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Time	Meeting	Place ²
8 a.m. – 9 a.m.	Steering Committee of the Assembly <i>The Steering Committee is composed of the President of the Assembly, the President of the IPU and the Vice-President of the Executive Committee, as well as the Presidents of the Standing Committees.</i>	Al Nakhil (in camera)
8.30 a.m. – 9.30 a.m.	Board of the Forum of Young Parliamentarians of the IPU	Salwa 1 (in camera)
9 a.m. – 11 a.m.	Committee to Promote Respect for International Humanitarian Law	Al Bashir (in camera)
9 a.m. – 11 a.m.	Governing Council	Al Dafna
9 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.	Standing Committee on Peace and International Security <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Interactive exchange with Mr. Vladimir Voronkov, Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations Counter-Terrorism Office ♦ Presentation, debate and possible start of drafting in plenary of the draft resolution on <i>Non-admissibility of using mercenaries as a means of undermining peace and violating human rights</i> 	Al Rayyan
10 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Forum of Young Parliamentarians of the IPU <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Country updates on youth participation ♦ Contribution to the work of the 140th Assembly ♦ Election of the new Board of the Forum ♦ Update and discussion on the Forum's workplan and activities (2018-2019) ♦ Debate on young citizens' engagement ♦ Preparations for the 141st Assembly 	Salwa 2
11 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Assembly	Al Dafna
11 a.m. – 11.45 a.m.	♦ Start of the General Debate on <i>Parliaments as platforms to enhance education for peace, security and the rule of law</i> Opening remarks by the IPU President Special guest speaker: Dr. Rafael Yuste, Brain Research through Advancing Innovative Neurotechnologies (BRAIN) Initiative Gender and youth perspectives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> › Ms. S. Kihika (Kenya), President of the Forum of Women Parliamentarians › Ms. M. Osuru (Uganda), President of the Forum of Young Parliamentarians of the IPU 	
11.45 a.m. – 1 p.m.	– High-level segment of the General Debate (A list of speakers is available for the General Debate.)	

GENERAL DEBATE – IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Seating arrangements in view of high attendance – Plenary Hall (Al Dafna). On the basis of seats available at desks, where possible Members with delegations of up to four MPs will be allocated a total of four seats (two at desks), those with five to eight MPs six seats (three at desks) and those with nine or more MPs eight seats (four at desks).

¹ Information as at 5 p.m. on 6 April.

² All meeting rooms indicated are located in the Sheraton Convention Center.

11.30 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Panel discussion on <i>Ending energy poverty through access to renewable energies and inclusive public policies: How can parliaments help?</i>	Salwa 1
1 p.m. – 1.15 p.m.	Group photo – all Heads of delegation	Al Dafna
2.30 p.m. – 4 p.m.	Preparatory Committee of the Fifth World Conference of Speakers of Parliament	Salwa 1 <i>(in camera)</i>
2.30 p.m. – 6.30 p.m.	Assembly	Al Dafna
2.30 p.m. – 5 p.m.	♦ Continuation of the high-level segment of the General Debate	
5 p.m. – 6.30 p.m.	♦ Decision on the emergency item	
2.30 p.m. – 6 p.m.	Standing Committee on Peace and International Security	Al Rayyan
	♦ Item 4: <i>Non-admissibility of using mercenaries as a means of undermining peace and violating human rights</i>	
	– Drafting of the resolution in plenary	
2.30 p.m. – 6 p.m.	Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians	Al Bashir <i>(in camera)</i>
	The Committee will hold hearings on cases in Niger, Mongolia and Venezuela.	
2.30 p.m. – 6.30 p.m.	Standing Committee on Sustainable Development, Finance and Trade	Salwa 2
	♦ Presentation, debate and start of drafting in plenary of the draft resolution on <i>The role of fair and free trade and investment in achieving the SDGs, especially regarding economic equality, sustainable infrastructure, industrialization and innovation</i>	
4.30 p.m. – 6 p.m.	Bureau of the Standing Committee on United Nations Affairs	Salwa 1 <i>(in camera)</i>
7 p.m.	Reception in honour of the Forum of Women Parliamentarians hosted by Ms. Reem Al-Mansoori, MP, President of the Forum of Women Parliamentarians	Yasmine Restaurant The Pearl, Doha
	♦ There will be a shuttle service from the Sheraton to the reception between 6 p.m. and 7 p.m.	

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Preview of main programme for Monday, 8 April

<u>9 a.m. – 1 p.m.</u>	Assembly	Al Dafna
9 a.m. – 10.30 a.m.	♦ Debate on the emergency item	
10.30 a.m. – 1 p.m.	♦ Continuation of the General Debate	
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<u>2.30 p.m. – 6.30 p.m.</u>	♦ Continuation of the General Debate	
9 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Standing Committee on Peace and International Security	Al Rayyan
	♦ Item 4: <i>Non-admissibility of using mercenaries as a means of undermining peace and violating human rights</i>	
	– Finalization of the resolution in plenary	
9.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.	Workshop on child, newborn and maternal health, organized jointly by the IPU, WHO and The Partnership for Maternal, Newborn and Child Health (PMNCH)	Salwa 1
	<i>Act now for women's, children's and adolescents' health: Lessons on health financing , legislation and partnerships</i>	

9.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m. **Standing Committee on Democracy and Human Rights**

Salwa 2

- ◆ Debate on follow-up to previous IPU resolutions:
 - › *Democracy in the digital era and the threat to privacy and individual freedoms* (2015)
 - › *The use of media, including social media, to enhance citizen engagement and democracy* (2013)
 - › *Freedom of expression and the right to information* (2009)
- ◆ Expert hearing on parliamentary action to combat disinformation and “fake news”

2.30 p.m. – 6.30 p.m. **Standing Committee on Sustainable Development, Finance and Trade**

Al Rayyan

- ◆ **Item 5:** *The role of fair and free trade and investment in achieving the SDGs, especially regarding economic equality, sustainable infrastructure, industrialization and innovation*
 - Drafting of the resolution in plenary

Embassy night

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OTHER ASSEMBLY ACTIVITIES

- ◆ **Knowledge Fair for Education:** A number of stands have been set up close to the Plenary Hall, with a view to providing an opportunity for delegates to interact with members of education-related institutions and IPU partners. Exhibitors include H.E.R. Academy, the Qatar Foundation, the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO). The Fair will be open from 9 a.m. today, Sunday, 7 April until 2 p.m. on Wednesday, 10 April.
- ◆ **Technical briefing on universal health coverage:** The briefing will be given by experts from the World Health Organization (WHO). The event is by invitation; those wishing to attend are invited to contact Ms. Elisa Scolaro, WHO (scolaroe@who.int).
- ◆ **Side event on *National implementation of the Chemical Weapons Convention as a means to address threats arising from non-State actors*, organized by the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons in cooperation with the Government of the State of Qatar:** The event will take place in the Al Bashir room today, Sunday, 7 April 2019, from 12.30 p.m. to 2 p.m. A light lunch and refreshments will be served.

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OTHER INFORMATION

- ◆ **Assembly App:** As part of the IPU’s PaperSmart policy, an App is available which facilitates the online consultation of Assembly documents and provides access to Assembly-related information. It can be downloaded from the App Store on iOS devices and Play Store on Android (CrowdCompass AttendeeHub). Once downloaded, open the AttendeeHub app and enter “IPU 140 Assembly”. Delegations that wish to post their brochure on the App should forward the file in pdf format (not more than 10MB) to sas@ipu.org.
- ◆ **Print-on-demand service:** This service is available until 10 April at the Typing Pool and Photocopying Service (Business Center) for those delegates who wish to obtain additional copies of any documents published on the IPU Assembly web page.
- ◆ **IPU Assemblies in your pocket:** This booklet, which provides an overview of IPU Assembly procedures, is available on the App and IPU Assembly web page in English, French, Spanish and Arabic.
- ◆ **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, 9 April 2019**. The final List of Participants will be published on the IPU website.
- ◆ **Activities for accompanying persons:** Tours and visits may be booked at the Qatar National Tourism Council desk located behind the concierge’s desk in the Sheraton lobby. It is open between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m.

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COMMUNICATIONS INFORMATION

- ◆ **Social media:** Follow or join in the discussions at the Assembly on social media.
On Twitter: [IPUparliament](#) On Instagram: [ipu.parliament_official](#) On Facebook: [InterParliamentaryUnion](#)
Useful hashtags: #IPU140, #WomenMPs, #YoungMPs
- ◆ **Photos:** All official Assembly photographs will be uploaded on Flickr at regular times during the day: www.ipu.org/140pics. Please credit: Inter-Parliamentary Union.
- ◆ **Time for a selfie?** Come to the selfie box next to the Business Center.
- ◆ **Media enquiries:** For any media enquiries, please contact Thomas Fitzsimons on tf@ipu.org or +41 79 854 31 53.
- ◆ **Closing press conference (in the Media Center):** Wednesday 10 April, 1.30 p.m. – 2.30 p.m.

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VACANCIES TO BE FILLED AT THE 140th 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 (one-page maximum) curriculum vitae, as well as a completed contact information form (see www.ipu.org/download/5971). 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 https://www.ipu.org/sites/default/files/documents/form_vacancies_chrp_april_2019-e.pdf.

Candidatures from the geopolitical groups concerned, and, where applicable, from candidates, may be submitted to the Submission and Control of Documents Service (Dukhan Hall) up to 9.30 a.m. on Tuesday, 9 April 2019 for the Committees and other bodies. For the Standing Committee Bureaux, candidatures may be submitted up to one day before the time of the elections.

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FORUM OF YOUNG PARLIAMENTARIANS OF THE IPU

At its meeting today, 7 April 2019, the Forum will elect its Board. Please see the [Forum's revised agenda](#) for details regarding the election of the next President.

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On 10 April 2019, the Governing Council will hold elections as outlined below.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Governing Council will be required to elect **one member** (female) for the African Group.

COMMITTEES AND OTHER BODIES

Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians

The Governing Council will be required to elect **one member** (to serve in an individual capacity), preferably from the Asia-Pacific Group.

Committee on Middle East Questions

The Governing Council will be required to elect **two members** (female).

Group of Facilitators for Cyprus

The Governing Council will be required to elect **one facilitator**.

To date, the following candidature has been received:

– Ms. L. Quartapelle (Italy).

Committee to Promote Respect for International Humanitarian Law

The Governing Council will be required to elect **two members**: one member (female) for the Asia-Pacific Group; and one member (male) for the Eurasia Group.

High-level Advisory Group on Countering Terrorism and Violent Extremism

The Governing Council will be required to elect **21 members**: five members (at least two female and two male) for the African Group; two members (one female and one male) for the Arab Group; four members (two female and two male) for the Asia-Pacific Group; two members (one female and one male) for the Eurasia Group; three members (at least one female and one male) for the Group of Latin America and the Caribbean (GRULAC); and five members (at least two female and two male) for the Twelve Plus Group.

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STANDING COMMITTEE BUREAUX

The following elections to the Bureaux will be held.

Standing Committee on Peace and International Security (elections: 8 April, 9 a.m. sitting)

Five members: One member (female) for the African Group; two members (at least one female) for the Asia-Pacific Group; and two members (at least one female) for the Eurasia Group.

Standing Committee on Sustainable Development, Finance and Trade (elections: 9 April, 2.30 p.m. sitting)

Two members: One member (female) for the Asia-Pacific Group; and one member (female or male) for the Eurasia Group. In addition, the Bureau members from Jordan and Romania are completing their first two-year term and are eligible for re-election for a second term.

Standing Committee on Democracy and Human Rights (elections: 9 April, 9.30 a.m. sitting)

Three members: one member (female) for the Arab Group; one member (female or male) for GRULAC; and one member (female or male) for the Twelve Plus Group. In addition, the Bureau members from Burundi and Canada are completing their first two-year term and are eligible for re-election for a second term.

Standing Committee on United Nations Affairs (elections: 9 April, 9 a.m. sitting)

Two members: One member (female or male) for the African Group; and one member (female or male) for the Asia-Pacific Group. In addition, the Bureau members from Argentina and the Russian Federation are completing their first two-year term and are eligible for re-election for a second term.

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