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PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Venue

1. The Yaoundé session of the Parliamentary Conference on the WTO, to be held in connection with the 14th WTO Ministerial Conference (MC14), will take place in Yaoundé at the Headquarters of the Senate of Cameroon. The contact address of the Senate is [CONSEIL ECONOMIC ET SOCIAL, WG38+MVM, Yaoundé, Cameroon](mailto:WG38+MVM@senat.cm).

Date and timetable

2. The Parliamentary Session will take place on 25 March 2026, from 09:00 to 18:30. The Conference Steering Committee will meet *in camera* on 24 March 2026, from 09:00 to 18:00.

3. In order to have access to the events and activities taking place on the premises of the Ministerial Conference, it is highly recommended that parliamentarians ensure they are registered as members of their official national delegations to the Conference. Details of these events will be announced closer to the date of the Ministerial Conference.

Participation and registration

4. Participation in the Yaoundé session will be guided by the general principles set out in Article 2 of the [Rules of Procedure of the Parliamentary Conference on the WTO](#). The session is intended primarily for legislators who are involved in parliamentary activities dealing with international trade, finance and development.

5. As a rule, participants in the Parliamentary Conference are expected to travel to Yaoundé as members of official national delegations to the Ministerial Conference.

6. Participants are invited to register through the link provided on the IPU website and kindly requested to respect the registration deadline (**6 March 2026**) set by the organizers.

7. An access badge to the MC14 will be issued to the participants of the Parliamentary Conference on the WTO. This badge will be valid for the other meetings of the MC14, excluding the negotiations area.

8. Members of parliament and accompanying staff travelling to Yaoundé for the MC14 but who are not members of their countries' official national delegations are responsible for making their own travel and accommodation arrangements.

9. The number of MPs in each delegation should not exceed four. The size of the delegation of the Host Parliament is not affected by this limitation but should nonetheless take due account of the availability of seats in the meeting room.

10. Badges/MC14 accreditations will be available for collection on 24 March 2026. The badge/MC14 accreditation distribution process will be communicated to all participants at a later stage.

11. Security will be tight in Yaoundé during the WTO Ministerial Conference. Only persons duly accredited and wearing official MC14 badges will have access to the premises of the Palais des Congrès, the venue of MC14. Access to the Palais des Congrès will be subject to strict controls. All delegates are therefore requested to wear their identification badges at all times during the session and at social functions.

Working modalities

12. Procedural arrangements for the session will be made in conformity with the [Rules of Procedure of the Parliamentary Conference on the WTO](#).

13. A detailed work programme of the session will be circulated in advance of the event and published on the [IPU website](#).

14. All agenda items will be dealt with in plenary. The programme will include panel discussions, hearings, keynote presentations and debates on substantive themes. The debate on each substantive theme will be launched by rapporteurs, who will present their discussion papers.

15. As the format of the session is largely interactive, every effort should be made to avoid reading formal prepared statements. Instead, delegates are invited to ask questions and participate in the debate by making brief statements and suggestions. As there will be no formal list of speakers drawn up in advance, the order of interventions and questions will be decided by the Chair.

Outcome document

16. The overall responsibility for the preparation of the draft outcome document rests with the organizers, the IPU and the European Parliament, with the contribution of the Host Parliament, which will appoint a Rapporteur for the session.

17. The draft outcome document will be sent to IPU Member Parliaments. Parliaments will have until 27 February 2026 to submit proposed amendments. No substantive amendments will be admissible after that date. A consolidated list of amendments proposed by parliaments and individual delegates will be considered by the Steering Committee at its session on 24 March 2026.

18. Delegates participating in the Yaoundé session will have the possibility to propose, on the spot, in their own name, additional changes of an editorial nature, provided these do not have the effect of altering the document's scope or nature. The receivability of such editorial changes will be assessed by the Rapporteur.

19. The resulting final draft will be presented by the Rapporteur at the closing session with a view to its adoption by consensus.

Languages

20. Simultaneous interpretation will be provided in English and French (official languages), and Arabic and Spanish as working languages throughout the Conference. The official documentation of the session will be available in English and French only.

21. In addition to the four interpretation booths for the above-mentioned languages, the Host Parliament will look into the possibility of installing up to three supplementary interpretation booths and channels for use by delegations that wish to bring their own interpreters. The IPU will collect all requests for use of additional interpretation languages and will deal with them on a first-come-first-served basis.

Documents

22. The only official documents of the session will be its programme, agenda, the list of delegates, discussion papers prepared by the rapporteurs, the draft outcome document drawn up by the Steering Committee and the information notes prepared by the IPU Secretariat. The WTO may provide background documents for distribution to delegates upon registration.

23. Should participants and observers wish to distribute their own documents or other material pertaining to the agenda of the session, they are kindly requested to inform the organizers as early as possible. Documents should be distributed digitally (via a weblink or QR Code) as the PCWTO venue is a green venue (paperless).

Official receptions

24. In the evening of 24 March 2026, the Parliament of Cameroon will host a cocktail reception in honour of all participants at the Senate banquet hall. A buffet lunch will be available at the same venue on 25 March 2026.

Visas

25. All delegates requiring an entry visa to Cameroon are required to request one sufficiently ahead of time. To this end, the Host Parliament will use the list of delegates duly registered on the IPU platform for the processing of all visa applications. The registration deadline is 6 March 2026. The processing of any applications received after this date cannot be guaranteed.

The following is required for each visa application:

- Copy of passport (personal details page only);
- Email address and telephone number of each member of the delegation;
- Note verbale requesting visas including the full composition of the delegation (one note verbale per delegation).

It is recommended that the first two elements be included on a single page to ensure a smooth process. Supporting documents must be submitted in **JPEG format**.

In addition, **proof of yellow fever vaccination** must be presented upon arrival at one of the international airports of entry (Yaoundé/Douala).

Each delegation must designate a focal point to coordinate visa applications. Once the applications have been processed, the focal point will receive a travel authorization for each member of their delegation (including a QR code) which will enable participants to obtain their visa to enter Cameroon upon arrival at one of the international airports of entry (Yaoundé/Douala).

Hotel accommodation

26. Delegates are responsible for making their own travel and accommodation arrangements. The availability of hotel rooms in Yaoundé at the time of the WTO Ministerial Conference will be limited. It is therefore advisable to book hotel rooms as soon as possible. Delegates can book hotel rooms by clicking [here](#).

Requests for further information

27. Requests for further information concerning the Yaoundé session of the Parliamentary Conference on the WTO should be addressed to:

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