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146th ASSEMBLY GUIDEBOOK

**11 – 15 March 2023
Manama, Bahrain**

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OFFICIAL OPENING AND MEETING PLACES

The Inaugural Ceremony of the 146th Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union will take place on Saturday, 11 March 2023 at 19:00 in the Grand Hall ABC, World Exhibition Bahrain (EW Bahrain), in the presence of H.E. Shaikh Khalid bin Abdulla Al Khalifa, Deputy Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Bahrain.

For admission to the Inaugural Ceremony and all other official events held during the Assembly, participants are kindly requested to wear their identity badges and present the appropriate invitation.

The plenary sittings of the Assembly, the meetings of the Governing Council, the Executive Committee, some Standing Committee sessions, as well as the Forum of Women Parliamentarians, and other statutory bodies will take place at EW Bahrain. The meeting of the Association of Secretaries General of Parliaments (ASGP) and some Standing Committee sessions will be held at the Bahrain International Circuit (BIC), see Assembly timetable for more details. A regular shuttle bus will be available to transport delegates between the two Assembly sites. The shuttle will be in service from 10 to 15 March 2023.

OFFICIAL RECEPTIONS AND OTHER EVENTS

Thursday, 9 March

Reception for the IPU Executive Committee

Venue : Fusions Restaurant – Gulf Hotel
Time : 19:00 – 20:30

Saturday, 11 March

Inaugural Ceremony

Venue : Plenary Hall (EWB)
Time : 19:00 – 20:00

Reception for Heads of Delegations

Venue : EWB
Time : 20:30 – 22:00

Sunday, 12 March

Luncheon for Speakers of Parliament (by invitation only)

Venue : EWB
Time : 13:15 – 14:30

Reception offered by the President of the Forum of Women Parliamentarians

Venue : Al Sakhir Tower – BIC
Time : 19:00 – 21:00

Monday, 13 March

Luncheon – ASGP

Venue : Paddock Lounge – BIC
Time : 13:00 – 14:00

Evening reserved for Embassy receptions

Tuesday, 14 March



Cultural Evening

Venue : Bahrain Museum
Time : 19:30 – 22:00

General timetable of the 146th Assembly and related meetings

Manama, 11 to 15 March 2023

Thursday, 9 March 2023

	09:00 – 18:30	Beginning of Registration
	10:00 – 13:00	Executive Committee* <i>Hall 2 (Exhibition World Bahrain, EWB)</i>
	15:00 – 18:00	Executive Committee* <i>Hall 2 (EWB)</i>

Friday, 10 March 2023














	09:00 – 10:00	Gender Partnership Group* <i>Hall 2 (EWB)</i>
	09:30 – 13:00	Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians* <i>Convention Cluster Room 17 (EWB)</i>
	10:00 – 13:00	Executive Committee* <i>Hall 2 (EWB)</i>
	14:30 – 18:00	Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians* <i>Convention Cluster Room 17 (EWB)</i>

Saturday, 11 March 2023

	09:00 – 10:00	Bureau of Women Parliamentarians* <i>Hall 2 (EWB)</i>
	09:30 – 11:30	Group of Facilitators for Cyprus* (ENGLISH ONLY) <i>Convention Cluster Room 18 (EWB)</i>
	10:00 – 11:00	Meeting of Advisers and Secretaries to delegations <i>Paddock 6 (Bahrain International Circuit, BIC)</i>
	10:30 – 13:00	Forum of Women Parliamentarians <i>Hall 3 (EWB)</i>
	11:30 – 13:00	Joint Meeting with the Chairpersons of the Geopolitical Groups and the Presidents of the Standing Committees* <i>Convention Cluster Room 17 (EWB)</i>
	14:30 – 17:00	Forum of Women Parliamentarians <i>Hall 3 (EWB)</i>
	14:30 – 17:30	<i>The Call of the Sahel: A global response</i> <i>Meeting series on counter-terrorism</i> <i>Mitigating the impact of security threats by building resilience in the Sahel</i> <i>Hall 2 (EWB)</i>
	14:30 – 17:30	Advisory Group on Health* (ENGLISH ONLY) <i>Media Centre (BIC)</i>
	14:30 – 18:00	Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians* <i>Convention Cluster Room 17 (EWB)</i>
	19:00 – 20:00	Inaugural Ceremony <i>Grand Hall ABC (EWB)</i>

* closed meeting

Sunday, 12 March 2023

	08:00 – 09:00	Assembly Steering Committee* <i>Convention Cluster Room 18 (EWB)</i>
	09:00 – 11:00	Governing Council <i>Plenary - Grand Hall ABC (EWB)</i>
	09:00 – 12:30	Standing Committee on Peace and International Security Debate and start of drafting in plenary on the draft resolution on <i>Cyberattacks and cybercrimes: The new risks to global security</i> <i>Hall 3 (EWB)</i>
	09:00 – 12:30	Standing Committee on Sustainable Development Debate and start of drafting in plenary on the draft resolution on <i>Parliamentary efforts in achieving negative carbon balances of forests</i> <i>Paddock 6 (BIC)</i>
	09:30 – 11:00	Board of the Forum of Young Parliamentarians* <i>Hall 2 (EWB)</i>
ASGP	11:00 – 12:30	ASGP Meeting <i>Media Centre (BIC)</i>
	11:00 – 13:00	Assembly: Start of the General Debate on the theme <i>Promoting peaceful coexistence and inclusive societies: Fighting intolerance</i> <i>Plenary - Grand Hall ABC (EWB)</i>
	11:30 – 13:00	Bureau of the Standing Committee on Democracy and Human Rights* <i>Hall 2 (EWB)</i>
	13:15 – 14:30	Luncheon for Speakers of Parliament (by invitation) <i>(EWB)</i>
	14:00 – 16:00	Forum of Young Parliamentarians of the IPU <i>Paddock 6 (BIC)</i>
	14:00 – 17:00	Standing Committee on Peace and International Security Drafting in plenary on the draft resolution on <i>Cyberattacks and cybercrimes: The new risks to global security</i> <i>Hall 3 (EWB)</i>
	14:30 – 17:00	Assembly: General Debate <i>Plenary - Grand Hall ABC (EWB)</i>
	14:30 – 17:30	Committee on Middle East Questions* <i>Hall 2 (EWB)</i>
ASGP	14:30 – 17:30	ASGP Meeting <i>Media Centre (BIC)</i>
	14:30 – 18:00	Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians* <i>Convention Cluster Room 17 (EWB)</i>
	16:15 – 17:00	Board of the Forum of Young Parliamentarians* <i>Paddock 6 (BIC)</i>
	17:00 – 17.15	Forum of Young Parliamentarians of the IPU <i>Paddock 6 (BIC)</i>
	17:00 – 18:30	Assembly: Decision on the emergency item <i>Plenary - Grand Hall ABC (EWB)</i>

* closed meeting

Monday, 13 March 2023



	09:00 – 13:00 09:00 – 10:30 10:30 – 13:00	Assembly - Debate on the emergency item, and - Continuation of the General Debate <i>Plenary - Grand Hall ABC (EWB)</i>
	09:00 – 13:00	Standing Committee on Peace and International Security Completion of drafting in plenary of the resolution on the draft resolution on <i>Cyberattacks and cybercrimes: The new risks to global security</i> <i>Hall 3 (EWB)</i>
	09:30 – 11:00	Bureau of the Standing Committee on United Nations Affairs* <i>Hall 2 (EWB)</i>
	09:30 – 11:00	Panel discussion on <i>Parliamentary action on biodiversity: Translating global commitments into national action</i> <i>Convention Cluster Room 18 (EWB)</i>
	09:30 – 13:00	Standing Committee on Democracy and Human Rights Debate on the draft resolution to be adopted at the 147th Assembly on <i>Orphanage trafficking: The role of parliaments in reducing harm</i> <i>Paddock 6 (BIC)</i>
	09:30 – 13:00	Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians* <i>Convention Cluster Room 17 (EWB)</i>
ASGP	10:00 – 12:30	ASGP Meeting <i>Media Centre (BIC)</i>
	11:30 – 13:00	Panel discussion on climate oversight action <i>Hall 2 (EWB)</i>
	14:00 – 16:00	Working Group on Science and Technology* <i>Hall 2 (EWB)</i>
	14:30 – 16:00	Workshop in preparation for the United Nations Summit of the Future <i>Paddock 6 (BIC)</i>
	14:30 – 17:30	IPU Task Force on the peaceful resolution of the war in Ukraine* <i>Convention Cluster Room 18 (EWB)</i>
	14:30 – 18:30	Standing Committee on Sustainable Development Drafting in plenary of the resolution on <i>Parliamentary efforts in achieving negative carbon balances of forests</i> <i>Hall 3 (EWB)</i>
	14:30 – 18:00	Assembly - Continuation of the General Debate <i>Plenary - Grand Hall ABC (EWB)</i>
	14:30 – 18:30	Possible drafting committee on the emergency item* <i>Convention Cluster Room 17 (EWB)</i>
	16:15 – 18:30	High-Level Advisory Group on Countering Terrorism and Violent Extremism* <i>Hall 2 (EWB)</i>
	16:30 – 18:30	Bureau of the Standing Committee on Peace and International Security* <i>Paddock 6 (BIC)</i>

* closed meeting





Tuesday, 14 March 2023

	09:00 – 10:00	Gender Partnership Group* <i>Hall 2 (EWB)</i>
	09:00 – 11:00	Standing Committee on United Nations Affairs <i>Hall 3 (EWB)</i>
	09:00 – 11:00	Bureau of the Standing Committee on Sustainable Development* <i>Convention Cluster Room 17 (EWB)</i>
	09:00 – 13:00	Assembly: Continuation of the General Debate <i>Plenary - Grand Hall ABC (EWB)</i>
	09:30 – 12:30	Standing Committee on Democracy and Human Rights Panel discussion on <i>Parliamentary impetus in favour of the fight against disinformation and hateful and discriminatory content in cyberspace</i> <i>Paddock 6 (BIC)</i>
ASGP	10:30 – 12:30	ASGP Meeting <i>Media Centre (BIC)</i>
	10:00 – 13:00	Executive Committee* <i>Hall 2 (EWB)</i>
	11:30 – 13:00	Committee to Promote Respect for International Humanitarian Law* <i>Convention Cluster Room 17 (EWB)</i>
	11:30 – 12:30	Forum of Women Parliamentarians <i>Hall 3 (EWB)</i>
	13:30 – 14:30	Bureau of Women Parliamentarians* <i>Hall 2 (EWB)</i>
	14:30 – 15:30	Forum of Women Parliamentarians <i>Hall 3 (EWB)</i>
	14:30 – 16:30	Standing Committee on Peace and International Security Adoption of the draft resolution on <i>Cyberattacks and cybercrimes: The new risks to global security</i> <i>Paddock 6 (BIC)</i>
ASGP	14:30 – 17:30	ASGP Meeting <i>Media Centre (BIC)</i>
	14:30 – 18:00	Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians* <i>Convention Cluster Room 17 (EWB)</i>
	14:30 – 18:00	Assembly - Adoption of the resolution on the emergency item - Special session on accountability in the implementation of IPU decisions - Conclusion of the General Debate <i>Plenary - Grand Hall ABC (EWB)</i>
	15:00 – 16:30	Panel discussion on parliamentary solidarity with MPs at risk <i>Hall 2 (EWB)</i>
	16:00 – 18:00	Standing Committee on United Nations Affairs <i>Hall 3 (EWB)</i>

* closed meeting

	17:00 – 18:30	Workshop on sexual and reproductive health <i>Preparing young people for a safe, healthy, fulfilling life: Parliamentarians advancing comprehensive sexuality education (CSE) with and for their communities Hall 2 (EWB)</i>
	17:00 – 18:30	Standing Committee on Sustainable Development Adoption of the draft resolution on <i>Parliamentary efforts in achieving negative carbon balances of forests</i> <i>Paddock 6 (BIC)</i>

Wednesday, 15 March 2023

	08:00 – 10:00	Bureau of Women Parliamentarians* <i>Hall 2 (EWB)</i>
	09:00 – 13:00	Governing Council <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Decisions on the human rights of MPs, and- Reports of specialized meetings <i>Plenary - Grand Hall ABC (EWB)</i>
ASGP	10:00 – 12:30	ASGP Meeting <i>Media Centre (BIC)</i>
	14:30 –	Governing Council <i>Plenary - Grand Hall ABC (EWB)</i>
	At the end of the Governing Council	Assembly <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Adoption of resolutions- Reports of the Standing Committees- Outcome document of the General Debate, and- Closing sitting <i>Plenary - Grand Hall ABC (EWB)</i>

Legend:

Assembly /
Governing Council



Committees /
Panel discussions



Other Assembly events,
including *in camera* sessions



* *closed meeting*

SEATING ARRANGEMENTS IN MEETING ROOMS

As usual, lots will be drawn among the delegations participating in the session to determine which will be seated in the first row of the Plenary Hall. The result of this drawing of lots and the name of the delegation placed in the front row, on the right-hand side of the Chair, will be posted on the Assembly App and shared on the WhatsApp group. Other delegations follow in *English alphabetical order*.

Seats shall be allocated to each delegation in conformity with the Rules of the Assembly and of the Governing Council. Delegations are reminded that each Member of the IPU shall be represented on the Governing Council by three parliamentarians, provided that its representation includes both men and women. Each representative will then have one vote. A member who is unable to attend may be replaced by another representative, duly authorized for that purpose.

The first and last seats of each delegation are marked by a country nameplate.

For the Forum of Women Parliamentarians, Standing Committee plenary sessions and other meetings, delegates are invited to collect their country nameplate when entering the room and place it in front of them, clearly visible.

AGENDA OF THE ASSEMBLY

1. Election of the President of the 146th Assembly
2. Consideration of requests for the inclusion of an emergency item in the Assembly agenda
3. General Debate on the theme *Promoting peaceful coexistence and inclusive societies: Fighting intolerance*
4. Special accountability segment on the implementation of IPU resolutions and other decisions
5. *Cyberattacks and cybercrimes: The new risks to global security*
(Standing Committee on Peace and International Security)
6. *Parliamentary efforts in achieving negative carbon balances of forests*
(Standing Committee on Sustainable Development)
7. Reports of the Standing Committees
8. Approval of the subject items for the Standing Committee on Peace and International Security and for the Standing Committee on Sustainable Development for the 148th Assembly and appointment of the co-Rapporteurs

AGENDAS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES

Standing Committee on Peace and International Security

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Approval of the summary record of the Committee's session held at the 145th IPU Assembly in Kigali (October 2022)
3. *Cyberattacks and cybercrimes: The new risks to global security*
4. Preparations for future Assemblies
5. Elections to the Bureau of the Standing Committee

The Committee will fill the current vacancies on the Bureau based on proposals received from the geopolitical groups.
6. Any other business

Standing Committee on Sustainable Development

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Approval of the summary record of the Committee's session held at the 145th IPU Assembly in Kigali (October 2022)
3. *Parliamentary efforts in achieving negative carbon balances of forests*
4. Preparations for future Assemblies
5. Elections to the Bureau of the Standing Committee
The Committee will fill the current vacancies on the Bureau based on proposals received from the geopolitical groups.
6. Any other business

Standing Committee on Democracy and Human Rights

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Approval of the summary record of the Committee's session held at the 145th IPU Assembly in Kigali (October 2022)
3. Preparatory debate on the next resolution of the Standing Committee: *Orphanage trafficking: The role of parliaments in reducing harm*
4. Debate on *Parliamentary impetus in favour of the fight against disinformation and hateful and discriminatory content in cyberspace*
5. Elections to the Bureau of the Standing Committee
The Committee will fill any vacancies on the Bureau, based on proposals from the geopolitical groups.
6. Any other business

Standing Committee on United Nations Affairs

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Approval of the summary record of the Committee's session held during the 145th IPU Assembly (October 2022)
3. Proposed new modalities and methods of work for the Committee
4. Bringing gender equality to the UN General Assembly
5. 2023 Voluntary National Reviews for the UN High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development
6. Elections to the Bureau of the Standing Committee
The Committee will fill the current vacancies on the Bureau based on proposals received from the geopolitical groups.
7. Any other business

Other events

- The Call of the Sahel: A global response Meeting series on counter-terrorism Mitigating the impact of security threats by building resilience in the Sahel, 11 March, 14:30 – 17:30
- Panel discussion on *Parliamentary action on biodiversity: Translating global commitments into national action*, 13 March, 09:30 – 11:00
- Panel discussion on Climate oversight action, 13 March, 11:30 – 13:00
- Workshop in preparation for the United Nations Summit of the Future, 13 March, 14:30 – 16:00
- Workshop on parliamentary solidarity with MPs at risk, 14 March, 15:00 – 16:30
- Workshop on sexual and reproductive health, 14 March, 17:00 – 18:30

REGISTRATION OF SPEAKERS AND SPEAKING TIME FOR THE GENERAL DEBATE

Delegations may register at the Speakers' Registration Desk.

Venue	Speakers' Registration Desk, near to the Plenary Hall entrance (Grand Hall ABC, EW Bahrain)
Opening hours	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Saturday, 11 March 2023 from 11:00 to 17:00• Sunday, 12 March from 09:00 to 13:00 and from 14:00 to 18:30
Officer in charge	Mr. Ed Cooper
Number of speakers	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• IPU Members and Associate Members: up to three speakers <i>A third speaker will be registered if they are a young member of parliament (under 45 years of age)</i>• Observers: one speaker
Speaking time	The speaking time allocated to delegations will be as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Delegations led by Speakers of Parliament – 7 minutes• Other delegations (Member Parliaments and Associate Members) – 6 minutes• Young parliamentarians – 2 minutes• Permanent observers – 3 minutes
Segments in the list	The Secretariat will register speakers for the following four segments: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Presiding officers• First speakers• Second speakers• Young parliamentarians
Distribution of speeches	Delegations are kindly invited to submit the texts of official speeches to speeches@ipu.org . As far as possible, the texts of official statements delivered in the General Debate will be published on the Assembly webpage and will be part of the records of the Assembly. Due to technical limitations, only speeches in English, French and Spanish will be posted. Please note that the IPU Secretariat is not in a position to translate the texts of speeches.
Final order of speakers	At 17:00 on Saturday, 11 March, the Secretariat will determine the final order of speakers for each segment by the public drawing of lots (at the speakers' registration desk).
Where to find the list?	The list of speakers will be available at the Documents Distribution Service (Convention Concourse), as well as on the 146th Assembly webpage and App.
Can we register after the drawing of lots?	Speakers registering after the drawing of lots will be added to the list (in their respective categories) in the order in which they have registered, until the Assembly closes the list of speakers. A revised list containing such additions will be issued at the end of each day.

How to change the order?	Delegates may exchange their place on the list with other speakers. In the event of any such changes, please inform Ms. Anda Filip, Secretary of the Assembly. Any bilateral arrangements which may be made by delegations to exchange places in the list of speakers will not lead to a renumbering of the position held by speakers in the list.
Timekeeping	A green light will shine when the speaker commences; when the speaker has only one minute remaining, an orange light will shine; when the speaking time has been used up, a red light will flash. Second speakers from a delegation may find it useful to consult the timekeepers to ascertain the precise amount of time available to them for their statements.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Registration and Information Desk

The Registration and Information Desk is located in the Convention Concourse of EW Bahrain and will be open as follows:

- 09:00 to 18:00 on Thursday, 9 March;
- 08:00 to 18:30 from Friday, 10 to Tuesday, 14 March; and
- 08:00 to 18:00 on Wednesday, 15 March.

All participants must register with the Registration Desk, which will distribute the identity badges. Delegates may also collect documents and other communications from their pigeonholes.

The provisional list of delegates will be available for consultation on the IPU website and App. A hard copy can be obtained, upon request, from the Documents Distribution Service. In the afternoon of Sunday, 12 March, delegation coordinators and secretaries are kindly requested to collect from the Registration Service a document containing information relating to their delegation. Any modifications should be signed by the head of the delegation and given to Ms. K. Tatam at the Registration Desk no later than 14 March at 12 noon.

As part of the IPU's paper smart policy, the list of participants is no longer a bilingual document. The information in the list will appear in the language of registration and a bilingual glossary of terms will be included.

The colour of the identity badges corresponds to the following categories of participants:

	<u>Colour</u>
Members of Parliament, Delegates	Dark Blue
Secretaries, Advisers of delegations	Green
Observers	Yellow
Members of the Parliament of Bahrain (non-members of delegation)	Grey
ASGP	Red
Diplomatic Corps	Black
Special Guests	Pale Orange
Accompanying Persons	Dark Orange
IPU Secretariat	Pale Blue
Assembly Secretariat	Purple
Host Organizing Committee	Beige
Protocol	Dark Green
Media / Press	Orange
Public	Dark Grey
Security	Brown
Service Providers	Dark Mauve

For security reasons, admission to the Assembly facilities and to all programme activities will be limited to persons wearing identity badges received at the time of registration. All participants are therefore requested to wear their identity badges at all times.

Table of votes at the Assembly

In conformity with Rule 29 of the Assembly Rules, the table indicating the number of votes to which delegations taking part in the session are entitled will be distributed at the opening of the Assembly. Delegates are reminded that votes are allocated in accordance with the provisions of Article 15 of the Statutes, which stipulates as follows:

ARTICLE 15

1. Only delegates present in person shall have the right to vote.
2. The number of votes to which each Member of the IPU is entitled shall be calculated on the following basis:
 - (a) Each Member of the IPU shall have a minimum of ten votes;
 - (b) Each Member of the IPU shall have the following additional number of votes in relation to the population of its country:

From	1	to	5	million	1	vote
				inhabitants:		
From over	5	to	10	" "	2	votes
" " "	10	to	20	" "	3	"
" " "	20	to	30	" "	4	"
" " "	30	to	40	" "	5	"
" " "	40	to	50	" "	6	"
" " "	50	to	60	" "	7	"
" " "	60	to	80	" "	8	"
" " "	80	to	100	" "	9	"
" " "	100	to	150	" "	10	"
" " "	150	to	200	" "	11	"
" " "	200	to	300	" "	12	"
From over	"		300	" "	13	"

- (c) Any delegation composed exclusively of parliamentarians of the same sex shall have a minimum of eight votes (instead of the 10 for mixed delegations) at the Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union. For delegations entitled to a certain number of additional votes, the overall calculation will be made on the basis of eight votes instead of 10.
3. A delegation may split its votes so as to express the diverse views of its members. No one delegate may record more than 10 votes.

Assembly documents

The Secretary General has overall responsibility for authorizing the circulation of all official documents for the session.

Before the opening of each session, all meeting documents will be made available to delegates. In keeping with the decision by the IPU governing bodies to reduce the carbon footprint of the Organization and continue to reduce paper waste, only a limited number of documentation sets will be printed for the various sessions of the Assembly.

Delegates who wish to obtain additional copies of documents posted on the IPU website may use the print-on-demand service available at the Typing Pool and Photocopying Service for delegates, located in the Concourse. All documents on the IPU website are also posted on the Assembly App.

The Assembly Journal, providing the latest updates on the programme of meetings and other information is available in meeting rooms and at the Information Desk, as well as on the IPU website (<https://www.ipu.org/event/146th-assembly-and-related-meetings>) and Assembly App.

Distribution of messages and non-official documentation

The transmission of messages through the Registration and Information Desk is a service made available to delegations with a view to facilitating communications on matters relating to the Assembly and its proceedings.

Delegations that wish to share information on any question other than those related to the working of the sessions may do so, under their own responsibility, by leaving documentation on tables set aside for this purpose, in the Concourse (EW Bahrain).

Results of the Assembly and related meetings

All delegations will receive one printed copy of the Results of the 146th Assembly. Members of the IPU are also reminded that the different sections of the brochure are accessible from the IPU website (www.ipu.org) and can be downloaded in PDF format two weeks after the Assembly.

Summary records of the debates

The Summary Records of the Governing Council, of the Assembly, and of the four Standing Committees, will be prepared by the Secretariat and posted on the website within three months after the Assembly.

Submission and control of documents

Delegations wishing to submit documents relating to the agenda of the Assembly and of the Governing Council or transmit any information to the Secretariat of the Assembly (change in their Executive Bureau, contact details, etc.) are requested to do so at this Service, located in Room C15, EW Bahrain. The person in charge of this service is Ms. E. Vulpillière.

Distribution of documents

As usual, a limited number of copies of working documents will be available to delegates in the various meeting rooms. Additional copies can be obtained from the Documents Distribution Service, located in the Convention Concourse, EW Bahrain. The person in charge of this service is Mr. A.R. Farzaam.

Simultaneous interpretation

The IPU Secretariat will provide simultaneous interpretation in the IPU Assembly's working languages (Arabic, English, French and Spanish) at the meetings of all statutory bodies.

In the Plenary Hall three interpretation booths have been reserved for Japanese, Portuguese and Russian. These booths are provided free of charge and may be used by the interpretation teams for these languages.

A limited number of additional booths may be made available in the Plenary Hall on request. The related costs incurred must be borne by the requesting party. All such requests will be handled on a first-come, first-served basis.

Delegations are informed that no other meeting rooms will be equipped with booths, as the sessions there will be serviced by off-site interpreters. Therefore, if a national parliament wishes to recruit remote simultaneous interpreters (RSI) for these rooms, they should make sure that the interpreters are Interprefy-trained. All costs relating to the training will be borne by the national parliaments requesting an Interprefy channel. For more details, please contact Conference Services (conf.services@ipu.org).

Delegates may deliver their speech in another language, provided that they arrange for it to be interpreted into one of the IPU's official languages (English or French) by a person designated by them, who will be given access to an interpretation booth or interpretation channel. To allow for all necessary arrangements to be made in good time, delegations should contact well in advance the Conference Services team (conf.services@ipu.org) or the English booth interpreters assigned to the meeting at which the speech will be delivered. Moreover, eight copies of a translation of the speech into one of the IPU's official languages should be given to the English booth for distribution to the other interpreters.

Official statements delivered in the General Debate are published on the Assembly webpage and form part of the official records of the Assembly. All delegations are therefore encouraged to send their statements to speeches@ipu.org. Due to technical limitations, only speeches in English, French and Spanish will be posted.

IPU Communications

The Communications Stand is in the Convention Concourse, EW Bahrain. The Stand has been designed using sustainable materials for the launch of the new IPU climate action campaign *Parliaments for the Planet*. Please pass by to calculate your own carbon footprint, to pick up your free copy of *10 Actions for greener parliaments (and those who work in them)*, available in English, French, Arabic and Spanish. We are also interested in hearing what your parliament is doing for the planet and would love to interview you.

Media wishing to cover the Assembly must receive accreditation from the Press Service in order to obtain the necessary documentation and identity badges. Please contact press@ipu.org if you have any questions.

On social media, please join the conversation using #IPU146 or #Parliaments4thePlanet.



Get the latest information on the 146th IPU Assembly's programme and events by following us on Twitter (www.twitter.com/ipuparliament).



Photos from the 146th Assembly of the IPU will be posted on Flickr (www.ipu.org/146pics). For information on the official photo bank, please visit the Press Service.



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Ensuring a safe and respectful Assembly

The IPU is committed to protecting and promoting the freedom of opinion and expression in its meetings; however, abusive language, expressions of intolerance and incitement to discrimination, hostility or violence are unacceptable. Speakers shall refrain from such conduct. The presiding officer of the meeting may take any action deemed necessary to call to order anyone who disrupts the proceedings in this way.

The IPU is also committed to ensuring a working environment for the Assembly that is free of sexism and sexual harassment. All those working for or on behalf of the IPU, delegates and other attendees are expected to conduct themselves in a professional and respectful manner, and to actively prevent sexism, sexual harassment and misconduct.

Informal and bilateral meeting rooms

On the Assembly premises, there are two meeting rooms available for geopolitical and other group meetings, as well as some bilateral meeting rooms.

Reservations of these rooms are handled by the Informal and Bilateral Meeting Rooms Desk, located next to the Registration and Information desk in Convention Concourse at EW Bahrain. All reservations are made on a first-come, first-served basis.

Information and transport services

The Host Parliament will welcome all participants of the 146th IPU Assembly on arrival at Bahrain International Airport. To this end, please provide, as soon as possible, details about the arrival and departure of the members of your delegations.

The Parliament of Bahrain will provide a shuttle service from the official hotels to all official events for the duration of the Assembly.

Timetables will be displayed at information desks in the Assembly hotels.

Typing pool, photocopying and print-on-demand service

The typing pool, photocopying and print-on-demand service for delegates (Convention Concourse, EW Bahrain) is open from 9 to 15 March. Delegates may request additional copies of any documents posted on the IPU website.

Internet and Wi-Fi access

An internet café will be available from 9 to 15 March, from 08:30 to 18:30, Convention Concourse, EW Bahrain. Wi-Fi access is also available throughout the building (network: **IPU146**; password: **@Bahrain**).

Medical service

There will be a complete medical service (doctor, paramedic and ambulance) on stand-by at EW Bahrain, as well as at all official events and receptions.

No-smoking policy

There is a no-smoking policy in effect in all meeting rooms. Delegates wishing to smoke are invited to use the areas designated for this purpose.

Restaurants and coffee bars

There are two restaurants at the 146th Assembly venue:

Sakhir

High-end restaurant

Location: Close to the local artisanal stalls

(on the left as you come in through the main EWB entrance)

Opening times:

Lunch: 12:00 – 15.00

Dilmun

Buffet restaurant (takeaway service also available)

Location: At the end of the main EWB concourse

(opposite Hall 9)

Opening times:

Light breakfast: 07:00 – 09:30

Lunch: 12:00 – 15:00

There is also a selection of coffee bars within EWB, including the Snack café (close to Hall 8, open 07:00 – 11:00).

MEMBERSHIP OF STATUTORY BODIES

Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union

President

The Assembly will elect its President at the opening of its proceedings on Sunday, 12 March at 11:00.

Steering Committee

Under Assembly Rule 9, the Steering Committee is composed of the President of the Assembly, the President of the IPU and the Vice-President of the IPU Executive Committee. The Presidents of the Standing Committees may take part in an advisory capacity in the work of the Steering Committee, which is assisted by the IPU Secretary General.

Standing Committee – Peace and International Security

President: Mr. M.B.M. Al-Ahbab (Qatar)
Vice-President: Ms. H. Hakobyan (Armenia)
Secretary: Ms. Laurence Marzal

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President: Ms. A. Mulder (Netherlands)
Vice-President: Mr. W. William (Seychelles)
Secretary: Ms. Aleksandra Blagojevic

Standing Committee – Democracy and Human Rights

President: Mr. A. Gajadien (Suriname)
Vice-President: Ms. B. Saranchimeg (Mongolia)
Secretary: Mr. Andy Richardson

Standing Committee – United Nations Affairs

President: Vacancy
Vice-President: Mr. L. Wehrli (Switzerland)
Secretary: Ms. Paddy Torsney

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- Vacancy

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Ms. S. Albazar (Egypt)
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Ms. Zeina Hilal

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Mr. Rogier Huizenga, Secretary

Ms. Boutayna Lamharzi

Mr. Roberto Rodriguez Valencia

Committee on Middle East Questions

Mr. Martin Chungong, Secretary

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Standing Committee – Peace and International Security

Ms. Laurence Marzal, Secretary

Mr. Arthur Duforest

Standing Committee – Sustainable Development

Ms. Aleksandra Blagojevic, Secretary

Ms. Isabel Obadiaru

Standing Committee – Democracy and Human Rights

Mr. Andy Richardson, Secretary

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Standing Committee – United Nations Affairs

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