Fifth World Conference of Speakers of Parliament

Parliamentary leadership for more effective multilateralism that delivers peace and sustainable development for the people and the planet

Vienna, 6 - 8 September 2021

Draft programme

Monday, 6 September

09:00 – 12:00  
**13th Summit of Women Speakers** part 1 (Hall D)

12:00 – 13:30  
Luncheon

13:30 – 16:00  
**13th Summit of Women Speakers** part 2 (Hall D)

16:30 – 18:00  
Final meeting of the Preparatory Committee”

Tuesday, 7 September

09:30 – 10:30  
**Inaugural session** of the Fifth World Conference of Speakers of Parliament (Hall A)

10:30 – 12:30  
**Start of the Interactive General Debate** (Hall A)  
First motion: Achieving sustainable development requires more attention on human well-being and environmental preservation than on economic growth

**Panel discussion** (Hall D)  
Panel 1: Towards a new global social compact for gender equality

12:30 – 14:30  
Lunch break

14:30 – 16:00  
**Continuation of the Interactive General Debate** (Hall A)  
Second motion: The global response to the COVID-19 pandemic challenges multilateralism’s ability to deliver for the people

**Panel discussion** (Hall D)  
Panel 2: Mitigating the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on democracy

*  Reserved exclusively for women Speakers of Parliament
**  Closed meeting
16:30 – 18:00  **Continuation of the Interactive General Debate (Hall A)**  
Third motion: Countering misinformation and hate speech on and offline requires stronger regulations

**Panel discussion (Hall D)**  
Panel 3: The post-pandemic recovery: Transforming the economy to combat climate change and promote sustainable development

18:30  Official reception offered by the Host Parliament

**Wednesday, 8 September**

09:30 – 11:00  **Continuation of the Interactive General Debate (Hall A)**  
Fourth motion: Repealing laws that discriminate against women and girls is the only path towards achieving gender equality

**Panel discussion (Hall D)**  
Panel 4: Parliaments’ openness, transparency and accessibility versus security: How to strike a balance?  
(joint event organized by the IPU and UNODC)

11:30 – 13:00  **Continuation of the Interactive General Debate (Hall A)**  
Fifth motion: Emergency measures imposed by the government must always be subject to parliamentary approval and regular review

**Panel discussion (Hall D)**  
Panel 5: Parliaments and global governance: The unfinished agenda

13:00 – 14:30  Side event organized by the IPU and International Atomic Energy Agency  
(luncheon reception, by invitation)

14:30 – 16:30  **Closing session**  
Reports from the panel discussions (Hall A)  
Adoption of the High-level Declaration