 2019 for the Bureau of Women Parliamentarians; up to 6 p.m. today for the Forum of Young Parliamentarians of the IPU; and up to 9.30 a.m. on Tuesday, 9 April 2019 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 meeting today, Saturday, 6 April 2019, the Forum of Women Parliamentarians will hold elections to fill the following **two vacancies** in its Bureau (end of terms: March 2020): one regional representative for the African Group; and one regional representative for the Eurasia Group. The Forum of Women Parliamentarians will also be called upon to approve the nomination of Ms. A. Al-Basti (United Arab Emirates) to fill the position of First Vice-President of the Bureau of Women Parliamentarians and Ms. A. Tolley (New Zealand) to fill the position of Second Vice-President of the Bureau of Women Parliamentarians. These nominations were decided by the Bureau of Women Parliamentarians at its 42nd session held on 18 October 2018.

FORUM OF YOUNG PARLIAMENTARIANS OF THE IPU

At its meeting on 7 April 2019, the Forum will elect its Board. All Geopolitical Groups are invited to submit two candidatures (one woman and one man). Please see the [Forum's revised agenda](#) for details regarding the election of the next President.

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On 10 April 2019, the Governing Council will hold elections as outlined below.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Governing Council will be required to elect **one member** (female) for the African Group.

COMMITTEES AND OTHER BODIES

Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians

The Governing Council will be required to elect **one member** (to serve in an individual capacity), preferably from the Asia-Pacific Group.

Committee on Middle East Questions

The Governing Council will be required to elect **one member** (female).

Group of Facilitators for Cyprus

The Governing Council will be required to elect **one facilitator**.

To date, the following candidature has been received:

– Ms. L. Quartapelle (Italy).

Committee to Promote Respect for International Humanitarian Law

The Governing Council will be required to elect **two members**: one member (female) for the Asia-Pacific Group; and one member (male) for the Eurasia Group.

High-level Advisory Group on Countering Terrorism and Violent Extremism

The Governing Council will be required to elect **21 members**: five members (at least two female and two male) for the African Group; two members (one female and one male) for the Arab Group; four members (two female and two male) for the Asia-Pacific Group; two members (one female and one male) for the Eurasia Group; three members (at least one female and one male) for the Group of Latin America and the Caribbean (GRULAC); and five members (at least two female and two male) for the Twelve Plus Group.

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STANDING COMMITTEE BUREAUX

The following elections to the Bureaux will be held.

Standing Committee on Peace and International Security

Five members: One member (female) for the African Group; two members (at least one female) for the Asia-Pacific Group; and two members (at least one female) for the Eurasia Group.

Standing Committee on Sustainable Development, Finance and Trade

Two members: One member (female) for the Asia-Pacific Group; and one member (female or male) for the Eurasia Group. In addition, the Bureau members from Jordan and Romania are completing their first two-year term and are eligible for re-election for a second term.

Standing Committee on Democracy and Human Rights

Three members: one member (female) for the Arab Group; one member (female or male) for GRULAC; and one member (female or male) for the Twelve Plus Group. In addition, the Bureau members from Burundi and Canada are completing their first two-year term and are eligible for re-election for a second term.

Standing Committee on United Nations Affairs

Two members: One member (female or male) for the African Group; and one member (female or male) for the Asia-Pacific Group. In addition, the Bureau members from Argentina and the Russian Federation are completing their first two-year term and are eligible for re-election for a second term.

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