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36th Session of the Forum of Women Parliamentarians

Provisional agenda

Sessions of the Forum of Women Parliamentarians are open to women and men parliamentarians.

Monday, 23 October 2023, from 10:30 to 13:00 and from 14:30 to 17:30 Sala Nobre, Palace of the National Assembly

1. Election of the President of the 36th session of the Forum of Women Parliamentarians

2. Adoption of the agenda

3. Activities to advance gender equality

Participants will be briefed about:

(a) the work of the Bureau of Women Parliamentarians and its deliberations at the sessions held in Manama on 11 March 2023 and in Luanda on 23 October 2023;

(b) the work and recommendations of the Gender Partnership Group;

(c) IPU activities for the promotion of gender equality

4. Contribution to the work of the 147th Assembly from a gender perspective

On the recommendation of its Bureau, the Forum will be invited to discuss the draft resolution that is on the agenda of the 147th Assembly, entitled *Orphanage trafficking: The role of parliamentarians in reducing harm* (Standing Committee on Democracy and Human Rights). Participants will discuss the draft resolution from a gender perspective and issue recommendations on gender-related amendments to be submitted by the Forum of Women Parliamentarians to the Standing Committee. For this purpose, participants will work in plenary.

On the recommendation of its Bureau, the Forum will designate a chairperson and a rapporteur for the discussion. The rapporteur will present recommendations from the discussion to the Forum of Women Parliamentarians at its afternoon sitting.

The discussion will take place from 11:30 to 13:00.

The Forum will resume its work at 14:30.

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5. Panel discussion on *Women in politics: To stay or not to stay?*

In a challenging political world marked by gender-based discrimination, online and offline violence against women in politics, and increased levels of incivility, how can women, in all their diversity and in parity with men, engage in politics and pursue a political life and career?

Despite the high prevalence of sexism, harassment and violence against women in politics in all corners of the world, women politicians continue to display resilience and determination. More than 90% of women MPs surveyed in IPU research who had experienced gender-based violence in politics confirmed their determination to continue their parliamentary work. However, at some point, women at the highest levels of leadership can no longer take the danger, exhaustion and pressure, and decide to quit politics. The future of women's participation and leadership in political decision-making is at stake.

What challenges do women face for entering and remaining in political leadership? Is the situation improving? How can we ensure that women can lead a political life and career free from danger, overwhelming pressure and exhaustion? How far have we come in making zero tolerance to violence against women in politics a reality?

Guided by a panel of women leaders, including some who have left politics, the Forum will examine these important questions, draw conclusions and lessons from the panellists' experiences and discuss possible ways to better support and sustain women in political office.

The panel discussion will take place from 14:30 to 16:00

6. Hearing of the candidates for the post of IPU President

The participants will have an opportunity to hear the candidates for the post of IPU President.

The hearing will take place from 16:00 to 17:15

7. Elections to the Bureau of Women Parliamentarians

The Forum will be called upon to fill vacant seats on the Bureau of Women Parliamentarians. Elections will be held on the basis of candidatures submitted by the geopolitical groups.

8. Report on the discussion on a draft resolution on the agenda of the 147th Assembly

The discussion rapporteur will present her report. The Forum will then ask her to consult with the President of the Bureau of Women Parliamentarians and prepare amendments to be presented during the debates of the Standing Committee on Democracy and Human Rights.

9. Venue and date of the 37th session of the Forum of Women Parliamentarians

COMPOSITION AND OFFICERS OF THE BUREAU
OF WOMEN PARLIAMENTARIANS
(as at 10 August 2023)

PRESIDING OFFICERS (March 2023–2025)
President: Ms. C. López Castro (Mexico)
First Vice-President: Ms. F. Ilimi Haddouche (Algeria)
Second Vice-President: Ms. A. Nassif Ayyoub (Egypt)

REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVES		**Expiry of term**
African Group:		
Ms. N. Bujela (Eswatini)	Ms. J.A.A. Taban (South Sudan)	March 2025
Ms. F. Ilimi Haddouche (Algeria)	Ms. J. Kavira Mapera (Dem. Rep. of Congo)	March 2027
Arab Group:		
Vacancy	Ms. A. Nassif Ayyoub (Egypt)	March 2025
Ms. S. Mosa Hammood (Iraq)	Ms. J. Mohsen Ramadan (Kuwait)	March 2027
Asia-Pacific Group:		
Ms. P.A. Komarudin (Indonesia)	Ms. E. Azad (Islamic Rep. of Iran)	March 2025
Ms. S. Sirivejchapun (Thailand)	Ms. L. Reynolds (Australia)	March 2027
Eurasia Group:		
Ms. G. Karelova (Russian Federation)	Ms. M. Vasilevich (Belarus)	March 2025
Vacancy	*Vacancy*	March 2027
Group of Latin American and the Caribbean:		
Ms. W.P. Andrade Muñoz (Ecuador)	Ms. A.F. Sagasti (Argentina)	March 2025
Ms. V. Persaud (Guyana)	Ms. C. López Castro (Mexico)	March 2027
Twelve Plus Group:		
Ms. V. Riotton (France)	Ms. S. Paunovic (Serbia)	March 2025
Ms. M. Rempel Garner (Canada)	Ms. D. Bergamini (Italy)	March 2027

MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ***(ex officio, for the duration of their term on the Executive Committee)***	**Expiry of term**
Ms. I. Kamonji Nasserwa Sabangu (Dem. Rep. of Congo)	March 2027
Ms. A. Sarangi (India)	October 2026
Ms. B. Argimón (Uruguay)	October 2024
Ms. E. Anyakun (Uganda)	October 2023
Ms. P. Krairiksh (Thailand)	October 2023
Ms. J. Alm Ericson (Sweden)	October 2023

PRESIDENTS OF THE FORUM OF WOMEN PARLIAMENTARIANS ***(ex officio for two years)***	**Expiry of term**
Ms. H. Ramzy Fayez (Bahrain)	March 2025
Ms. M. Batet (Spain)	October 2023
Ms. I. Yusiana Roba Putrì (Indonesia)	March 2024
Ms. E. Nyirasafari (Rwanda)	October 2024