



Addressing trade-related challenges of the 21st century: Making parliamentarians fit for action

Seminar for members of parliaments of Latin America and the Caribbean, organized by the Inter-Parliamentary Union and the European Parliament, in collaboration with the World Trade Organization and with the support of the National Congress of Argentina

**21 and 22 November 2019
National Congress of Argentina, Buenos Aires**

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Venue

1. The regional seminar in Buenos Aires will take place on the premises of the National Congress and Savoy Hotel:

National Congress of Argentina

Palacio Legislativo
Calle Rivadavia 1850
1033 Ciudad Autónoma de Buenos Aires
Tel.: (54-11) 4127-7100

Savoy Hotel

Av. Callao 181
1022 Ciudad Autónoma de Buenos Aires
Tel.: (54-11) 4370-8000

2. For additional information about the National Congress, official hotels and Buenos Aires main touristic attractions please visit <https://www.google.com/maps/d/viewer?hl=es-419&hl=es-419&mid=1UoRYj53Kdi4110iuLffnUnyZAtGTRoLd&ll=-34.597711348345335%2C-58.40798010693169&z=12>.

3. Ministro Pistarini International Airport, also known as Ezeiza International Airport, is 40 minutes away from the National Congress. Aeroparque Jorge Newbery Airport is 20 minutes away from the National Congress.

Date and timetable

4. The regional seminar will include two sittings on 21 and 22 November 2019. On 21 November, the session will run from 9.30 a.m. to 6.00 p.m. On 22 November, the meeting will start at 9.00 a.m. and finish at 18.15 p.m. For more details, please consult the agenda.

Participation and registration

5. The meeting is intended primarily for legislators who are involved in parliamentary activities dealing with international trade, finance and development.

6. Members of parliament and accompanying staff travelling to Buenos Aires for the regional seminar are responsible for making their own travel and accommodation arrangements and for obtaining entry visas for Argentina, if necessary.

7. All delegates are requested to complete the enclosed registration form, which can also be downloaded from the IPU website at: (<https://www.ipu.org/events/future-events>). The form should be returned to the IPU Secretariat by 31 October at the latest. Any modifications concerning the composition of the delegation should likewise be communicated to the IPU Secretariat.
8. Due to the limited seating capacity of the meeting rooms, the number of parliamentarians per delegation should normally not exceed four. Parliaments are encouraged to strive for gender-balanced delegations.
9. The Registration Desk at Savoy Hotel will be located at the entrance of the meeting room the day before the meeting.
10. Participants are kindly informed that access to the National Congress and Savoy Hotel will be subject to some restrictions. All delegates are therefore requested to wear their identification badges – delivered upon prior and on time registration – at all times during the seminar and at social functions/events.

List of delegates

11. A provisional list of delegates taking part in the seminar will be available at the Registration Desk on 21 November. This list will be drafted on the basis of confirmations received by the IPU Secretariat. Delegates are kindly requested to report any changes to the provisional list to the Registration Desk no later than 12 p.m. (noon) on 22 November. The final list of delegates will be published on the IPU website after the meeting.

Working modalities

12. Detailed work programme of the seminar will be circulated in advance of the event and published on the IPU website.
13. All agenda items will be addressed in plenary. The programme will include presentations by the panellists followed by debates.
14. The format of the seminar being largely interactive, delegates are requested to avoid reading formal prepared statements. Instead, they are invited to participate in the debate by making brief statements and formulating questions and proposals. As there will be no formal list of speakers drawn up in advance, the order of interventions and questions will be decided by the chairs of the sittings.

Outcome document of the Regional Seminar Addressing trade-related challenges of the 21st century: Making parliamentarians fit for action

15. In the last session of Friday, November 22, 2019, the working groups will identify key parliamentary actions to define the way forward.

Languages

16. Simultaneous interpretation will be provided in English, Portuguese and Spanish. Official documentation of the seminar will be available in English, Portuguese Spanish only.

Documents

17. The official documents of the seminar include the concept note, the provisional agenda, list of delegates, and the draft outcome document prepared at the end of the meeting.
18. Should participants wish to distribute their own documents or other material pertaining to the agenda of the seminar, they are kindly requested to inform the organizers about it as early as possible. The National Congress of Argentina will provide tables for that purpose which will be located just outside the entrance of the meeting room.

Visas

19. All delegates requiring an entry visa to Argentina should request one sufficiently ahead of time. Information on the visa application process can be found at:

<https://www.argentina.gob.ar/obtener-visa-de-turista-para-ingresar-la-argentina>

Travel and hotel accommodation

20. Delegates are responsible for making their own travel and accommodation arrangements. The availability of hotel rooms at Savoy Hotel, the official hotel of the meeting and with preferential rate, in Buenos Aires at the time of the seminar will be limited. It is therefore recommended to book hotel rooms as soon as possible.

21. However delegates, should they wish it, might book rooms at hotels from the list below.

Five-star hotels

- **Intercontinental Buenos Aires Hotel** (<http://intercontinental-buenos-aires-hotel.hotel-ds.com/en/>)
809 Moreno St. - C1091AAQ, Buenos Aires
- **Hotel NH Buenos Aires City** (<https://www.nh-hotels.com/hotel/nh-buenos-aires-city>).
Bolívar 160 - C1066AAD, Buenos Aires
Reservations tel.: +54.11.5984.2626
- **Hilton Buenos Aires** (<http://www3.hilton.com/en/hotels/argentina/hilton-buenos-aires-BUEH1HH/index.html>)
Av. Macacha Guemes 351, Puerto Madero - C1106BKG, Buenos Aires
Reservations tel.: +54-11-4891-0000, e-mail: reservations.buenosaires@hilton.com
- **Panamericano Buenos Aires Hotel** (<https://www.panamericano.us/en/>).
Av. Carlos Pellegrini 551 - 1009 Buenos Aires
Reservations tel.: +54.11.5354.2031, e-mail: reservas@panamericano.us

Four-star hotels

- **Savoy Hotel** (www.savoyhotel.com.ar)
Av. Callao 181, C1022AAB Buenos Aires
Reservations tel.: +54.11. 4370.8079, fax: +54.11.4370.8020 or email ventas1@savoyhotel.com.ar
- **Tango de Mayo Hotel** (<http://www.tango-hotel.com.ar/index.php?lng=en>)
Av. De Mayo 1396 - C1085ABQ Monserrat, Buenos Aires
Reservations tel.: +54.11.3221.6580, e-mail: verde@tango-hotel.com.ar
- **Hotel Uno Buenos Aires Suites** (<http://www.unosuites.com/en/>)
Av. Rivadavia 1944 - C1033AAJ, Buenos Aires
Reservations tel.: +54.11.3531.7777, e-mail: front@unosuites.com

Miscellaneous

22. For information concerning weather conditions, currency, local transport, telecommunications, catering and medical services in Buenos Aires, the organizers will publish a practical information booklet by October 31st, that will be sent to the delegates and also displayed on the IPU website.

Requests for further information

23. Requests for further information concerning the Buenos Aires regional seminar should be addressed to:

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