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39th session of the Forum of Women Parliamentarians

Provisional agenda

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

First and second sittings Saturday, 5 April 2025, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 14:00 to 17:30 Opera Hall
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1. Opening ceremony

The opening ceremony will start with the election of the President of the 39th session of the Forum of Women Parliamentarians. It will also mark the 40th anniversary of the Forum.

2. Adoption of the agenda

3. Recent activities to advance gender equality

Participants will be briefed on:

- (a) The work of the Bureau of Women Parliamentarians and its deliberations at the sessions held in Geneva on 13 October 2024 and in Tashkent on 5 April 2025;
- (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 150th Assembly from a gender perspective

Participants will be invited to discuss the draft resolutions that are on the agenda of the 150th Assembly entitled *The role of parliaments in advancing a two-State solution in Palestine* (Standing Committee on Peace and International Security) and *Parliamentary strategies to mitigate the long-lasting impact of conflicts, including armed conflicts, on sustainable development* (Standing Committee on Sustainable Development). Participants will discuss the draft resolutions from a gender perspective and issue recommendations on gender-related amendments to be submitted by the Forum of Women Parliamentarians to the two Standing Committees. For this purpose, they will work in two groups as follows:

- Group 1 will discuss: *The role of parliaments in advancing a two-State solution in Palestine*
- Group 2 will discuss: *Parliamentary strategies to mitigate the long-lasting impact of conflicts, including armed conflicts, on sustainable development*

On the recommendation of its Bureau, the Forum will designate a chairperson and a rapporteur for each group. The rapporteurs will submit the groups' recommendations to the Forum of Women Parliamentarians at its afternoon sitting.

Each group will meet from 11:45 to 13:00

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The Forum will resume its work at 14:00 with keynote addresses by:

- Ms. Gulnora Khashimovna Rakhimova, Deputy Minister of Economy and Finance (Uzbekistan) on *Financial support for women: Development and opportunities*
- Ms. Ra'no Eshovna Turdiboeva, Deputy Minister of Employment and Poverty Reduction (Uzbekistan) on *Uzbekistan's experience in providing vocational education for women, ensuring their employment and encouraging their entrepreneurship*

5. Panel discussion on *Women shaping politics: Global networks*

To celebrate the 40th anniversary of the Forum of Women Parliamentarians, this panel discussion will bring together diverse networks of women leaders for a special conversation on what can be learned from global and regional forums and networks of women in politics. The conversation will draw on 40 years of experience of the IPU Forum of Women Parliamentarians and other networks of women in politics. It will reflect on the role and power of women's networks and explore strategies to strengthen their impact on gender equality, and women's rights and empowerment.

6. Reports of the discussion group rapporteurs

The discussion group rapporteurs will present their reports. The Forum will then ask them to consult with the President of the Bureau of Women Parliamentarians and prepare amendments to be presented during the debates of the Standing Committees on Peace and International Security and the Standing Committee on Sustainable Development.

7. Venue and date of the 40th session of the Forum of Women Parliamentarians

The second sitting of the Forum will end at 17:30.

Third sitting
Tuesday, 8 April 2025, from 14:30 to 15:00 and from 16:30 to 17:30
Hilton Hotel Ballroom

8. Elections to the Bureau of Women Parliamentarians (14:30 to 15:00)

The Forum will renew half of the membership of its Bureau, to replace those regional representatives whose terms expire in March 2025, as well as those members who have lost their seats in parliament.

After the elections, the sitting will be suspended until 16:30 to allow the newly constituted Bureau to meet in camera and select candidates for its presiding officers (President, First Vice-President and Second Vice-President).

9. Elections to the Bureau of Women Parliamentarians (continued): Presiding officers of the Bureau (16:30 to 17:30)

The Forum of Women Parliamentarians will resume its sitting to approve the candidatures selected by the Bureau for the offices of President, First Vice-President and Second Vice-President of the Bureau of Women Parliamentarians.