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Friday, 22 March 2013

Time	Meeting	Place
8 a.m. – 9.15 a.m.	Coordinating Committee of Women Parliamentarians	Salón Lequerica (in camera)
9.30 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Meeting of Women Parliamentarians	Salón Condamine
9.30 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians	Salón Jiménez (in camera)
10.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.	Joint Meeting of the Standing Committees' Bureaux	Salón Lequerica (in camera)
2 p.m. – 3 p.m.	Meeting of Secretaries and Advisers to delegations	Salón Landáburo
2.30 p.m. – 5.45 p.m.	Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians	Salón Jiménez (in camera)
2.30 p.m. – 5.45 p.m. 3.30 p.m. – 5 p.m.	Meeting of Women Parliamentarians ♦ Dialogue session on <i>Violence against women, in particular sexual violence</i> The session will be introduced by Ms. Cheryl A. Thomas, Director of the Women's Human Rights Program, The Advocates for Human Rights, and Ms. Margaret Mensah-Williams, Vice-Chairperson of the National Council of Namibia.	Salón Condamine
3 p.m. – 5.45 p.m.	Committee on Middle East Questions	Salón Lequerica (in camera)
6 p.m.	Departure of buses for the National Assembly of Ecuador	
7.30 p.m.	Inaugural Ceremony of the 128 th Assembly in the presence of H.E. Mr. Rafael Correa, President of the Republic of Ecuador ♦ Delegates are requested to wear their badges and take their seats no later than 7 p.m. <i>Please note that only Members of Parliament, observers and special guests will have access to the floor of the National Assembly. All other participants, including advisers, secretaries and holders of public badges, will be invited to take their seats in the gallery.</i> The ceremony will be followed by an Inaugural Reception at the Itchimbia Cultural Centre hosted by the President of the National Assembly of Ecuador, Mr. Fernando Cordero, and the Mayor of Quito, Mr. Augusto Barrero Guarderas.	National Assembly of Ecuador

¹ Information as at 21 March, at 6 p.m.

Preview of main programme for Saturday, 23 March

9 a.m. – 10 a.m.	Governing Council Membership; reports	Salones Humboldt & Darwin
9 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Second Standing Committee <i>Fair trade and innovative financing mechanisms for sustainable development</i> Presentation of report and draft resolution; debate	Salón Condamine
2.30 p.m. – 6.30 p.m.	Start of drafting committee	Salón Lasso <i>(in camera)</i>
9.30 a.m.–12.30 p.m.	Meeting of Young Parliamentarians	Salón Lequerica
10.15 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Assembly – Election of President – Start of general debate on the overall theme <i>From unrelenting growth to purposeful development “Buen Vivir”: New approaches, new solutions</i> ♦ Keynote address by H.E. Mr. Ricardo Patiño, Foreign Minister of Ecuador	Salones Humboldt & Darwin
2.30 p.m. – 4.30 p.m.	– Continuation of general debate	
4.30 p.m. – 6.30 p.m.	– Vote on possible emergency item; continuation of general debate	
2.30 p.m. – 6.30 p.m.	Third Standing Committee <i>The use of media, including social media, to enhance citizen engagement and democracy</i> Presentation of report and draft resolution; debate	Salón Condamine

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OTHER EVENTS

Sunday, 24 March 2013

9 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Assembly – Continuation of general debate ♦ Interactive dialogue with Speaker R. Kadaga (Uganda), Mr. S. Chowdhury (Bangladesh) and Senator G. Penadés (Uruguay) on the place of democratic governance in the next generation of development goals.	Salones Humboldt & Darwin
9 a.m. – 11 a.m.	Open session of the Committee to Promote Respect for International Humanitarian Law (IHL) on <i>The IHL dimension of the responsibility to protect</i>	Salón Lequerica
11.15 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Informal meeting of parliamentary whips	Salón Lequerica
2.30 p.m.–6.30 p.m.	First Standing Committee <i>Enforcing the responsibility to protect: The role of parliament in safeguarding civilians’ lives</i> Presentation of report and draft resolution; debate	Salón Condamine
2.30 p.m.–5.30 p.m.	Panel discussion on <i>Development in danger: Filling legislative gaps to combat tomorrow’s natural disasters</i>	Salón Landáburu

Monday, 25 March 2013

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| 9 a.m. – 12 noon | Panel discussion on <i>The legalization of drugs: Can it help curb organized crime?</i> | Salón Landáburo |
| 11.30 a.m. – 1 p.m. | Open session of the Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians on <i>Promoting greater parliamentary solidarity with MPs under threat</i> | Salón Jiménez |
| 2.30 p.m.–5.30 p.m. | Panel discussion on <i>Addressing the rights of children with disabilities</i> | Salón Landáburo |

Tuesday, 26 March 2013

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| 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. | Assembly
Continuation and end of general debate
♦ Presentation and interaction with Ms. Rebeca Grynspan,
Deputy Administrator of UNDP | Salones Humboldt
& Darwin |
| 2 p.m. – 4 p.m. | Workshop on <i>Ensuring accountability for women's and children's health</i> | Salón Landáburo |

Wednesday, 27 March 2013

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| 9.30 a.m. – 12 noon | Workshop on <i>Towards a new vision for sustainable development: What place for democratic governance?</i> | Salón Landáburo |
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OTHER INFORMATION

- ♦ **General debate:** Registration of speakers will be open as from **10.15 a.m. today, Friday, 22 March**. Speakers who have not pre-registered may do so at the Registration desk which is located just outside the main entrance to the Plenary Hall.
- ♦ **Drafting Committee on the emergency item:** Geopolitical groups are kindly requested to nominate their representatives by **5 p.m. on Sunday, 24 March**.
- ♦ **Proposals for subject items:** Delegates are kindly requested to submit their proposals for the agenda of the 130th Assembly to the Submission and Control of Documents Service (office 10, IPU Secretariat area, Business Centre, level -1) as soon as possible, and **not later than 5 p.m. on Saturday, 23 March 2013**, for the Second Standing Committee and **5 p.m. on Sunday, 24 March**, for the First and Third Standing Committees to allow the Bureaux to consider them at the start of their work.
- ♦ **Drafting Committees for the Second and Third Standing Committees:** Geopolitical groups are kindly requested to nominate their representatives as early as possible before the start of the drafting committees' work (today, 22 March, and 25 March, respectively).
- ♦ **The First Standing Committee** will be discussing the draft resolution in its plenary session.
- ♦ Due to limited seating arrangements, delegates will be invited to pick up their country nameplates upon arrival in the Standing Committee room.

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VACANCIES TO BE FILLED DURING THE 128th ASSEMBLY

Candidatures – for most vacancies from the corresponding geopolitical groups – should be accompanied by a signed covering letter and a brief curriculum vitae (one-page maximum) and, unless indicated otherwise, may be submitted to the Submission and Control of Documents Service (office 10, IPU Secretariat area, Business Centre, level -1). See [Vacancies](#) document for further details.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Governing Council will be required to elect **two members** (African Group and Arab Group).

To date, the following candidature has been received:

– Mr. R.M.K. Al Shariqi (United Arab Emirates): candidature submitted by the Arab Group.

COMMITTEES AND OTHER BODIES

Coordinating Committee of Women Parliamentarians

Today, 22 March 2013, the 18th Meeting of Women Parliamentarians will be called upon to elect **one titular and one substitute regional representative** (Group of Latin America and the Caribbean (GRULAC)) and **two substitute regional representatives** (Eurasia Group).

The following candidatures have been received:

– Ms. D. Padierna (Mexico): candidature as titular regional representative submitted by GRULAC;

– Ms. Y. Ferrer Gómez (Cuba): candidature as substitute regional representative submitted by GRULAC.

Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians

On 27 March 2013, the Governing Council will be required to elect **one substitute member** (Asia-Pacific Group).

To date, the following candidature has been received:

– Mr. A. Mahloof (Maldives): candidature submitted by the candidate himself.

Committee on Middle East Questions

On 27 March 2013, the Governing Council will be required to elect **one titular member** and **one substitute member**. According to the gender guidelines governing the composition of the Committee on Middle East Questions, no more than four of the seven members shall be of the same sex and as many of the geopolitical groups as possible shall be represented on the Committee. As such, the vacancy for substitute member will need to be filled by a woman parliamentarian.

Committee to Promote Respect for International Humanitarian Law

On 27 March 2013, the Governing Council will be required to elect **two titular members** (Arab Group and Eurasia Group) and **two substitute members** (Arab Group and Eurasia Group).

STANDING COMMITTEE BUREAUX

Apart from the vacancies indicated, all present members of the Bureaux are eligible for re-election.

First Standing Committee (Peace and International Security)

Two vacancies: One titular member and one substitute member (Eurasia Group).

Candidatures for the above vacancies may be submitted up to the time of the elections, which will take place on Tuesday, 26 March 2013, at the last sitting of the Committee.

Second Standing Committee (Sustainable Development, Finance and Trade)

Three vacancies: Two titular members (Arab Group and Twelve Plus Group) and one substitute member (Eurasia Group).

Candidatures for the above vacancies may be submitted up to the time of the elections, which will take place on Monday, 25 March 2013, at the last sitting of the Committee.

Third Standing Committee (Democracy and Human Rights)

Five vacancies: Two titular members (Twelve-Plus Group and Asia-Pacific Group) and three substitute members (Eurasia Group, GRULAC and Twelve-Plus Group).

Candidatures for the above vacancies may be submitted up to the time of the elections, which will take place on Monday, 25 March 2013, at the last sitting of the Committee.



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The IPU is encouraging members to become involved in the consultations on a new development agenda and ensure that democratic governance is an integral part of that agenda.

Make your voice heard through the "MY World" survey at www.myworld2015.org/?partner=mp.



Members of the IPU Secretariat will be approaching delegates during the Assembly to gather views on the future IPU website, as well as to seek responses on various ongoing surveys. Your cooperation would be greatly appreciated.