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## Tuesday, 9 April 2019

Time	Meeting	Place <sup>2</sup>
9 a.m. – 10 a.m.	<b>Gender Partnership Group</b>	<b>Salwa 1</b> <i>(in camera)</i>
9 a.m. – 11 a.m.	<b>Bureau of the Standing Committee on Sustainable Development, Finance and Trade</b>	<b>Al Bashir</b> <i>(in camera)</i>
9 a.m. – 1 p.m.	<b>Standing Committee on United Nations Affairs</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◆ Panel discussions:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>› <i>Parliamentary follow-up on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in preparation for the 2019 session of the United Nations High-level Political Forum (HLPF) on Sustainable Development</i></li><li>› <i>Empowering people and ensuring inclusiveness and equality</i> (main theme of the 2019 HLPF)</li></ul></li><li>◆ Elections</li></ul>	<b>Al Rayyan</b>
9.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.	<b>Standing Committee on Democracy and Human Rights</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◆ Debate on the draft resolution to be adopted at the 141<sup>st</sup> Assembly on <i>Achieving universal health coverage by 2030: The role of parliaments in ensuring the right to health</i></li><li>◆ Elections</li></ul>	<b>Salwa 2</b>
10 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.	<b>Executive Committee</b>	<b>Salwa 1</b> <i>(in camera)</i>
10.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.	<b>Association of Secretaries General of Parliaments (ASGP) Meeting</b>	<b>Salwa 3</b>
11.30 a.m. – 1 p.m.	<b>Assembly</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◆ Continuation of the General Debate on <i>Parliaments as platforms to enhance education for peace, security and the rule of law</i></li></ul>	<b>Al Dafna</b>
2.30 p.m. – 4 p.m.	<b>Standing Committee on Sustainable Development, Finance and Trade</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◆ <b>Item 5:</b> <i>The role of fair and free trade and investment in achieving the SDGs, especially regarding economic equality, sustainable infrastructure, industrialization and innovation</i><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Adoption of the draft resolution</li></ul></li><li>◆ Elections and future programme of work</li></ul>	<b>Al Rayyan</b>
2.30 p.m. – 4 p.m.	<b>Bureau of the Standing Committee on Democracy and Human Rights</b>	<b>Salwa 1</b> <i>(in camera)</i>

<sup>1</sup> Information as at 5 p.m. on 8 April.

<sup>2</sup> All meeting rooms indicated are located in the Sheraton Convention Center.

2.30 p.m. – 4 p.m.	<b>Panel discussion on counter-terrorism and violent extremism – <i>From international resolutions to national legislations: Bridging the implementation gap</i></b>	<b>Salwa 2</b>
2.30 p.m. – 5.30 p.m.	<b>ASGP Meeting</b>	<b>Salwa 3</b>
2.30 p.m. – 6 p.m.	<b>Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians</b> The Committee will review draft decisions for submission to the Governing Council.	<b>Al Bashir</b> <i>(in camera)</i>
2.30 p.m. – 6.30 p.m.	<b>Assembly</b> ♦ Continuation of the General Debate 3 p.m. ♦ <b>Item 8</b> (emergency item) – <i>Call for urgent international action to support Mozambique, Malawi and Zimbabwe hit by Cyclone Idai</i> – Adoption of the resolution	<b>Al Dafna</b>
3.15 p.m.	♦ Special segment on education for refugees: › Presentation by students of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) Ms. Hanan Abu Asbah, a Palestinian refugee living in Hebron, and Mr. Ahmad Baker, a Palestinian refugee living in North Amman, are two of the 22 student parliamentarians elected by over 530,000 students from UNRWA schools. UNRWA began introducing student parliaments in its schools as part of its human rights education programme in 2001. School parliaments promote a culture of respect and tolerance and play an effective role in schools and in the community. › Presentation by Mr. Rajiv Uttamchandani, founder of H.E.R. (Humanity. Education.Rights.) Academy Rajiv Uttamchandani is an astrophysicist, human rights activist, social entrepreneur and professor. He founded H.E.R. Academy, delivering education to refugee girls in Bangladesh. Rajiv provides guidance and advice to governments on implementing programmes and laws to help better protect women and children.	
After the special segment	♦ Conclusion of the General Debate	
4.30 p.m. – 6 p.m.	<b>Committee on Middle East Questions</b>	<b>Salwa 2</b> <i>(in camera)</i>
4.30 p.m. – 6.30 p.m.	<b>Standing Committee on Peace and International Security</b> ♦ <b>Item 4:</b> <i>Non-admissibility of using mercenaries as a means of undermining peace and violating human rights</i> – Adoption of the resolution ♦ Elections and future programme of work	<b>Al Rayyan</b>
4.30 p.m. – 6.30 p.m.	<b>Bureau of Women Parliamentarians</b>	<b>Salwa 1</b> <i>(in camera)</i>
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7 p.m.	<b>Cultural evening, hosted by His Excellency Mr. Ahmed Bin Abdullah Bin Zaid Al Mahmoud, Speaker of the Shura Council</b> ♦ Delegates are requested to wear their Assembly badges. Speakers and Heads of delegation are requested to wear the pin they received. ♦ Dress code: Casual ♦ Shuttle buses will leave from outside the Al Dafna foyer, Sheraton Convention Center, between 6 p.m. and 7 p.m.	<b>Katara Amphitheatre Doha</b>
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## Preview of main programme for Wednesday, 10 April

9 a.m. – 10 a.m.	<b>Board of the Forum of Young Parliamentarians</b>	Salwa 1 <i>(in camera)</i>
9.30 a.m. – 1 p.m.	<b>Governing Council</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ Consideration of remaining items on the agenda, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– decisions on the human rights of parliamentarians</li> <li>– reports of specialized meetings</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Al Dafna
10.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.	<b>ASGP Meeting</b>	Salwa 3
10.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.	<b>Joint Meeting of the Bureau of Women Parliamentarians and the Board of the Forum of Young Parliamentarians on <i>Sexism, harassment and violence against women MPs</i></b>	Salwa 1 <i>(in camera)</i>
2 p.m. – 4 p.m.	<b>Joint IPU–ASGP session on <i>Innovation in parliament: Getting ready for the future</i></b>	Salwa 3
2.30 p.m.	<b>Governing Council</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ Consideration of all remaining items on the agenda</li> </ul>	Al Dafna
At the end of the Governing Council	<b>Assembly – Closing sitting</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ Outcome document of the General Debate (Item 3)</li> <li>♦ Resolution of the Standing Committee on Peace and International Security (Item 4)</li> <li>♦ Resolution of the Standing Committee on Sustainable Development, Finance and Trade (Item 5)</li> <li>♦ Reports of the Standing Committees (Item 6)</li> <li>♦ Approval of the subject items for the Standing Committee on Peace and International Security and for the Standing Committee on Sustainable Development, Finance and Trade at the 142<sup>nd</sup> IPU Assembly (Item 7)</li> <li>♦ Remarks from representatives of the Geopolitical Groups</li> <li>♦ Closure of the Assembly</li> </ul>	Al Dafna

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## 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, UNRWA and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO). The Fair is open until 2 p.m. on Wednesday, 10 April.
- ♦ **Information stand on the new reporting exercise:** When is your parliament expected to report? How can you share good practices? What can you do to implement IPU resolutions and decisions? Delegates are invited to find out the answers to these questions and more by visiting the stand, located close to the Plenary Room (Al Dafna), or by emailing their questions to rr@ipu.org.
- ♦ **Calling on all Parliaments to endorse the *Common Principles for Support to Parliaments*:** To date, 106 parliaments have endorsed the *Common Principles*, including Angola, Armenia, Belgium, Brazil, San Marino and Sri Lanka during the 140<sup>th</sup> Assembly. The *Common Principles* can be endorsed by means of a letter of notification to the Secretary General of the IPU from a parliament's Speaker, Secretary General and/or IPU Group President. The *Common Principles* can be accessed at <https://www.ipu.org/resources/publications/reference/2016-07/common-principles-support-parliaments>. Please come to the stand in the foyer beside the Plenary Room (Al Dafna) to find out more. If your parliament has not endorsed the *Common Principles* yet, please encourage it to do so. You will be helping to build stronger institutions!

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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 today, Tuesday, 9 April 2019**. The final List of Participants will be published on the IPU website.
- ♦ **Activities for accompanying persons:** Tours and visits may be booked at the Qatar National Tourism Council desk located behind the concierge's desk in the Sheraton lobby. It is open between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m.

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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](http://www.ipu.org/140pics). Please credit: Inter-Parliamentary Union.
- ♦ **Time for a selfie?** Come to the selfie box next to the Business Center.
- ♦ **Keep in touch!** Don't forget to fill in a "Keep in touch" form available from the IPU secretariat and subscribe to our newsletter on the web or the Assembly app.
- ♦ **Closing press conference (in the Media Center):** Wednesday 10 April, 1.30 p.m. – 2.30 p.m.
- ♦ **Media enquiries:** For any media enquiries, please contact Thomas Fitzsimons on [tf@ipu.org](mailto:tf@ipu.org) or +41 79 854 31 53.

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## VACANCIES TO BE FILLED AT THE 140<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 (one-page maximum) curriculum vitae, as well as a completed contact information form (see [www.ipu.org/download/5971](http://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](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 9.30 a.m. today, Tuesday, 9 April 2019 for the Committees and other bodies.*

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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.

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

*– Ms. A.D. Mergane (Senegal): candidature submitted by 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 **two members** (female).

*To date, the following candidatures have been received:*

- Ms. M. Mokitimi (Lesotho): candidature submitted by the Africa Group;
- Ms. H. Martins (Portugal): candidature submitted by the Twelve Plus Group.

### 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.

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

- Mr. H. Hovhannisyán (Armenia): candidature submitted by 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.

*To date, the following candidatures have been received:*

- Mr. T. Anicet (Burundi), Ms. J. Oduol (Kenya), Ms. M. Mensah Williams (Namibia) and Mr. O. Tinni (Niger): candidatures submitted by the African Group;
- Mr. A.A.-A. Sayed Ahmed (Egypt) and Ms. A.A. Al Qubaisi (United Arab Emirates): candidatures submitted by the Arab Group;
- Mr. J.F. Merino López (El Salvador), Ms. I. Passada (Uruguay) and Mr. V.V. Suárez Díaz (Dominican Republic): candidatures submitted by GRULAC.

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## STANDING COMMITTEE BUREAUX

The following elections to the Bureaux will be held.

### Standing Committee on Peace and International Security (elections: 9 April, 4.30 p.m. sitting)

**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.

*The following candidatures have been received:*

- Ms. P. Ikourou Yoka (Congo): candidature submitted by the African Group.
- Ms. A. Al Jassim (United Arab Emirates) to complete the first term of the United Arab Emirates (end of mandate: March 2020) and M. A. Eissa (Sudan) to complete the first term of Sudan (end of term: March 2020): candidatures submitted by the Arab Group;
- Mr. S.A. Arbab (Pakistan) to complete the second term of Pakistan (end of term: March 2020) and Ms. O. Navaan-Yunden (Mongolia): candidatures submitted by the Asia-Pacific Group.

### Standing Committee on Sustainable Development, Finance and Trade (elections: 9 April, 2.30 p.m. sitting)

**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.

*The following candidatures have been received:*

- Mr. A. Al-Khirbit (Iraq) to complete the first term of Iraq (end of term: March 2020) and Ms. W. Bani Mustapha (Jordan) for a second term: candidatures submitted by the Arab Group;
- Ms. S. Jannat Marri (Pakistan): candidature for a first term submitted by the Asia-Pacific Group;
- Mr. A. Boshyan (Armenia) to complete the first term of Armenia (end of term: March 2020): candidature submitted by the Eurasia Group;
- Ms. S.-M. Diniča (Romania): candidature for a second term submitted by the Twelve Plus Group.

Standing Committee on Democracy and Human Rights (elections: 9 April, 9.30 a.m. sitting)

**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.

*The following candidatures have been received:*

- *Mr. H. Bekalle Akwe (Gabon): candidature submitted to complete the first term of Gabon (end of term: March 2020);*
- *Ms. A. Talabani (Iraq): candidature submitted by the Arab Group;*
- *Ms. L. Crexell (Argentina): candidature submitted by GRULAC;*
- *Mr. D. Marie (France): candidature submitted by the Twelve Plus Group.*

Standing Committee on United Nations Affairs (elections: 9 April, 9 a.m. sitting)

**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.

*The following candidatures have been received:*

- *Mr. P. Akamba (Uganda): candidature submitted by the African Group;*
- *Mr. N.-O. Uchral (Mongolia): candidature submitted by the Asia-Pacific Group.*

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