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Provisional programme

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Thursday, 3 September	
09:00–18:00	Registration of delegates
Friday, 4 September	
07:30–18:00	Registration of delegates
09:30–10:30	Opening ceremony Chairperson: Member of the IPU Bureau of Young Parliamentarians Opening remarks
10:30–10:45	Keynote address Youth Rights: The Heart of Human Rights
10:45–11:00	Coffee break and group photo
11:00–13:00	Session 1: Preserving youth rights in times of conflict Chairperson: Member of the IPU Bureau of Young Parliamentarians Panel discussion Young people face acute vulnerabilities in times of conflict, including violence that affects their basic right to life, and leads to displacement and disrupted education and livelihoods. The safeguards to which youth are entitled under international humanitarian law – safety, humane treatment, and protection from recruitment and use in hostilities and sexual violence – and how parliaments can help uphold these rights, will be examined. Presentations by panellists will be followed by comments and an exchange of views, experiences and good practices by the participants. If time permits, a short exchange will take place at the end of the session to allow MPs 40 years of age and older participating as observers to contribute.
13:00–14:30	Lunch break
14:30–16:00	Session 2: Safeguarding digital rights in a digital era Chairperson: Member of the IPU Bureau of Young Parliamentarians Keynote address Respondents Developments in new technologies are challenging rights in ways that could not have been imagined when the Universal Declaration of Human Rights was adopted in 1948. With young people increasingly functioning in online spaces, protection and regulation have struggled to keep pace. This session will explore how to ensure access to digital technologies, online safety and data privacy, protection from misinformation and

	disinformation, as well as a youth-friendly transitions to education, skills development and employment in an increasingly digitalized world. Presentations by panellists will be followed by interventions by respondents and a Q and A exchange from participants. If time permits, a short exchange will take place at the end of the session to allow MPs 40 years of age and older participating as observers to contribute.
16:00–16:15	Coffee break
16:15–17:45	Session 3: Securing climate resilience now and for future generations Chairperson: Member of the IPU Bureau of Young Parliamentarians Panel discussion Young people's right to a safe and healthy planet is in jeopardy. This session will focus on the right to a clean, healthy and sustainable environment, and the disproportionate impact of climate change on young people. Discussions will explore human-rights centred approaches to climate protection, resilience, adaptation and climate justice for current and future generations. Presentations by panellists will be followed by comments and an exchange of good practices by the participants. If time permits, a short exchange will take place at the end of the session to allow MPs 40 years of age and older participating as observers to contribute.
19:00	Reception hosted by the Parliament of Uzbekistan at the Buyuk Samarkand Restaurant (at the Eternal City of Silk Road Samarkand Touristic Complex). Buses will leave the hotels for the restaurant at 18:45

Saturday, 5 September	
09:00-10:00	Special Open Session with young MPs on parliamentary engagement in the SDGs The special session will highlight the important role of parliaments in advancing the SDGs. Participants will hear about Uzbekistan's leadership in sponsoring the 2022 United Nations General Assembly resolution on “Enhancing the role of parliaments in accelerating the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals”, adopted by consensus, as well as ongoing efforts to develop a follow-up resolution to further strengthen parliamentary engagement in SDG implementation. The special session will be open to a larger pool of participants. It will connect to the following Session 4 of the Conference to focus on implementation of SDG 8 on decent work and economic growth. Chairperson: Member of the IPU Bureau of Young Parliamentarians Speeches Speeches will be followed by a Q and A exchange with participants.
10:00–11:30	Session 4: Advancing youth economic rights and employment in an uncertain future Chairperson: Member of the IPU Bureau of Young Parliamentarians Panel discussion Economic insecurity, precarious work and youth unemployment are challenges in the implementation of SDG 8 on decent work and economic growth, and limit young people's ability to exercise their full range of human rights. This session will pursue the conversation started in the Special session on how parliaments can help accelerate progress towards the SDGs, including those related to decent work, reduced inequalities and inclusive economic growth. It will explore strategies to advance youth economic rights and empowerment, including access to decent work, fair wages, social protection and pathways out of vulnerability. Presentations by panellists will be followed by comments and an exchange of good practices by the participants. If time permits, a short exchange will take place at the end of the session to allow MPs 40 years of age and older participating as observers to contribute.
11:30–11:45	Coffee break
11:45–13:15	Session 5: Ensuring political rights and ending violence against women and youth Chairperson: Member of the IPU Bureau of Young Parliamentarians Panel discussion Despite growing youth mobilization globally, young people continue to face barriers to political participation, including age-based discrimination and political violence, especially against women. This session will examine ways of protecting and promoting the political rights of young people, eliminating violence, and ensuring young people's voices are heard and represented in decision-making processes. Presentations by panellists will be followed by comments and an exchange of good practices by the participants. If time permits, a short exchange will take place at the end of the session to allow MPs 40 years of age and older participating as observers to contribute. The session will also introduce the working group session taking place afterwards.

13:15–14:30	Lunch break	
14:30–16:00	Session 6: Training and Unconference (parallel sessions)	
14:30–16:00	Track A: WYDE Training session on combatting violence against women Working group session MPs and other stakeholders will break up into working groups to take part in a training on eliminating violence against women in politics.	Track B: Unconference Plenary session Chairperson: Member of the IPU Bureau of Young Parliamentarians (TBC) Young parliamentarians will be invited to take the lead of an “Unconference” session. This session will be a free space in the Conference agenda where topics are proposed and chosen by the participants. All parliaments are invited to propose a topic. The young MPs making the selected proposals will be tasked with facilitating their sessions in working groups. More information can be found in the Annex.
16:00–16:15	Coffee break	
16:15–17:00	Closing session Chairperson: Member of the IPU Bureau of Young Parliamentarians Presentation and adoption of the outcome document Closing speeches	
Sunday, 6 September		
Time TBC	Cultural visit organized by the Parliament of Uzbekistan	
	Departure of delegates	
Monday, 7 September		
	Departure of delegates	