



# 142<sup>nd</sup> IPU ASSEMBLY AND RELATED MEETINGS

Geneva, 16–20 April 2020

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## Provisional agenda of the Forum of Women Parliamentarians 31<sup>st</sup> session

Geneva, 16 and 19 April 2020

*Thursday, 16 April 2020, 10.30 a.m.–1 p.m. and 2.30–5.30 p.m., Room 2, level 0, CICG*  
*Sunday, 19 April 2020, 2–3.30 p.m. and 6–6.30 p.m., Rooms 3 & 4, level 0, CICG*

### I. MEETING SCHEDULE AND SPEAKING ARRANGEMENTS

The 31<sup>st</sup> session of the Forum of Women Parliamentarians will be held at the International Conference Centre of Geneva (CICG), Switzerland. The Forum will have two sittings: the first on Thursday, 16 April 2020, 10.30 a.m.–1 p.m. and 2.30–5.30 p.m.; and the second on Sunday, 19 April 2020, 2–3.30 p.m. and 6–6.30 p.m.

The session of the Forum of Women Parliamentarians is open to women and men parliamentarians who wish to take part in the various discussions and debates. The session is meant to elicit spontaneous and active debate. Speaking time may not exceed three minutes. There will be no formal list of speakers. In plenary, participants will be able to request the floor by completing the form to be found on the desks.

### II. ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

*First sitting*  
*Thursday, 16 April 2020, 10.30 a.m.–1 p.m. and 2.30–5.30 p.m.*  
*Room 2, level 0, CICG*

1. **Welcoming remarks**
2. **Adoption of the agenda**
3. **Activities to advance gender equality**
  - (a) Report of the Bureau of Women Parliamentarians  
Participants will be briefed about the Bureau's deliberations at its sessions in Belgrade on 13 October 2019 and in Geneva on 16 April 2020.
  - (b) Report of the Gender Partnership Group  
Participants will be briefed about the work and recommendations of the Gender Partnership Group. The Group is composed of two men and two women members of the Executive Committee. It works to ensure gender equality within the IPU, initiates reforms in this area and oversees their implementation.
  - (c) Update on recent IPU activities for the promotion of gender equality  
Participants will be briefed about the IPU's recent activities to promote gender equality.

*The discussion will conclude by 11.30 a.m.*

**4. Contributing to the work of the 142<sup>nd</sup> Assembly from a gender perspective**

Participants will discuss the two draft resolutions that are on the agenda of the 142<sup>nd</sup> Assembly, entitled *Parliamentary strategies to strengthen peace and security against threats and conflicts resulting from climate-related disasters and their consequences* (Standing Committee on Peace and International Security) and *Mainstreaming digitalization and the circular economy to achieve the SDGs, particularly responsible consumption and production* (Standing Committee on Sustainable Development). Participants will discuss each draft resolution from a gender perspective and make recommendations on gender-related amendments to be submitted by the Forum of Women Parliamentarians to the Standing Committee on Peace and International Security and to the Standing Committee on Sustainable Development. For this purpose, they will work in two groups as follows:

Group 1 will discuss:

*Parliamentary strategies to strengthen peace and security against threats and conflicts resulting from climate-related disasters and their consequences.*

Group 2 will discuss:

*Mainstreaming digitalization and the circular economy to achieve SDGs, particularly responsible consumption and production.*

After a short presentation of the two draft resolutions, the Forum will split into the discussion groups. On the recommendation of its Bureau, the Forum will designate a Chairperson and a Rapporteur for each group. The Rapporteurs will submit the groups' recommendations to the Forum of Women Parliamentarians at its afternoon sitting.

*Each group will meet from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m.*

*Group 1 will meet in room 2, level 0, CICG.*

*Group 2 will meet in room Genève, CCV Annex Building, CICG.*

*The Forum will resume its work at 2.30 p.m.*

**5. Panel discussion – Equality in politics: Fulfilling the promise 25 years after Beijing**

*The panel discussion will conclude by 4.30 p.m.*

**6. Reports of the discussion groups' Rapporteurs**

The discussion groups' Rapporteurs will present their reports. The Forum will then ask them to consult with the President of the Bureau of Women Parliamentarians and prepare amendments aimed at enhancing the gender perspective of the draft resolutions to be presented during the debates of the Standing Committee on Peace and International Security (scheduled for Friday, 17 April, 9.30 a.m.–1 p.m.), and of the Standing Committee on Sustainable Development (scheduled for Friday 17 April, 9.30 a.m.–1 p.m.).

*Second sitting*

*Sunday, 19 April 2020, 2–3.30 p.m. and 6–6.30 p.m.*

*Rooms 3 & 4, level 0, CICG*

**7. Elections to the Bureau of Women Parliamentarians (2–3.30 p.m.)**

The Forum of Women Parliamentarians will renew half of the membership of its Bureau to replace those regional representatives whose terms expire in April 2020, as well as those members who have lost their seats in parliament.

After the elections, the sitting will be suspended until 6 p.m. to allow the newly constituted Bureau to meet *in camera* and select candidates for the positions of presiding officers: President, First Vice-President and Second Vice-President.

**7. (continued) Elections of the presiding officers of the Bureau of Women Parliamentarians (6–6.30 p.m.)**

The Forum of Women Parliamentarians will resume its sitting to approve the candidatures for the positions of President, First Vice-President and Second Vice-President of the Bureau of Women Parliamentarians.

**8. Venue and date of the 32<sup>nd</sup> session of the Forum of Women Parliamentarians**

**COMPOSITION AND OFFICERS OF THE BUREAU  
OF WOMEN PARLIAMENTARIANS  
(as at 12 November 2019)**

**OFFICERS (April 2018–2020)**

**President: Ms. S. Kihika (Kenya)**

**First Vice-President: *Vacancy***

**Second Vice-President: Ms. A. Tolley (New Zealand)**

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**REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVES**

**Expiry of term**

**African Group:**

Ms. M. Drame (Mali)

Ms. S. Kihika (Kenya)

April 2022

**Ms. K. Bukar Abba (Nigeria)**

***Vacancy***

April 2020

**Arab Group:**

*Vacancy*

Ms. I. Almlohi (Syrian Arab Republic)

April 2022

**Ms. H. Alhelaissi (Saudi Arabia)**

**Ms. M. Azer Abdelmalak (Egypt)**

April 2020

**Asia-Pacific Group:**

Ms. P. Maadam (India)

Ms. F. Hosseini (Islamic Rep. of Iran)

April 2022

**Ms. S. Sirivejchapun (Thailand)**

**Ms. R.W Karirathna (Sri Lanka)**

April 2020

**Eurasia Group:**

Ms. E. Vtorygina (Russian Federation)

Ms. Z. Greceanii (Rep. of Moldova)

April 2022

**Ms. L. Gumerova (Russian Federation)**

***Vacancy***

April 2020

**Group of Latin American and the Caribbean:**

Ms. J. Álvarez Vera (Chile)

Ms. K. Sosa de Rodas (El Salvador)

April 2022

**Ms. E. Mendoza Fernández (Bolivia)**

**Ms. K. Beteta (Peru)**

April 2020

**Twelve Plus Group:**

Ms. A. Tolley (New Zealand)

Ms. L. Vasylenko (Ukraine)

April 2022

**Ms. S. Ataullajhan (Canada)**

**Ms. S. Koutra-Koukouma (Cyprus)**

April 2020

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**MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

**Expiry of term**

*(ex officio, for the duration of their term on the Executive Committee)*

Ms. E. Anyakun (Uganda)

October 2023

Ms. C. Widegren (Sweden)

October 2023

Ms. P. Krairiksh (Thailand)

October 2023

Ms. A.D. Mergane Kanouté (Senegal)

April 2023

Ms. M. Kiener Nellen (Switzerland)

October 2021

Ms. Y. Ferrer Gómez (Cuba)

October 2020

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**PRESIDENTS OF THE FORUM OF WOMEN PARLIAMENTARIANS**

**Expiry of term**

*(ex officio for two years)*

Ms. R. Al-Mansoori (Qatar)

April 2021

Ms. G. Čomić (Serbia)

October 2021