Fifth World Conference of Speakers of Parliament

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In-person conference, 2021 in Vienna

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Draft Programme

Wednesday, 19 August 2020

14.00–14.45 (Geneva time) Inauguration of the Speakers’ Conference
Opening remarks by:
- Mr. Wolfgang Sobotka,
  President, Austrian National Council
- Ms. Gabriela Cuevas Barron,
  IPU President
- Mr. António Guterres,
  United Nations Secretary-General

14.45–15.30 Setting the stage: Davos-style interactive debate on health, climate and the economy

15.30–16.00 Presentation of reports:
- Making gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls a reality: Best practices and parliamentary commitments
- Stepping up youth participation in politics and parliaments: From words to action
- Decade of action to achieve the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

16.00–16.45 Panel discussion: Stepping up parliamentary action: The climate change emergency

16.45–17.30 Panel discussion: Human mobility in pursuit of a better life: Challenges, opportunities and solutions
Thursday, 20 August 2020

14.00–14.20 (GVA time) Presentation of reports (continuation)
- Democracy and the changing role of parliament in the twenty-first century
- Science, technology and ethics: Emerging challenges and urgent solutions

14.20–15.05 Panel discussion: Improving governance by bridging the gap between parliaments and the people

15.10–15.55 Panel discussion: Forging inclusive and sustainable economies that deliver well-being and justice for all

16.00–16.45 Special event: Countering terrorism and violent extremism: The perspective of victims

16.45–17.30 Adoption of the Declaration

17.30–18.00 Closing remarks