

138th IPU ASSEMBLY AND RELATED MEETINGS

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Time	Meeting	Place	
9 a.m. – 10 a.m.	Bureau of Women Parliamentarians	Salle Genève CCV Annexe, CICG (in camera)	
10 a.m. – 11.30 a.m.	Group of Facilitators for Cyprus	Salle Lausanne CCV Annexe, CICG (in camera)	
10.30 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Forum of Women Parliamentarians	Room 2	
11 a.m. – 11.30 a.m.	 Welcome remarks and discussion on recent gender activities 	level 0, CICG	
11.30 a.m. – 1 p.m.	 Contribution, in two breakout groups, to draft resolutions: Sustaining peace as a vehicle for achieving sustainable development (Assembly agenda item 4) (Group 1); and Engaging the private sector in implementing the SDGs, especially on renewable energy (Assembly agenda item 5) (Group 2) Group 1 will meet in Room 2 (CICG) and Group 2 in Salle Genève (CCV Annexe). 		
11.30 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Meeting of Chairpersons of Geopolitical Groups	Room 18 level -1, CICG (in camera)	
2 p.m. – 3 p.m.	Meeting of Advisers and Secretaries to delegations	Rooms 5 & 6 level 3, CICG	
2.30 p.m. – 5.30 p.m. 2.30 p.m. – 4.30 p.m. 2.30 – 3 p.m. 3 – 4.30 p.m.	 Forum of Women Parliamentarians Panel discussion: Dialogue between International Gender Champions Discussion on Why are women still underrepresented in politics? The root causes and how to address them 	Room 2 level 0, CICG	
2.30 p.m. – 5.30 p.m.	Advisory Group on Health	Room 15 level -1, CICG (in camera) (English only)	
2.30 p.m. – 6 p.m.	Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians The Committee will hold hearings on cases in Ecuador and Niger.	Salle Lausanne CCV Annexe, CICG (in camera)	
3 p.m. – 6 p.m.	Committee on Middle East Questions	Room 18 level -1, CICG (in camera)	
3.30 p.m. – 5.30 p.m.	Workshop on Refugee protection: Implementing the Comprehensive Refugee Response Framework – What can parliaments do? In addition to a panel of experts from UNHCR and members of parliament, the workshop will feature the presentation of Handbook for Parliamentarians No. 27 – A guide to international refugee protection and building state asylum systems, jointly produced by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and the IPU.	Salle Genève CCV Annexe, CICG	

¹ Information as at 6 p.m. on 23 March.

Refugees (UNHCR) and the IPU.

Preview of main programme for Sunday, 25 March

(Daylight saving reminder: The clocks go forward one hour at 2 a.m. on 25 March)

9 a.m. – 11 a.m.	Governing Council	Room 1 level 1, CICG
9.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m. 2.30 p.m. – 5.30 p.m.	 Standing Committee on Peace and International Security Presentation and debate of the draft resolution on Sustaining peace as a vehicle for achieving sustainable development Drafting of the resolution in plenary 	Room 2 level 0, CICG
9.30 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Standing Committee on Sustainable Development, Finance and Trade Presentation, debate and start of drafting in plenary of the draft resolution on Engaging the private sector in implementing the SDGs, especially on renewable energy	Rooms 3 & 4 level 0, CICG
11 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Assembly - Start of the General Debate on Strengthening the global regime for migrants and refugees: The need for evidence-based policy solutions	Room 1 level 1, CICG
	 Special guest speakers for interactive session: Mr. William Lacy Swing, Director General, International Organization for Migration Mr. Zeid Ra'ad Al Hussein, United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights Mr. Filippo Grandi, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees 	
12.15 p.m.	 High-level segment of the General Debate 	
2.30 p.m. – 5 p.m. 5 p.m. – 6.30 p.m.	Continuation of the General DebateDecision on the emergency item	
2.30 p.m. – 6.30 p.m.	 Forum of Young Parliamentarians of the IPU Contribution to the work of the 138th Assembly Update and discussion on the Forum's workplan and activities (2017-2018) Preparations for the 139th Assembly Q&A session on policy reform related to HIV and youth 	Rooms 3 & 4 level 0, CICG
6.30 p.m.	Reception hosted by Switzerland *	Events area level 1, CICG

OTHER INFORMATION

- GENERAL DEBATE IMPORTANT INFORMATION: Seating arrangements in view of high attendance Plenary Hall (Room 1). On the basis of seats available at desks, most delegations will be allocated four seats (two at desks). Where possible, delegations led by a Speaker of Parliament and Members entitled to 10-MP delegations will have a total of six seats (three at desks). Single-member delegations and Observers will have one desk seat.
- Assembly App: As part of the IPU's PaperSmart policy and also to enhance delegates' participation in IPU Assemblies, an App is available which facilitates the online consultation of Assembly documents and provides access to Assembly-related information. The App can be downloaded through the CrowdCompass AttendeeHub event name: IPU 138 Assembly or by personal e-mail invitation by sending a request to sas@ipu.org. IPU staff will be promoting the App and helping first-time users to download it and familiarize themselves with its various features. A user manual is available at www.ipu.org/download/4467 and can also be obtained, upon request, at the Registration Desk.
- Survey on the global regime for migrants and refugees: As part of the outcome of the General Debate, MPs are invited to contribute to the theme by completing a survey online, in English, French or Spanish (www.surveymonkey.com/r/9MG8GYY (English), www.surveymonkey.com/r/2QTM8DY (Spanish)), or by filling out a paper version which is available in Room 1, during the Assembly plenary, until 4 p.m. tomorrow, Sunday, 25 March.

- Survey on Assemblies and IPU Communications: During the Assembly, IPU staff will be inviting delegates to complete a short survey on <u>Assemblies and IPU Communications</u>, the aim of which is to learn more about delegates' expectations and experiences at Assemblies, as well as to receive input that will help the IPU to craft its next communications strategy. The online version of the survey is available at www.surveygizmo.eu/s3/90072706/IPU and on the Assembly App; paper copies can be obtained from and returned to the Publications Stand.
- **UNHCR tent on display:** In view of the theme of the General Debate, an example of a tent and equipment for refugees is on display on the ground floor of the CICG. A 10-minute film about the equipment is being shown next to the tent.
- Humans and climate change exhibition: Delegates are invited to view the exhibition which is on display on level 1 of the CICG, by the main entrance to the Plenary Hall.
- Pop-up discussion with the IPU Secretariat Global Parliamentary Report on oversight and accountability: The
 Report, published in October 2017, makes 28 recommendations for strengthening parliamentary oversight. Delegates are
 invited to come and talk with the Secretariat about the Report's findings and practical steps towards effective oversight of
 government, at the IPU Publications Desk, on Sunday, 25 March between 11 a.m. and noon (English only).
- **Print-on-demand service:** This service is available at the Typing Pool and Photocopying Service (level -1, close to the Internet Corner) for those delegates who wish to obtain additional copies of any documents published on the IPU Assembly web page.
- List of Participants: Delegations are reminded that the provisional List of Participants is available for consultation on the Assembly App and that only a limited number of copies have been printed. In order to ensure the accuracy of the final List of Participants, delegations are kindly requested to report any changes to Ms. Marina Filippin at the Registration Desk by 12 noon on Tuesday, 27 March 2018. The final list of participants will be published on the IPU website.
- Delegates will notice that two boxes have been placed on the counter at the Registration Desk for their use; one is for business cards and the other is for any suggestions delegates may wish to make regarding IPU Assemblies.
- IPU gift items: IPU logo gift items will be on sale at a stand located on level 0 of the CICG, near the coffee bar. The stand will be open from Monday, 26 to Wednesday, 28 March, between 12 noon and 2 p.m. Please note that only cash in Swiss francs (CHF) will be accepted.

MEDIA INFORMATION

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Follow or join in the discussions at the Assembly on **Twitter** using **#IPU138** (www.twitter.com/ipuparliament). Follow the IPU on @IPUparliament, the Forum of Women Parliamentarians on #WomenMPs and the Forum of Young Parliamentarians on #YoungMPs.



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VACANCIES TO BE FILLED AT THE 138th ASSEMBLY

For more detailed information, please see Vacancies document.

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For all vacancies, candidatures should be accompanied by a signed cover letter and a brief curriculum vitae (one-page maximum). In addition, candidatures for the Standing Committee Bureaux should include a written commitment from the candidate's parliament, and candidates for the Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians are required to complete the vacancies form available at archive.ipu.org/hr-e/miscel/form-chrp.pdf.

Candidatures from the geopolitical groups concerned may be submitted to the Submission and Control of Documents Service (Office 224/225, level 2, CICG) up to 12 noon on Monday, 26 March 2018 for the Bureau of Women Parliamentarians and up to 9 a.m. on Tuesday, 27 March 2018 for the Committees and other bodies. For the Standing Committee Bureaux, candidatures may be submitted up to the time of the elections.

BUREAU OF WOMEN PARLIAMENTARIANS

At its sitting on Tuesday, 27 March 2018, the Forum of Women Parliamentarians will hold elections to renew half of the membership of its Bureau and to fill **two** additional vacancies: one for the Arab Group and one for the Eurasia Group.

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On 28 March 2018, the Governing Council will hold elections as outlined below.

COMMITTEES AND OTHER BODIES

Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians

The Governing Council will be required to elect **one member**, preferably from the Asia-Pacific Group.

To date, the following candidature has been received:

- Mr. D. Carter (New Zealand): candidature submitted by the candidate.

Committee on Middle East Questions

The Governing Council will be required to elect **two members** (female), preferably from the African Group, the Eurasia Group or the Group of Latin America and the Caribbean (GRULAC).

Committee to Promote Respect for International Humanitarian Law

The Governing Council will be required to elect **one member** (male) for GRULAC.

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STANDING COMMITTEE BUREAUX

The following elections to the Bureaux will be held.

Standing Committee on Peace and International Security

Ten members: One member (female or male) for the African Group; two members (at least one female) for the Arab Group; three members (at least one male) for the Eurasia Group; two members (at least one male) for GRULAC; and two members (at least one male) for the Twelve Plus Group.

Standing Committee on Sustainable Development, Finance and Trade

Five members: One member (female or male) for the African Group; one member (female or male) for the Arab Group; two members (at least one female) for the Asia-Pacific Group; and one member (male) for the Twelve Plus Group.

Standing Committee on Democracy and Human Rights

Seven members: One member (female or male) for the African Group; two members (at least one male) for the Arab Group; one member (female) for the Asia-Pacific Group; two members (at least one male) for GRULAC; and one member (female) for the Twelve Plus Group.

Standing Committee on United Nations Affairs

Seven members: Three members (at least one female) for the Arab Group; one member (female) for the Eurasia Group; two members (at least one male) for GRULAC; and one member (female or male) for the Twelve Plus Group.

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