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# Fifth World Conference of Speakers of Parliament

Virtual meeting, 19 and 20 August 2020  
In-person conference, 2021 in Vienna

## General information on the virtual meeting

### About

The World Conference of Speakers of Parliament brings together Speakers of parliament from across the world and represents a unique global forum for parliamentary dialogue and engagement at the highest level. The past four Conferences, held every five years since the 2000 Millennium Summit, have shaped the parliamentary dimension of global governance and helped bridge the democracy gap in international relations.

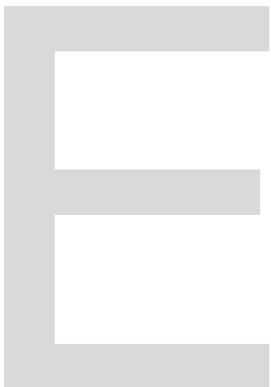
The **Fifth World Conference of Speakers of Parliament (5WCSP)** will convene in a virtual format on 19 and 20 August 2020 and will be preceded by the 13th Summit of Women Speakers of Parliament on 17 and 18 August 2020 (also in virtual format). These will be complemented by in-person conferences in Vienna in 2021 (further information to be provided in due course).

The overall theme of the 5WCSP will focus on ***Parliamentary leadership for more effective multilateralism that delivers peace and sustainable development for the people and planet.***

### Structure and technical aspects

The virtual segment of the 5WCSP will open at 2 p.m. (CEST) on 19 August and close its proceedings at 6 p.m. (CEST) on 20 August 2020 – see programme and related documents at <https://www.ipu.org/event/fifth-world-conference-speakers-parliament#event-sub-page-22190/>

The event will be hosted through a remote conferencing platform with technical support. Parliamentary delegations and other participants will be informed in late July of the platform selected. Additional information on how to access and navigate the various sessions will be sent to the email addresses provided during the registration process.



## Videos and photographs

Short videos and photographs of each parliamentary Speaker may be sent to IPU Communications ([press@ipu.org](mailto:press@ipu.org)), ideally by 1 August 2020. The videos should focus on the overall theme of the 5WCSP: ***Parliamentary leadership for more effective multilateralism that delivers peace and sustainable development for the people and planet***. The videos will be used for promotional purposes in the lead-up to the Conference. They are intended as a complement or alternative to the usual prepared statements (see explanations below). The IPU President will also contribute her own videos and photographs. In their videos, we recommend that Speakers take inspiration from the following guiding question: ***What leadership role can parliaments play in building back better after the pandemic?***

**Videos** should comply with the following specifications to maximize exposure on social media:

- **1 minute MAXIMUM** (short length is important for social media)
- MP4 format
- Recorded in one of the six UN working languages: Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish
- Subtitled in English and/or French
- Recommended format is 16:9 ratio with 1920 x 1080 resolution
- For best results, film headshots with a neutral or unfocused background

**Photos** of the parliamentary Speakers will be used in a group picture and also for the IPU's digital and social media platforms.

Pictures should comply with the following specifications:

- Portrait format
- Headshot
- Neutral background
- 2400 x 3000 resolution recommended

**Davos-style debate** – will have high-profile panellists, with the IPU President acting as moderator. It will last 45 minutes. The idea is to foster open debate and lively interaction.

**Conference reports** – will be presented by their lead Speakers, each of whom will speak for a maximum of **3 minutes**, followed by a question-and-answer session.

**Interactive panel discussions** – will be introduced by their lead Speakers, each of whom will make brief introductory remarks (maximum of **4 minutes** – moderators will make sure time limits are respected). Speakers are invited to indicate by 1 August up to three options of panel discussions in which they wish to speak (**1–2 minutes**, see registration form in attachment) – to make brief comments on the theme of the panel or address questions to the panellists. Based on the responses from Members, the Secretariat will draw up, in consultation with the lead Speakers, a tentative speaking list that ensures gender and geographic balance. In principle, a maximum of 8–10 Speakers will be able to speak in each panel discussion.

**Declaration** – the preliminary draft Declaration has been circulated to all national parliaments for their input and possible amendments (deadline of 20 July). Based on the input received, the Preparatory Committee will finalize the Declaration, which is expected to be adopted at the last sitting of the Conference (20 August).

## Speeches

Due to time constraints, there will be no general debate during the virtual segment of the Speakers' Conference. The full text of prepared statements on the overall theme of the Conference (in English, French or Spanish) may nonetheless be sent in advance to the IPU Secretariat ([speeches@ipu.org](mailto:speeches@ipu.org)), so that they may be posted on the Conference website and reflected in the report produced on the event.

## Interpretation

The IPU will provide interpretation in the six UN languages: Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish. Speakers may deliver their remarks in another language provided that they arrange for it to be interpreted simultaneously into one of the IPU's official languages (English and French) by a person designated by them. To allow for all necessary arrangements to be made in good time, delegations should contact the IPU Secretariat ([sas@ipu.org](mailto:sas@ipu.org)) well in advance (by 1 August at the latest).

## Registration and list of participants

The 5WCSP event registration system was launched on 22 April (<https://registration.ipu.org/d/wnqcd5/>). As the 2020 event will be held in virtual format, parliamentary delegations are limited to the Speaker, two members of parliament, and two parliamentary staff members (per parliamentary chamber), whose names will be included in the list of participants. Observer delegations may register a maximum of two representatives.



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## Speaking Preferences *Panel discussions*

There will be no general debate during the virtual session of the Speakers' Conference. Instead, delegations are kindly requested to send in copies of their Speaker's prepared remarks, which will be posted on the Conference website and reflected in the report produced on the event. As indicated in the general information note, we also warmly encourage you to provide a one-minute video message from your respective Speaker, which we will seek to actively promote through the IPU social media channels.

If your Speaker wishes to take the floor (maximum 2 minutes) during one of the five thematic panel discussions, please return this form, indicating three options in descending order of preference (no. 1, 2 and 3) to the IPU Secretariat **by 3 August at the latest**.

Please note that there is a very limited number of slots (10 maximum) for each of the five events. The Secretariat will therefore draw up, in consultation with the lead Speakers for each of the panels, a tentative speaking list that ensures gender and geographic balance.

**Ms. / Mr.:**

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**Speaker of:** *(please indicate exact title and chamber)*

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**Country:**

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**Wishes to make a brief statement at the following panel discussion:**

Option 1 ..... (event topic<sup>1</sup>)

Option 2 ..... (event topic<sup>1</sup>)

Option 3 ..... (event topic<sup>1</sup>)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**Kindly fill out this form and return it no later than 6 p.m. (CEST) on 3 August 2020** to [postbox@ipu.org](mailto:postbox@ipu.org) or + 41 22 919 41 60

<sup>1</sup> Climate change emergency (19 August, 4–4.45 p.m.)  
Human mobility (19 August, 4.45–5.30 p.m.)  
Improving governance (20 August, 2.20–3.05 p.m.)  
Inclusive and sustainable economies (20 August, 3.10–3.55 p.m.)  
Countering terrorism and violent extremism (20 August, 4–4.45 p.m.)

