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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 at the <b>Hilton Mexico City Reforma Hotel</b>
18:30–20:30	<b>Welcome reception at the Hilton Mexico City Reforma Hotel – Terrace, 6th floor</b>
Friday, 14 March	
08:00	Departure of delegations by buses from the <b>Hilton Mexico City Reforma Hotel (mandatory)</b>
10:00–11:30	<b>Opening ceremony at the National Palace</b> <b>Welcome by Ms. Claudia Sheinbaum Pardo, President of Mexico</b> <b>Opening remarks</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ms. Cynthia López Castro, Member of the Senate of Mexico and President of the IPU Bureau of Women Parliamentarians</li><li>• Mr. Gerardo Fernández Noroña, President of the Senate of Mexico</li><li>• Ms. Gabriela Cuevas, former President of the IPU</li><li>• Ms. Irma Juan Carlos, Member of the Chamber of Deputies of Mexico</li><li>• Mr. Sergio Gutiérrez Luna, President of the Chamber of Deputies of Mexico</li><li>• Dr. Tulia Ackson, President of the IPU and Speaker of the National Assembly of the United Republic of Tanzania</li><li>• Ms. Claudia Sheinbaum Pardo, President of Mexico</li></ul> <b>Group photo at the National Palace</b>
11:30	<b>Departure from National Palace to Hilton Mexico City Reforma Hotel</b>
12:30–14:00	<b>Lunch at the Hilton Mexico City Reforma Hotel (Room Don Diego 3 &amp; 4, 2nd floor)</b>
14:00–15:30	<b>Masterclass: Parity parliaments and what can be learned from them</b> <p>Participants will explore different experiences of the road towards parity, identify challenges encountered and solutions found.</p> <b>Welcome remarks:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ms. Andrea Chávez Treviño, Member of the Senate (Mexico)</li></ul> <b>Keynote addresses by special guests</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ms. Amina J. Mohammed, Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations (video message)</li><li>• Ms. Citlalli Hernández Mora, Secretary of the Women of the Government (Mexico)</li></ul> <b>Panel discussion:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ms. Espérance Nyirasafari, Senator, former Minister of Gender and Family Promotion, former Minister of Sports and Culture, former Vice- President of the Senate (Rwanda)</li><li>• Ms. Arelys Santana Bello, Member of the National Assembly of the People's Power, Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Youth, Children and Equal Rights for Women of the National Assembly of the People's Power (Cuba)</li></ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Martha Lucía Micher Camarena, Senator, President of the Gender Equality Committee of the Senate (Mexico)</li> <li>• Member of the National Assembly (Nicaragua)</li> <li>• Mr. Thomas Brezzo, Speaker of the National Council (Monaco)</li> <li>• Ms. Ana Martínez Zaragoza, Senator (Spain)</li> <li>• Ms. Dana Kirkpatrick, Member of the House of Representatives (New Zealand)</li> </ul> <p><b>Debate:</b> Presentations of country case studies will be followed by a debate between participants and panellists.</p>
15:30–15:45	<b>Coffee break</b>
15:45–17:50	<p><b>Open debate: Good practices and challenges in advancing parity in parliament</b></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><b>Keynote addresses by special guests</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Nahla Haidar, Chairperson of the United Nations Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW)</li> <li>• Ms. Luisa María Alcalde Luján, former Secretary of the Interior and Labour (Mexico)</li> <li>• Ms. Kandia Kamissoko Camara, President of the Senate (Côte d'Ivoire)</li> </ul> <p><b>Expert presentation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Drude Dahlerup, Professor emerita at Stockholm University and honorary Professor at Roskilde University, international expert and specialist in gender electoral quotas</li> </ul> <p><b>Open debate among participants</b></p>
17:50–18:00	<p><b>Conclusions and key takeaways from the discussions of the day</b></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><b>Presentation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Drude Dahlerup, Professor emerita at Stockholm University and honorary Professor at Roskilde University, international expert and specialist in gender electoral quotas</li> </ul>
19:00	Dinner reception at the Hilton Mexico City Reforma Hotel (Room Don Diego 3 & 4, 2nd floor)
<b>Saturday, 15 March</b>	
09:00–10:15	<p><b>Panel discussion: Strategies to engage men to advance gender equality</b></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><b>Keynote address by special guest</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Martin Chungong, Secretary General of the Inter-Parliamentary Union</li> </ul> <p><b>Moderator</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Waldo Fernández González, Senator (Mexico)</li> </ul>

	<p><b>Presentations by international experts and men parliamentarians</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Dan Carden, Member of Parliament, President of the IPU Bureau of Young Parliamentarians (United Kingdom)</li> <li>• Ms. Mehda Kulkarni, Member of the Council of States (India)</li> </ul> <p>Video message by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Michael Kaufman, advisor, Senior Programs Fellow, Representative of Equimundo Center for Masculinities and Social Justice</li> </ul> <p><b>Open debate:</b> Presentations will be followed by a debate between participants and panellists.</p>
10:15–10:30	<b>Coffee break</b>
10:30–12:30	<p><b>Breaking the ceilings: Tribute to women’s leadership</b></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><b>Testimonials and messages from women leaders</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Tulia Ackson, President of the IPU and Speaker of the National Assembly of the United Republic of Tanzania</li> <li>• Ms. Yasmín Esquivel Mossa, Minister of the Supreme Court of Justice of the Nation (Mexico)</li> <li>• Ms. Carolina Cerqueira, Speaker of the National Assembly (Angola)</li> <li>• Ms. Fatma Öncü, Member of the Grand National Assembly (Türkiye)</li> <li>• Ms. Cushla Tangaere-Manuel, Member of Parliament (New Zealand)</li> <li>• Ms. Amanda Chakukura, Member of Parliament (Zimbabwe)</li> </ul> <p>Video message by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Christine Lagarde, President, European Central Bank</li> </ul> <p><b>Open debate:</b> Contributions will be followed by a debate between participants and women leaders.</p>
12:30–13:30	<p><b>Moderated debate: Equal participation and equal power</b></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 <a href="#">Plan of action for gender-sensitive parliaments</a>. 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><b>Addresses by special guests and parliamentarians</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Nicole Ameline, former Minister, former Member of Parliament, former Member of the UN CEDAW Committee (France)</li> <li>• Ms. Inada Tomomi, Member of the House of Representatives of the National Diet, former Minister of Defence, former Minister in charge of Administrative Reform (Japan)</li> <li>• Ms. Sarah Childs, Professor, Personal Chair of Politics and Gender at the University of Edinburgh, gender and parliamentary expert</li> <li>• Ms. Gabriela Morawska-Stanecka, Senator, Vice-President of the IPU Executive Committee, former Speaker of the Senate (Poland)</li> </ul> <p><b>Moderated debate:</b> A debate among international experts and participants facilitated by a moderator.</p>
13:30–15:00	<b>Lunch at the Hilton Mexico City Reforma Hotel (Room Don Diego 3 &amp; 4, 2nd floor)</b>

15:00–17:00	<p><b>Panel discussion: Zero tolerance for online and offline violence against women in politics</b></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>Advice will be provided to participants, including on reacting, staying safe and combatting gender-based violence against women in politics.</p> <p><b>Keynote address by special guest</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ms. Olimpia Coral Melo, promoter of the law against gender-based violence in the digital age in Mexico, Argentina and Colombia (Mexico)</li> </ul> <p><b>Presentations by international experts and parliamentarians</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ms. Mona Lena Krook, Professor, Chair of the Women and Politics Ph.D. Program, Rutgers University</li> <li>Ms. Pamela Damoff, Member of the House of Commons (Canada)</li> <li>Ms. Lucy John Sabu, Member of the National Assembly (United Republic of Tanzania)</li> </ul> <p>Staying safe online:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ms. Julie Inman Grant, eSafety Commissioner of Australia</li> </ul> <p><b>Open debate:</b> Presentations by panellists will be followed by an open debate among participants.</p>
17:00-17:30	<p><b>Closing session</b></p> <p>Presentation and adoption of the Conference Outcome document</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ms. Cynthia López Castro (Mexico), Senator, President of the IPU Bureau of Women Parliamentarians</li> <li>Mr. Dan Carden (United Kingdom), Member of Parliament, President of the IPU Bureau of Young Parliamentarians</li> </ul> <p><b>Closing speeches</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ms. Anais Burgos Hernández, Member of the Chamber of Deputies and President of the Gender Equality Committee (Mexico)</li> <li>Dr. Tulia Ackson, President of the IPU and Speaker of the National Assembly of the United Republic of Tanzania</li> </ul>
<b>Sunday, 16 March</b>	
Departure of all registered delegations for the cultural visits from the Hilton Mexico City Reforma Hotel	
	<b>Cultural visit</b>
08:30	Option A: Pyramid of Teotihuacán (full day visit)
09:00	Option B: National Museum of Anthropology in Mexico City (half day visit)
09:00	Option C: Concert in Bellas Artes (half day visit)
	Departure of delegates