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Saturday, 23 March 2013

Time	Meeting	Place ²
8 a.m. – 9 a.m.	Steering Committee of the Assembly <i>The Steering Committee is composed of the President of the Assembly, the President of the Inter-Parliamentary Union and the Vice-President of the Executive Committee, as well as the Presidents of the Standing Committees who may take part in an advisory capacity; it is assisted by the IPU Secretary General.</i>	Zona de las Volcanes (Business Centre level -1) (in camera)
9 a.m. – 10 a.m.	Governing Council <ul style="list-style-type: none">– Questions relating to membership– Reports by the President and the Secretary General	Salones Humboldt & Darwin
9 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Second Standing Committee <ul style="list-style-type: none">♦ Item 5: Fair trade and innovative financing mechanisms for sustainable development<ul style="list-style-type: none">– Presentation of report and draft resolution– Debate	Salón Condamine
9.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.	Meeting of Young Parliamentarians	Salón Montufar
10.15 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Assembly <ul style="list-style-type: none">♦ Opening of the Assembly♦ Item 1: Election of the President of the 128th Assembly♦ Item 3: General debate on the overall theme <i>From unrelenting growth to purposeful development “Buen Vivir”: New approaches, new solutions</i> (A list of speakers is available for this debate.)<ul style="list-style-type: none">– Keynote address by H.E. Mr. Ricardo Patiño, Foreign Minister of Ecuador	Salones Humboldt & Darwin
2.30 p.m. – 6.30 p.m.	Assembly <ul style="list-style-type: none">♦ Continuation of general debate	Salones Humboldt & Darwin
4.30 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">♦ Consideration of requests for the inclusion of an emergency item in the agenda	

¹ Information as at 22 October, at 6 p.m.

² Unless indicated otherwise, all meeting rooms are situated on level -2.

2.30 p.m. – 6 p.m.	Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians	Salón Jiménez (in camera)
2.30 p.m. – 6.30 p.m.	Third Standing Committee Item 6: The use of media, including social media, to enhance citizen engagement and democracy – Presentation of report and draft resolution – Debate	Salón Condamine
2.30 p.m. – 6.30 p.m.	Drafting Committee – Item 5 (Second Standing Committee – Sustainable Development, Finance and Trade) – Start of drafting committee	Salón Lasso (in camera)

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Preview of main programme for Sunday, 24 March

9 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Assembly – Continuation of general debate ♦ Interactive dialogue with Speaker R. Kadaga (Uganda), Hon. S. Chowdhury (Bangladesh) and Senator G. Penadés (Uruguay) on the place of democratic governance in the next generation of development goals	Salones Humboldt & Darwin
2.30 p.m. – 4.30 p.m.	– Continuation of general debate	
4.30 p.m. – 6.30 p.m.	– Debate on the emergency item	
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 Montufar
9 a.m. – 11 a.m.	Drafting Committee – Item 5 (Second Standing Committee – Sustainable Development, Finance and Trade) – Continuation and end of drafting committee	Salón Lasso (in camera)
11.15 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Informal meeting of parliamentary whips	Salón Montufar
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 Landáburo

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OTHER EVENTS

Monday, 25 March 2013

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

Tuesday, 26 March 2013

- 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. **Assembly** Salones Humboldt & Darwin
Continuation and end of general debate
♦ Presentation by, and interaction with, Ms. Rebeca Grynspan, Deputy Administrator of UNDP
- 2 p.m. – 4 p.m. **Workshop on *Ensuring accountability for women’s and children’s health*** Salón Landáburu

Wednesday, 27 March 2013

- 9.30 a.m. – 12 noon **Workshop on *Towards a new vision for sustainable development: What place for democratic governance?*** Salón Landáburu

OTHER INFORMATION

- ♦ **General debate:** Speakers who have not yet registered may do so at the speakers’ 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. today, 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, at 2.30 p.m., and 25 March at 9 a.m., 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.

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 candidatures have been received:

- Ms. F. Diendéré Diallo (Burkina Faso): candidature submitted by the African Group;
- Mr. R.M.K. Al Shariqi (United Arab Emirates): candidature submitted by the Arab Group.

COMMITTEES AND OTHER BODIES

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.

To date, the following candidature has been received:

– Ms. M. Mensah-Williams (Namibia): candidature as substitute member submitted by the African Group.

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.

To date, the following candidatures have been received:

– Mr. C. Janiak (Switzerland): candidature as titular member submitted by the Twelve Plus Group;

– Ms. G. Ortíz (Mexico): candidature as substitute member submitted by GRULAC;

– Ms. L. Wall (New Zealand): candidature as substitute member submitted by the Twelve Plus Group.

OFFICIAL RECEPTION

7.30 p.m.

Dinner in honour of women parliamentarians hosted by the President of the Meeting of Women Parliamentarians, Ms. Scheznarda Fernández, and the Group of Parliamentary Women

Metropolitano Cultural Centre

- ◆ Delegates are kindly requested to wear their badges and show the appropriate invitation

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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.