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IPU Global Conference of Women Parliamentarians

From Mexico to the world: Let's mobilize for gender parity!

13–16 March 2025, Mexico City, Mexico

Provisional programme

Thursday, 13 March	
	Arrival of delegations to Mexico City
09:00–18:00	Registration of delegates
18:30	Welcome reception
Friday, 14 March	
10:00–11:30	Opening ceremony at the National Palace <i>Welcome by Ms. Claudia Sheinbaum Pardo, President of Mexico</i> <i>Opening remarks</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ms. Cynthia López Castro, Senator and President of the IPU Bureau of Women Parliamentarians• Mr. Gerardo Fernández Noroña, President of the Senate of Mexico• Dr. Tulia Ackson, President of the IPU and Speaker of the National Assembly of the United Republic of Tanzania• Ms. Claudia Sheinbaum Pardo, President of Mexico
11:30–12:00	Group photo at the National Palace
12:00–13:00	City tour: Downtown highlights
13:00–14:00	Lunch at the Hilton Mexico City Reforma Hotel
14:00–15:30	Masterclass: Parity parliaments and what can be learned from them Participants will explore different experiences towards parity, identify challenges encountered and solutions found. <i>Keynote address by a special guest</i> <i>Panel discussion:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Member of Parliament from Rwanda• Member of Parliament from Cuba• Member of Parliament from Nicaragua• Member of Parliament from Andorra• Member of Parliament from the United Arab Emirates• Member of Parliament from Mexico <i>Q&A:</i> Presentations of country case studies will be followed by a Q&A session between participants and panellists.
15:30–15:45	Coffee break

15:45–17:45	<p>Open debate: Good practices and challenges in advancing parity in parliament</p> <p>Participants will be invited to share information and experiences on advancing parity in parliament in their respective countries. They will identify obstacles and barriers that hinder advancement towards parity and will share good practices in addressing such challenges, including gender electoral quotas. The session will aim to identify successful measures and strategies, and to map out a comprehensive, multidimensional overview of innovative and creative solutions to existing and persisting obstacles and barriers to gender parity in parliament.</p> <p>Keynote address by a special guest</p> <p>Expert presentation</p> <p>Open debate among participants</p>
17:45–18:00	<p>Conclusions and key takeaways from the discussions of the day</p> <p>A short and action-oriented recap of the day’s discussions will be shared with the participants with the aim to identify and highlight key conclusions and takeaways.</p> <p>Presentation</p>
19:00	<p>Reception</p>

Saturday, 15 March	
09:00–10:15	<p>Panel discussion: Strategies to engage men to advance gender equality</p> <p>The session will explore successful strategies to promote men’s engagement towards gender equality. Participants will share examples of initiatives led by men to support gender equality as well as examples of co-sponsored actions among men and women. Examples from different sectors will be explored as well. The session will aim to shed light on successful initiatives that can inspire action to promote parity in parliament.</p> <p>Keynote address by a special guest</p> <p>Presentations by international experts and men parliamentarians</p> <p>Q&A: Presentations will be followed by a Q&A session between participants and panellists.</p>
10:15–10:30	<p>Coffee break</p>
10:30–12:00	<p>Breaking the ceilings: Tribute to women’s leadership</p> <p>This special session will commemorate women’s leadership in paving the way towards parity. Participants will hear testimonials from women leaders on their political experiences, the achievements and challenges encountered, and will offer their advice to their peers. Women leaders will be invited to address messages on the issue to the young generation of women and men MPs, and to those aspiring to engage in a political career.</p> <p>Testimonials and messages from women leaders</p> <p>Q&A: Contributions will be followed by a Q&A session between participants and women leaders.</p>

12:00–13:15	<p>Moderated debate: Equal participation and equal power</p> <p>The session will offer a space for participants to reflect on parliamentary transformation towards more equal power and influence of men and women in parliament. Participants will be invited to share experiences on means and measures to advance women’s leadership and women’s equal influence with that of men in parliament, including from the perspective of the IPU Plan of action for gender-sensitive parliaments. They will also explore experiences from other institutions and sectors, including the private sector and how it is advancing parity on boards of companies.</p> <p>Keynote address by a special guest</p> <p>Moderated debate: A debate among international experts participants facilitated by a moderator.</p>
13:15–14:30	<p>Lunch</p>
14:30–16:30	<p>Panel discussion: Zero tolerance for online and offline violence against women in politics</p> <p>The session will explore how violence against women in politics is hindering their full participation in decision-making. Participants will discuss the effects of such violence on the participation of young women in politics and on the pursuit by women of political leadership positions. Participants will also discuss how parliaments can fight violence against women in politics and will share good practices on the matter from their respective countries. The session will aim to identify actions to be taken by parliaments and their members to achieve zero tolerance for online and offline violence against women in politics.</p> <p>Keynote address by a special guest</p> <p>Presentations by international experts and parliamentarians</p> <p>Open debate: Presentations by panellists will be followed by an open debate among participants.</p>
16:30–16:45	<p>Coffee break</p>
16:45-17:30	<p>Staying safe</p> <p>This special session will offer advice to participants, including on reacting, staying safe and combatting gender-based violence against women in politics.</p> <p>Expert presentation</p>
17:30–18:00	<p>Closing session</p> <p>Presentation and adoption of the Conference outcome document</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● A man/woman co-Rapporteur (MP from Mexico) ● A man/woman co-Rapporteur (MP from another participating parliament) <p>Closing speeches</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Ms. Cynthia López Castro, Senator and President of the IPU Bureau of Women Parliamentarians ● Mr. Sergio Carlos Gutiérrez Luna, President of the Chamber of Deputies ● Mr. Gerardo Fernández Noroña, President of the Senate of Mexico ● Dr. Tulia Ackson, President of the IPU and Speaker of the National Assembly of the United Republic of Tanzania
19:00	<p>Reception</p>

Sunday, 16 March

Cultural visit

Option A: Pyramid of Teotihuacán (full day visit)

Option B: Frida Kahlo Museum (half day visit)

Departure of delegates