Fifth World Conference of Speakers of Parliament

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

Programme

Wednesday, 19 August 2020

14.00–14.30 (CEST)  Inauguration of the Speakers’ Conference
Opening remarks by:
- Ms. Gabriela Cuevas Barron, IPU President
- Mr. Wolfgang Sobotka, President, Austrian National Council
- Mr. António Guterres, United Nations Secretary-General

14.35–15.20  Setting the stage: Interactive debate on health, climate and the economy
Chair: Ms. Gabriela Cuevas Barron, IPU President
Anchor: Ms. Claire Doole
Special guests:
- Ms. Sarah Gilbert
  Professor of Vaccinology, University of Oxford
- Ms. Phoebe Koundouri
  Professor, Athens University of Economics and Business
  President-Elect, European Association of Environmental and Resource Economists
- Mr. Jeffrey Sachs
  Director of the Center for Sustainable Development and Professor, Columbia University
  Director, UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network

15.30–16.10  Presentation of reports:
Making gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls a reality: Best practices and parliamentary commitments
Lead Speakers:
- Mr. Kenneth Lusaka (Kenya)
- Ms. Donatille Mukabalisa (Rwanda)
- Ms. Shirin Sharmin Chaudhury (Bangladesh)

Stepping up youth participation in politics and parliaments: From words to action
Lead Speakers:
- Lord Fakafanua (Tonga)
- Ms. Fawzia Zainal (Bahrain)
- Mr. Slimane Chenine (Algeria)
Decade of action to achieve the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

Lead Speakers:
- Mr. Chuan Leekpai (Thailand)
- Ms. Tone Wilhelmsen Trøen (Norway)

16.20–17.05 Panel discussion: Stepping up parliamentary action: The climate change emergency

Lead Speakers:
- Mr. César Litardo Caicedo (Ecuador)
- Ms. Roser Suñé Pascuet (Andorra)
- Mr. Haroun Kabadi (Chad)

Panellists:
- Ms. Yolanda Kakabadse  
  Former President, Word Wildlife Fund (WWF) and International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)
- Mr. Luis Alfonso de Alba  
  Special Envoy of the UN Secretary-General for the 2019 Climate Summit

17.15–18.00 Panel discussion: Human mobility in pursuit of a better life: Challenges, opportunities and solutions

Lead Speakers:
- Ms. Laura Rojas (Mexico)
- Mr. Mustafa Şentop (Turkey)
- Ms. Zinaida Greceanîi (Republic of Moldova)

Panellists:
- Ms. Gillian Triggs  
  Assistant High Commissioner for Protection, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)
- Mr. Gilles Carbonnier  
  Vice-President, International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC)

Thursday, 20 August 2020

14.00–14.25 Presentation of reports (continuation)

Democracy and the changing role of parliament in the twenty-first century

Lead Speakers:
- Mr. Demetris Syllouris (Cyprus)
- Ms. Rebecca Alitwala Kadaga (Uganda)

Science, technology and ethics: Emerging challenges and urgent solutions

Lead Speakers:
- Mr. Yariv Levin (Israel)
- Ms. Akiko Santo (Japan)

14.30–15.15 Panel discussion: Improving governance by bridging the gap between parliaments and the people

Lead Speakers:
- Mr. Jan Anthone Bruijn (Netherlands)
- Ms. Puan Maharani (Indonesia)

Panellists:
- Ms. Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka  
  Executive Director, UN Women
- Mr. Fabrizio Hochschild-Drummond  
  Special Advisor to the UN Secretary-General on the Commemoration of the United Nations 75th Anniversary
15.25–16.10 Panel discussion: *Forging inclusive and sustainable economies that deliver well-being and justice for all*

**Lead Speakers:**
- Ms. Gabriela Cuevas Barron (IPU President)
- Mr. Jacob F. Mudenda (Zimbabwe)

**Panellists:**
- Mr. Augustus Nuwagaba
  Professor, Makerere University
- Ms. Armida Salsiah Alisjahbana
  Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations and Executive Secretary, United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP)

16.20–17.05 Special event: *Countering terrorism and violent extremism: The perspective of victims*

**Testimony:**
- Mr. Imrana Alhaji Buba
  Young victim from Nigeria, founder of the Youth Coalition Against Terrorism (YOCAT)

**Lead Speakers:**
- Mr. Wolfgang Sobotka (Austria)
- Ms. Beatriz Argimón (Uruguay)
- Mr. Reinhold Lopatka, President of the IPU High-Level Advisory Group on Countering Terrorism and Violent Extremism

**Panellists:**
- Ms. Ghada Fathi Waly
  Director-General, United Nations Office at Vienna
  Executive Director, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)
- Mr. Vladimir Voronkov
  Under-Secretary-General, United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism (UNOCT)

17.10–18.00 Adoption of the Declaration on parliamentary leadership for more effective multilateralism that delivers peace and sustainable development for the people and planet

**Closing remarks**
- Mr. Wolfgang Sobotka
  President, Austrian National Council
- Mr. Tijani Muhammad-Bande
  President of the UN General Assembly
- Ms. Gabriela Cuevas Barron
  IPU President