

Programme of the Sixth World Conference of Speakers of Parliament (Geneva, 29-31 July 2025)

Palais des Nations, United Nations Office at Geneva (UNOG)

Tuesday, 29 July 2025

- 10:00 – 12:00 **Final meeting of the Preparatory Committee¹**
(Room IX, Building A)
- 14:00 – 14:50 Arrival of Speakers / Welcome by the IPU and United Nations
(Hall 14 – Pregny Gate)²
- 15:00 – 16:00 **Inaugural session** of the Sixth World Conference of Speakers of Parliament
(Assembly Hall, Building A)
- 16:00 – 18:00 **Start of the General Debate** on *A world in turmoil: Parliamentary cooperation and multilateralism for peace, justice and prosperity for all*
(Assembly Hall, Building A)
- 16:00 – 18:00 **Panel discussion**
Panel 1: Women's and youth participation in parliament in a time of polarization and adversity
(Room XVI, 5th floor, Building A)
- 18:15 Official reception offered by Switzerland
(Bar Serpent, Building E)
All Speakers of Parliament, MPs, other Heads of Delegation, Ambassadors, special guests and up to four accompanying persons per delegation are welcome.

¹ Closed meeting

² Only VIP cars (two per delegation) will be allowed access through the Pregny Gate. All other vehicles should enter the UNOG compound through the Chemin de Fer Gate (see security information note).

Wednesday, 30 July 2025

- 09:00 – 10:00 A briefing for Speakers of Parliament on the UN80 reform initiative
(Room IX, Building A)
- 09:30 – 13:00 **Continuation of the General Debate**
(Assembly Hall, Building A)
- 09:30 – 11:00 **Panel discussion**
Panel 2: Innovating for a peaceful future, crafting new solutions for a turbulent world
(Room XVI, Building A)
- 11:30 – 13:00 **Panel discussion**
Panel 3: Achieving the SDGs by 2030: What new opportunities for international cooperation?
(Room XVI, Building A)
- 13:00 – 13:30 Group photo (Speakers only – no accompanying persons)
(Hall 14, Building A)
- 13:30 – 15:00 Lunch offered by the IPU President and Secretary General in honour of Speakers and Heads of Delegations (by invitation only)
(8th Floor Restaurant, Building A)
- 15:00 – 18:30 **Continuation of the General Debate**
(Assembly Hall, Building A)
- 15:00 – 16:00 Amplifying the voices of Small Island Developing States: Parliamentary leadership for urgent climate action. Informal meeting of Speakers of Parliament from the Small Island Developing States (SIDS)
(Closed meeting)
(Room IX, Building A)
- 15:00 – 16:30 **Panel discussion**
Panel 4: What role for parliaments in shaping our digital future?
(Room XVI, Building A)
- 17:00 – 18:30 **Panel discussion**
Panel 5: Protecting and promoting the rights of persons in vulnerable situations: Towards comprehensive anti-discrimination action
(Room XVI, Building A)

Thursday, 31 July 2025

- 09:30 – 11:00 **Continuation and conclusion of the General Debate**
(Assembly Hall, Building A)
- 11:00 – 13:00 **Interactive Debate with major stakeholders**
(Assembly Hall, Building A)
- 13:00 – 14:30 Briefing on what the IPU can do for parliaments and parliamentarians
(Room XVI, Building A – light refreshments will be served)
- 14:30 – 17:00 **Closing session**
Reports from the panel discussions
Adoption of the High-level Declaration
(Assembly Hall, Building A)