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Information Seminar on the Work and Functioning of the Inter-Parliamentary Union

PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME AND CALENDAR OF WORK

IPU Headquarters – The House of Parliaments
19 to 22 June 2018

Monday, 18 June 2018

Arrival of participants: Welcome at Geneva-Cointrin airport

Tuesday, 19 June 2018

09.30

- Welcome of participants at IPU Headquarters
- Introduction of participants and outline of their expectations of the Seminar

10.00

- Overview of the IPU: Historical origins, major trends and developments, the IPU today and tomorrow
- IPU Strategy for 2018-2021 and its implementation

11.00

- Membership and questions regarding affiliation and suspension of Members
- Structure and functioning of IPU governing bodies
- IPU Assemblies: Organization and outcome
- Roles and responsibilities of IPU Members, including the annual reporting exercise

13.00

Lunch hosted by the Secretary General in honour of the participants

14.30

Group Photo and Visit of the House of Parliaments

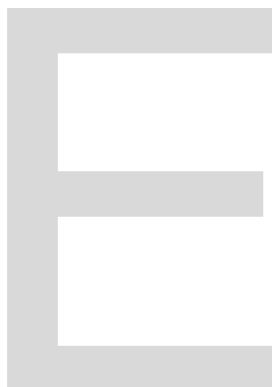
15.00

- Overview of the IPU's work to promote democracy
- The development of standards and norms for democratic practice
- Comparative research on challenges facing parliaments
- PARLINE database on national parliaments

Wednesday, 20 June 2018

09.00

- Capacity-building and technical assistance to parliaments



11.00

- IPU Gender Partnership Programme
- IPU Youth Participation Programme

13:00

Lunch break

14.30

- The parliamentary dimension to international cooperation
- Interaction with the United Nations, including the parliamentary contribution to the shaping of the next generation of development goals
- Parliamentary Conference on the WTO
- Development cooperation and IPU work on global health issues

16.00

- Promotion of international humanitarian law
- Promotion of peace and democracy in the Middle East
- Parliamentary diplomacy

Thursday, 21 June 2018

09.00

- IPU Programme for the defence and promotion of human rights
- IPU engagement with the UN Human Rights Council

11.00

- IPU Communications Strategy

12.30

Lunch break

14.00

Departure for the United Nations Office, Geneva

14.30 – 15.30 (afternoon free at the end of visit)

Visit of the United Nations

Participation in the visit should be confirmed by Tuesday afternoon, at the latest

Friday, 22 June 2018

09.00

- Presentation of the IPU's budget
- Members' contributions and matters relating to IPU staff
- Question and answer session

10.30

- Contribution by Members to the work of the IPU
- Follow-up to IPU decisions and resolutions

12.00

Closing session:

- Assessment of the Seminar: Views and suggestions from participants
- Cocktail for Seminar participants, IPU Headquarters

Geneva, January 2018