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World Conference of Speakers of Parliament



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#6WCSP

Information note

The Sixth World Conference of Speakers of Parliament will take place from 29 to 31 July 2025 at the historic *Palais des Nations* – United Nations Office at Geneva. The Conference will be preceded by the 15th Summit of Women Speakers of Parliament, to be held at the International Labour Organization headquarters in Geneva on 28 July 2025.

The Conference will focus on the overall theme of *A world in turmoil: Parliamentary cooperation and multilateralism for peace and justice for all*. This series of Conferences, first established in 2000 on the eve of the United Nations Millennium Summit, aims to provide a unique forum for high-level engagement and dialogue among parliamentary leaders from around the world.

The Conference is organized by the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) in close cooperation with the United Nations. All arrangements relating to the event are being made under the guidance of a Preparatory Committee composed of Speakers of Parliament and members of the IPU Executive Committee.

This note is intended to provide a preliminary overview of the general organizational aspects of the Conference.

Schedule of meetings

A **General Debate** on the overall theme of the Conference will be held on Tuesday 29, Wednesday 30, and Thursday 31 July 2025. The Debate will conclude with the adoption of a High-Level Declaration. A preliminary draft of this Declaration has been shared with Member Parliaments for their input by the deadline of 16 May 2025.

Five **panel discussions** will be held in parallel to the Debate on 29 and 30 July 2025 and will address subjects that are linked to the overall theme of the Conference (see the [Conference programme](#)). Conference Reports will also be made available and will be posted on the [event webpage](#).

An **interactive debate with major stakeholders** will take place from 11:00 to 13:00 on 31 July 2025.

In order to register for the General Debate and panels, please complete the [speakers registration form](#) and return to Documents Control (documents@ipu.org) by 15 July 2025.

A limited number of rooms at the *Palais des Nations* will be available for **bilateral meetings**, with bookings made through the IPU Secretariat.

Size and composition of delegations

The size of the delegation of each parliament shall, in principle, not exceed four persons (six persons in the case of bicameral parliaments), including the Speaker(s). Associate Members may register a maximum of three delegates. Invited Observer delegations shall, in principle, be composed of no more than two persons.

Languages

The plenary meeting of the Conference will have interpretation into all six official languages of the United Nations (Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish). Speakers addressing the Conference in any other language will need to have their individual statements translated into one of the six official languages.

Interpretation in the panel discussions will be in Arabic, English, French and Spanish.

We are currently exploring options for other language channels with the UN technical team and will provide more information on this in the coming weeks.

Registration

As the 6WSCP will take place at the United Nations Office at Geneva (UNOG), we will be using the UN online registration system called Indico. All invited participants should register on Indico and will be issued a digital badge required for entry to UNOG and the meeting rooms. The registration system will be operational from **2 May 2025** and can be accessed via the [event webpage](#). In addition to online registration, please send a formal communication by email to postbox@ipu.org with the composition of the official delegation.

The deadline for registrations is 30 June 2025.

Should delegations encounter any difficulties, they are requested to contact the registration service at conf.services@ipu.org. Permanent Missions will be authorized to activate the digital badges on behalf of their respective delegations. More information on this process will be provided shortly.

A provisional list of participants will be compiled based on registrations received. Delegates will have an opportunity to check the accuracy of this list before the end of the Conference.

The IPU will be able to assist in obtaining UN passes for the Presidents of interested parliamentary assemblies and other special guests.

Media

The United Nations Information Service will issue the necessary passes to allow media (journalists and photographers) access to the United Nations Office at Geneva.

Journalists holding annual badges to enter the *Palais des Nations* are not required to register for this event.

Security

Due to ongoing renovation work at the *Palais des Nations*, duly registered participants with digital badges will enter through the Pregny Gate (entrance opposite the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Museum). Please follow the instructions of the security agents at the Pregny Gate to reduce waiting times. Please arrive early to allow sufficient time for screening and access to the UN. Participants holding a valid UNOG identification badge may use the entrances at the Pregny Gate and the Peace Gate (entrance on Place des Nations opposite the Broken Chair).

Exit from the *Palais des Nations* can be through the Pregny or Peace Gates.

Parking inside the *Palais des Nations* is allowed only for registered vehicles. Specific stickers will be produced and distributed by the UN security service.

Any special arrangements for Speakers who travel with a close security detail should be organized bilaterally between the country's Permanent Mission to the United Nations in Geneva and the UN Safety and Security Service. Any related costs will be borne by the country making the request.

- National Security Officers accompanying Speakers who require further information or have any questions regarding security, should contact officeofthechief.security-unog@un.org
- Weapons are not permitted on UN territory or at the sites of social events.
- Specific briefings to advance teams should be organized one week before the event – in order to book a timeslot please contact officeofthechief.security-unog@un.org.

Security at the *Palais des Nations* and during the social events will be subject to strict criteria and regulations.

Accommodation

The IPU has made provisional block bookings at hotels in Geneva (see the [event webpage](#) for more information).

July is a particularly busy month for hotels in Geneva. Delegates are therefore advised to make their hotel reservations as soon as possible. Delegations from countries with an embassy or permanent mission in Geneva are invited to contact them, as they are accustomed to receiving delegations to UN meetings and handling hotel reservations. In keeping with the practice of hotels in Geneva, only reservations made with a credit card guarantee will be confirmed.

Visas

Switzerland is a member of the Schengen Area.

Should you require an entry visa for Switzerland:

- It is highly recommended that appointments are made, and Schengen visa applications lodged well in advance with the Swiss Embassy/Consulate responsible for the delegate's legal residence. For details, please refer to www.swiss-visa.ch/ivis2/#/i210-select-country.
- Visa applicants must consult the website of the responsible Swiss Embassy/Consulate to check the current appointment and visa application procedure.
- It is high season for some Embassies/Consulates, meaning appointments must be made well in advance.
- Depending on where delegates have their legal residence, some may have to travel to a different country to lodge their visa application and register their biometric data.
- Some nationalities are subject to a Schengen consultation, which lasts 8-10 days.
- Under exceptional and urgent circumstances, Swiss Embassies or Consulates may issue visas with limited territorial validity (LTV) in accordance with Schengen regulations. This only applies to individual cases that are duly justified. A holder of an LTV visa, which is only valid for Switzerland, cannot visit nor transit through another Schengen State (they must enter and exit the Schengen area via Switzerland only).

If the IPU is required to provide a nominative invitation for a participant's visa application, please ensure that a copy of the delegate's passport is sent to IPU Headquarters (ts@ipu.org).

Transportation

As for previous IPU Speakers' Conferences, transport and escort arrangements are the responsibility of the respective delegations. Please coordinate with your embassy or permanent mission.