



Inter-Parliamentary Union
For democracy. For everyone.

138th IPU ASSEMBLY AND RELATED MEETINGS

Geneva, 24 – 28.03.2018

No. 4

JOURNAL¹ Tuesday, 27 March 2018

Time	Meeting	Place
9 a.m. – 10 a.m.	Gender Partnership Group	Salle Genève CCV Annexe, CICG (in camera)
9 a.m. – 10.30 a.m.	Bureau of the Standing Committee on Sustainable Development, Finance and Trade	Salle Lausanne CCV Annexe, CICG (in camera)
9 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Standing Committee on United Nations Affairs <ul style="list-style-type: none">♦ Panel discussions on:<ul style="list-style-type: none">– Parliamentary follow-up on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in preparation for the 2018 session of the United Nations High-level Political Forum (HLPF) on Sustainable Development– <i>Transformation towards sustainable and resilient societies</i>, the main theme of the 2018 HLPF♦ Elections	Room 2 level 0, CICG
9.30 a.m. – 11.30 a.m.	Standing Committee on Peace and International Security <ul style="list-style-type: none">♦ Item 4: <i>Sustaining peace as a vehicle for achieving sustainable development</i><ul style="list-style-type: none">– Adoption of the draft resolution♦ Consideration of proposals for the Committee's agenda at the 139th Assembly♦ Elections	Rooms 3 & 4 level 0, CICG
10 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.	Executive Committee	Salle Genève CCV Annexe, CICG (in camera)
11 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Assembly <ul style="list-style-type: none">♦ Continuation of the General Debate on <i>Strengthening the global regime for migrants and refugees: The need for evidence-based policy solutions</i>	Room 1 level 1, CICG
12 noon – 1 p.m.	Forum of Women Parliamentarians <ul style="list-style-type: none">♦ Elections to the Bureau of Women Parliamentarians	Rooms 3 & 4 level 0, CICG
2.30 p.m. – 3.30 p.m.	Bureau of Women Parliamentarians <ul style="list-style-type: none">♦ Elections to the Presidency	Room 18 level -1, CICG (in camera)

¹ Information as at 6 p.m. on 26 March.

2.30 p.m. – 4 p.m.	Standing Committee on Sustainable Development, Finance and Trade <ul style="list-style-type: none">♦ Item 5: <i>Engaging the private sector in implementing the SDGs, especially on renewable energy</i><ul style="list-style-type: none">– Adoption of the draft resolution♦ Consideration of proposals for the Committee's agenda at the 139th and 140th Assemblies♦ Elections	Room 2 level 0, CIG
2.30 p.m. – 6 p.m.	Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians <p>The Committee will adopt draft decisions for submission to the Governing Council.</p>	Salle Lausanne CCV Annexe, CIG (in camera)
2.30 p.m. – 6.30 p.m.	Assembly <ul style="list-style-type: none">♦ Special segment on <i>The dangers of weapons of mass destruction</i> Guest speakers:<ul style="list-style-type: none">› Mr. Ahmet Üzümcü, Director-General of the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons› H.E. Ambassador Nobushige Takamizawa, President of the Fourth Conference of States Parties to the Arms Trade Treaty	Room 1 level 1, CIG
3 p.m. – 3.30 p.m.		
3.30 p.m. – 4 p.m.	♦ Item 9 (emergency item) – <i>The consequences of the US declaration on Jerusalem and the rights of the Palestinian people in Jerusalem in the light of the UN Charter and resolutions</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">– Adoption of the resolution	
4 p.m. – 6.30 p.m.	♦ Conclusion of the General Debate	
3.30 p.m. – 4 p.m.	Forum of Women Parliamentarians (continued) <ul style="list-style-type: none">♦ Approval of the elections to the Presidency of the Bureau of Women Parliamentarians	Rooms 3 & 4 level 0, CIG
4.30 p.m. – 6.30 p.m.	Standing Committee on Democracy and Human Rights <ul style="list-style-type: none">♦ Consideration of the proposal for a debate on <i>The role of parliaments in ending discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity, and ensuring respect for the human rights of LGBTI persons</i>♦ Elections	Room 2 level 0, CIG
4.30 p.m. – 6.30 p.m.	Interactive session with regional and other parliamentary assemblies and organizations on the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals	Salle Genève CCV Annexe, CIG

Preview of main programme for Wednesday, 28 March

9.30 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Governing Council <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Consideration of remaining items on the agenda, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – decisions on the human rights of parliamentarians – reports of specialized meetings 	Room 1 level 1, CICG
2.30 p.m. – 4.30 p.m.	Workshop on <i>The implementation of the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons</i>	Salle Genève CCV Annexe, CICG
2.30 p.m.	Governing Council <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Consideration of all remaining items on the agenda 	Room 1 level 1, CICG
At the end of the Governing Council	Assembly – Closing sitting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Resolution of the Standing Committee on Peace and International Security (Item 4) ♦ Resolution of the Standing Committee on Sustainable Development, Finance and Trade (Item 5) ♦ Reports of the Standing Committees (Item 6) ♦ Approval of the subject items for the Standing Committee on Peace and International Security and for the Standing Committee on Sustainable Development, Finance and Trade at the 140th IPU Assembly (Item 7) ♦ Outcome document of the General Debate ♦ Closure of the Assembly 	Room 1 level 1, CICG

*
* * *

OTHER INFORMATION

- ♦ **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 CIGC. 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 CIGC, by the main entrance to the Plenary Hall.
- ♦ **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:** 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 today, Tuesday, 27 March 2018**. The final List of Participants will be published on the IPU website.
- ♦ **IPU gift items:** IPU logo gift items are on sale at a stand located on level 0 of the CIGC, near the coffee bar. The stand is open until Wednesday, 28 March, between 12 noon and 2 p.m. Please note that only cash in Swiss francs (CHF) will be accepted.

* * *

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.



Photos from the Assembly are available on www.ipu.org/138pics. Please credit: Inter-Parliamentary Union.

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

*
* * *

VACANCIES TO BE FILLED AT THE 138th ASSEMBLY

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

* * *

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-chnrp.pdf.

For the Committees and other bodies, 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 9 a.m. today, Tuesday, 27 March 2018. For the Standing Committee Bureaux, candidatures may be submitted up to the time of the elections.

* * *

BUREAU OF WOMEN PARLIAMENTARIANS

At its sitting today, 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.

The following candidatures have been received:

- Ms. M. Drame (Mali) and Ms. S. Wakarura Kihika (Kenya): candidatures submitted by the African Group;
- Ms. I. Almlohi (Syrian Arab Republic) and Ms. A. Albasti (United Arab Emirates): candidatures submitted by the Arab Group;
- Ms. P. Maadam (India): candidature submitted by the Asia-Pacific Group;
- 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.

* * *

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. A. Makonda Ridley (Malawi): candidature submitted by the African Group;
- 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. Sinmaleza (Ecuador): candidature submitted by GRULAC.

* * *

STANDING COMMITTEE BUREAUX

Standing Committee on Peace and International Security

To date, the following candidatures have been received:

- Mr. R. Ibgokwe (Nigeria): candidature submitted by the African Group;
- Mr. A. Abdelrahman (Sudan) and Mr. A. Jasem Ahmad (United Arab Emirates): candidatures submitted by the Arab Group;
- Ms. V. Stratan (Republic of Moldova), and Mr. S. Rakhmanov (Belarus) also as vice-president: 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

To date, the following candidatures have been received:

- Mr. L.B. Penn (Togo): candidature submitted by the African Group;
- Mr. R. El Hilaa (Morocco) and Mr. M. Al-Juboori (Iraq): candidatures submitted by the Arab Group;
- Mr. V. Socratyanurak (Thailand): candidature submitted by the Asia-Pacific Group;
- Ms. L. Gumerova (Russian Federation): candidature 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

To date, the following candidatures have been received:

- Mr. R. Ossele Ndong (Gabon): candidature submitted by the African Group;
- Mr. M. Musa (Lebanon) and Mr. Y. Al-Khater (Qatar): candidatures submitted by the Arab Group;
- Ms. S. Batsukh (Mongolia): candidature submitted by the Asia-Pacific Group;
- Ms. N. Rahmonova (Tajikistan) 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

To date, the following candidatures have been received:

- Ms. S. Alhashim (Kuwait), Mr. A. Al Amri (Oman) and Mr. M Souf (Tunisia): candidatures submitted by the Arab Group;
- Ms. D. Nazarbayeva (Kazakhstan): candidature submitted by the Eurasia Group;
- Mr. B.A. Llano (Paraguay), Ms. M.J. Carrión (Ecuador) and Mr. J.C. Romero (Argentina): candidatures submitted by GRULAC;
- Mr. L. Wehrli (Switzerland): candidature submitted by the Twelve Plus Group.

* * *

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** (Ms. J. Mhlanga (Zimbabwe));
- › Standing Committee on Democracy and Human Rights: **Asia-Pacific Group** (Mr. A. Desai (India));
- › Standing Committee on United Nations Affairs: **GRULAC** (Mr. J.C. Romero (Argentina)).

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.

*
* * *