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Time	Meeting	Place
8 a.m. – 9 a.m.	Steering Committee of the Assembly <i>The Steering Committee is composed of the President of the IPU and the Vice-President of the Executive Committee, as well as the Presidents of the Standing Committees.</i>	VIP Salon level 3, CIGG (in camera)
8 a.m. – 9 a.m.	Board of the Forum of Young Parliamentarians of the IPU	Salle Genève CCV annexe, CIGG (in camera)
9 a.m. – 11 a.m.	Governing Council <ul style="list-style-type: none">♦ Reports by the President and Secretary General♦ Financial situation of the IPU♦ Reports on recent IPU specialized meetings	Room 1 level 1, CIGG
9 a.m. – 11 a.m.	Bureau of the Standing Committee on United Nations Affairs	Room 18 level -1, CIGG (in camera)
9.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.	Standing Committee on Peace and International Security <ul style="list-style-type: none">♦ Item 4: Sustaining peace as a vehicle for achieving sustainable development<ul style="list-style-type: none">– Presentation of the draft resolution; debate <i>co-Rapporteurs:</i> – Ms. M. Vargas Barcena (Mexico) – Mr. A. Caroni (Switzerland)	Room 2 level 0, CIGG
9.30 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Standing Committee on Sustainable Development, Finance and Trade <ul style="list-style-type: none">♦ Item 5: Engaging the private sector in implementing the SDGs, especially on renewable energy<ul style="list-style-type: none">– Presentation of the draft resolution; debate; start of drafting of the resolution in plenary <i>co-Rapporteurs:</i> – Mr. A. Gryffroy (Belgium) – Mr. D. Duong Quoc Anh (Viet Nam)	Rooms 3 & 4 level 0, CIGG

GENERAL DEBATE – IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Seating arrangements in view of high attendance – Plenary Hall (Room 1). On the basis of seats available at desks, most delegations will be allocated four seats (two at desks). Where possible, delegations led by a Speaker of Parliament and Members entitled to 10-MP delegations will have a total of six seats (three at desks). Single-member delegations and Observers will have one desk seat.

Interpretation. Delegates may, exceptionally, use another language provided that they arrange for their speech to be interpreted into one of the IPU's official languages by a member of their delegation who will be given access to an interpretation booth. To allow for all necessary arrangements to be made in good time, delegations should contact, well in advance, the Chief Interpreter (Ms. F. Steinig-Huang) through the English booth interpreters assigned to the meeting at which the speech will be delivered. Moreover, eight copies of the translation of the speech into one of the IPU's official languages should be given to the Chief Interpreter or to the English booth for distribution to the other interpreters. Electronic copies of speeches should be e-mailed in PDF format to speeches@ipu.org, a minimum of three hours before the speech is to be made, so as to also ensure a high quality of simultaneous interpretation into the other working languages.

Publication of speeches: As far as possible, the texts of official statements delivered in the General Debate will be published on the Assembly web page and be part of the records of the Assembly. Due to technical limitations, only speeches in English, French and Spanish will be published. Please note that the IPU Secretariat is not in a position to translate the texts of speeches.

¹ Information as at 6 p.m. on 24 March.

11 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Assembly ♦ Inaugural session of the General Debate on <i>Strengthening the global regime for migrants and refugees: The need for evidence-based policy solutions</i> – Special guest speakers for high-level interactive session: › Mr. William Lacy Swing, Director General, International Organization for Migration › Mr. Zeid Ra'ad Al Hussein, United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights › Mr. Filippo Grandi, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees	Room 1 level 1, CIGG
12.15 p.m. – 1 p.m.	♦ Start of the General Debate (A list of speakers is available.) – High-level segment of the General Debate	
11.30 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Bureau of the Standing Committee on Democracy and Human Rights	Room 18 level -1, CIGG (in camera)
2.30 p.m. – 6.30 p.m.	Assembly 2.30 p.m. – 5 p.m. ♦ Continuation of the General Debate 5 p.m. – 6.30 p.m. ♦ Decision on the emergency item	Room 1 level 1, CIGG
2.30 p.m. – 5.30 p.m.	Standing Committee on Peace and International Security ♦ Item 4: Sustaining peace as a vehicle for achieving sustainable development – Drafting of the resolution in plenary	Room 2 level 0, CIGG
2.30 p.m. – 6 p.m.	Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians The Committee will hold hearings on cases in Turkey and Zambia.	Salle Lausanne CCV Annexe, CIGG (in camera)
2.30 p.m. – 6.30 p.m.	Forum of Young Parliamentarians of the IPU ♦ Contribution to the work of the 138 th Assembly ♦ Update and discussion on the Forum's workplan and activities (2017-2018) ♦ Preparations for the 139 th Assembly ♦ Q&A session on policy reform related to HIV and youth	Rooms 3 & 4 level 0, CIGG
6.30 p.m.	Reception hosted by Switzerland	Events area level 1, CIGG

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Preview of main programme for Monday, 26 March

<u>9 a.m. – 1 p.m.</u> 9 a.m. – 10.30 a.m. 10.30 a.m. – 1 p.m. & <u>2.30 p.m. – 6.30 p.m.</u> 3 p.m. – 3.30 p.m.	Assembly ♦ Debate on the emergency item ♦ Continuation of the General Debate ♦ Continuation of the General Debate ♦ Interactive session with Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, Director-General of the World Health Organization	Room 1 level 1, CIGG
9.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.	Standing Committee on Peace and International Security ♦ Item 4: Sustaining peace as a vehicle for achieving sustainable development – Finalization of the draft resolution in plenary	Room 2 level 0, CIGG
9.30 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Standing Committee on Democracy and Human Rights ♦ Debate on <i>Strengthening inter-parliamentary cooperation on migration and migration governance in view of the adoption of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration</i>	Rooms 3 & 4 level 0, CIGG

12.45 p.m. – 2.15 p.m.	Interactive session on <i>Ensuring accountability and oversight for adolescent health</i>	Room 18 level -1, CICG
2.30 p.m. – 6.30 p.m.	Standing Committee on Sustainable Development, Finance and Trade ♦ Item 5: <i>Engaging the private sector in implementing the SDGs, especially on renewable energy</i> – Drafting of the resolution in plenary	Rooms 3 & 4 level 0, CI CG

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OTHER INFORMATION

- ♦ **Assembly App:** As part of the IPU's PaperSmart policy and also to enhance delegates' participation in IPU Assemblies, an App is available which facilitates the online consultation of Assembly documents and provides access to Assembly-related information. The App can be downloaded through the CrowdCompass AttendeeHub event name: IPU 138 Assembly or by personal e-mail invitation by sending a request to sas@ipu.org. IPU staff will be promoting the App and helping first-time users to download it and familiarize themselves with its various features. A user manual is available at www.ipu.org/download/4467 and can also be obtained, upon request, at the Registration Desk.
- ♦ **Survey on the global regime for migrants and refugees:** As part of the outcome of the General Debate, MPs are invited to contribute to the theme by completing a survey online, in English, French or Spanish (www.surveymonkey.com/r/9MG8GY (English), www.surveymonkey.com/r/Z625XNF (French), www.surveymonkey.com/r/2QTM8DY (Spanish)), or by filling out a paper version which is available in Room 1, during the Assembly plenary, until 4 p.m. today, Sunday, 25 March.
- ♦ **Survey on Assemblies and IPU Communications:** During the Assembly, IPU staff will be inviting delegates to complete a short survey on Assemblies and IPU Communications, the aim of which is to learn more about delegates' expectations and experiences at Assemblies, as well as to receive input that will help the IPU to craft its next communications strategy. The online version of the survey is available at www.surveygizmo.eu/s3/90072706/IPU and on the Assembly App; paper copies can be obtained from and returned to the Publications Stand.
- ♦ **UNHCR tent on display:** In view of the theme of the General Debate, an example of a tent and equipment for refugees is on display on the ground floor of the CIGG. A 10-minute film about the equipment is being shown next to the tent.
- ♦ **Humans and climate change exhibition:** *Humans&ClimateChangeStories* is a multimedia project that provides a documentary approach to the effects of climate change on our lives. Over the course of the next 10 years, the project will follow 12 families, scattered across the globe, who are directly affected by different types of climate change phenomena. Each family will be visited every three years. Through their stories, it is hoped to gain a better understanding of the effects of climate change on our daily lives and our capacity for resilience. The stories also put into perspective the social, economic and political forces that have an impact on environmental phenomena. Delegates are invited to view the exhibition which is on display on level 1 of the CIGG, by the main entrance to the Plenary Hall.
- ♦ **Pop-up discussion with the IPU Secretariat – Global Parliamentary Report on oversight and accountability:** The Report, published in October 2017, makes 28 recommendations for strengthening parliamentary oversight. Delegates are invited to come and talk with the Secretariat about the Report's findings and practical steps towards effective oversight of government, at the IPU Publications Desk, today, Sunday, 25 March between 11 a.m. and noon (English only).
- ♦ **Print-on-demand service:** This service is available at the Typing Pool and Photocopying Service (level -1, close to the Internet Corner) for those delegates who wish to obtain additional copies of any documents published on the IPU Assembly web page.
- ♦ **List of Participants:** Delegations are reminded that the provisional List of Participants is available for consultation on the Assembly App and that only a limited number of copies have been printed. In order to ensure the accuracy of the final List of Participants, delegations are kindly requested to report any changes to Ms. Marina Filippin at the Registration Desk by **12 noon on Tuesday, 27 March 2018**. The final list of participants will be published on the IPU website.
- ♦ Delegates will notice that **two boxes** have been provided on the counter at the Registration Desk for their use; one is for business cards and the other is for any suggestions delegates may wish to make regarding IPU Assemblies.
 - ♦ **IPU gift items:** IPU logo gift items will be on sale at a stand located on level 0 of the CIGG, near the coffee bar. The stand will be open from Monday, 26 to Wednesday, 28 March, between 12 noon and 2 p.m. Please note that only cash in Swiss francs (CHF) will be accepted.

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MEDIA INFORMATION



Follow or join in the discussions at the Assembly on **Twitter** using **#IPU138** (www.twitter.com/ipuparliament). Follow the IPU on @IPUParliament, the Forum of Women Parliamentarians on #WomenMPs and the Forum of Young Parliamentarians on #YoungMPs.



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For further information, please contact Ms. Jean Milligan (e-mail: jm@ipu.org; mobile: +41 79 854 31 53).

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VACANCIES TO BE FILLED AT THE 138th ASSEMBLY

For more detailed information, please see [Vacancies](#) document.

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For all vacancies, candidatures should be accompanied by a signed cover letter and a brief curriculum vitae (one-page maximum). In addition, candidatures for the Standing Committee Bureaux should include a written commitment from the candidate's parliament, and candidates for the Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians are required to complete the vacancies form available at archive.ipu.org/hr-e/miscel/form-chnp.pdf.

Candidatures from the geopolitical groups concerned may be submitted to the Submission and Control of Documents Service (Office 224/225, level 2, CICG) up to 12 noon on Monday, 26 March 2018 for the Bureau of Women Parliamentarians and up to 9 a.m. on Tuesday, 27 March 2018 for the Committees and other bodies. For the Standing Committee Bureaux, candidatures may be submitted up to the time of the elections.

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BUREAU OF WOMEN PARLIAMENTARIANS

At its sitting on Tuesday, 27 March 2018, the Forum of Women Parliamentarians will hold elections to renew half of the membership of its Bureau and to fill **two** additional vacancies: one for the Arab Group and one for the Eurasia Group.

To date, the following candidatures have been received:

- Ms. E. Vtorygina (Russian Federation), Ms. S. Sardaryan (Armenia) and Ms. Z. Greceanii (Republic of Moldova): candidatures submitted by the Eurasia Group;*
- Ms. J. Alvarez (Chile) and Ms. K. Sosa (El Salvador): candidatures submitted by GRULAC;*
- Ms. U. Karlsson (Sweden) and Ms. A. Tolley (New Zealand): candidatures submitted by the Twelve Plus Group.*

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On 28 March 2018, the Governing Council will hold elections as outlined below.

COMMITTEES AND OTHER BODIES

Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians

The Governing Council will be required to elect **one member**, preferably from the Asia-Pacific Group.

To date, the following candidature has been received:

- Mr. D. Carter (New Zealand): candidature submitted by the candidate and supported by the Asia-Pacific Group and the Twelve Plus Group.*

Committee on Middle East Questions

The Governing Council will be required to elect **two members** (female), preferably from the African Group, the Eurasia Group or the Group of Latin America and the Caribbean (GRULAC).

To date, the following candidatures have been received:

- Ms. M. Guerra Castillo (Mexico): candidature submitted by GRULAC;*
- Mr. R. De Roon (Netherlands): candidature submitted by the Twelve Plus Group.*

Committee to Promote Respect for International Humanitarian Law

The Governing Council will be required to elect **one member** (male) for GRULAC.

To date, the following candidature has been received:

- Mr. A. Sinmalez (Ecuador): candidature submitted by GRULAC.*

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STANDING COMMITTEE BUREAUX

The following elections to the Bureaux will be held.

Standing Committee on Peace and International Security

Ten members: One member (female or male) for the African Group; two members (at least one female) for the Arab Group; three members (at least one male) for the Eurasia Group; two members (at least one male) for GRULAC; and two members (at least one male) for the Twelve Plus Group.

To date, the following candidatures have been received:

- Ms. V. Stratan (Republic of Moldova), Mr. K. Avagyan (Armenia) and Mr. S. Rakhmanov (Belarus): candidatures submitted by the Eurasia Group;*
- Mr. J.C. Mahía (Uruguay) and Ms. M. Arregui (Ecuador): candidatures submitted by GRULAC;*
- Mr. J.I. Echaniz (Spain) and Mr. H. Jelin (Israel): candidatures submitted by the Twelve Plus Group.*

Standing Committee on Sustainable Development, Finance and Trade

Five members: One member (female or male) for the African Group; one member (female or male) for the Arab Group; two members (at least one female) for the Asia-Pacific Group; and one member (male) for the Twelve Plus Group.

To date, the following candidatures have been received:

- Mr. V. Socratyanurak (Thailand): candidature submitted by the Asia-Pacific Group;*
- Ms. L. Gumerova (Russian Federation) and Ms. L. Nazaryan (Armenia): candidatures submitted by the Eurasia Group;*
- Ms. A. Mulder (Netherlands) and Mr. N. Evans (United Kingdom): candidatures submitted by the Twelve Plus Group.*

Standing Committee on Democracy and Human Rights

Seven members: One member (female or male) for the African Group; two members (at least one male) for the Arab Group; one member (female) for the Asia-Pacific Group; two members (at least one male) for GRULAC; and one member (female) for the Twelve Plus Group.

To date, the following candidatures have been received:

- Ms. S. Batsukh (Mongolia): candidature submitted by the Asia-Pacific Group;
- Ms. N. Rahmonova (Tajikistan), Ms. S. Isayan (Armenia) and Mr. V. Batrincea (Republic of Moldova): candidatures submitted by the Eurasia Group;
- Ms. G. Fermin (Dominican Republic) and Mr. M. Teixeira (Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela): candidatures submitted by GRULAC;
- Ms. A. Gerkens (Netherlands) and Ms. S. Lahaye-Battheu (Belgium): candidatures submitted by the Twelve Plus Group.

Standing Committee on United Nations Affairs

Seven members: Three members (at least one female) for the Arab Group; one member (female) for the Eurasia Group; two members (at least one male) for GRULAC; and one member (female or male) for the Twelve Plus Group.

To date, the following candidature has been received:

- Ms. D. Nazarbayeva (Kazakhstan): candidature submitted by the Eurasia Group;
- Mr. B.A. Llano (Paraguay) and Ms. M.J. Carrión (Ecuador): candidatures submitted by GRULAC;
- Mr. L. Wehrli (Switzerland): candidature submitted by the Twelve Plus Group.

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION – Presidencies of the Standing Committees

Further to consultations among the Geopolitical Groups, agreement has been reached on the following distribution of the presidencies of the Standing Committees:

- › Standing Committee on Peace and International Security: **Twelve Plus Group**;
- › Standing Committee on Sustainable Development, Finance and Trade: **African Group**;
- › Standing Committee on Democracy and Human Rights: **Asia-Pacific Group**;
- › Standing Committee on United Nations Affairs: **GRULAC**.

The Bureaux of the Standing Committees will discuss and make a recommendation for their Vice-President from among their members, either sitting (with a term ending no earlier than March 2020) or newly designated. New Bureau members duly designated by their respective Geopolitical Group may request to attend a part of the Bureau meeting to introduce themselves. Every effort will be made to ensure gender balance in the leadership of the Standing Committees.

The Presidents and Vice-Presidents of the Standing Committees will be formally elected at the last sitting of the Committee. Their mandate will commence immediately after the conclusion of the 138th Assembly, on 29 March.

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