



**129th ASSEMBLY OF THE INTER-PARLIAMENTARY UNION
AND RELATED MEETINGS**

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Time	Meeting	Place
8 a.m. – 8.45 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 who may take part in an advisory capacity; it is assisted by the IPU Secretary General.</i>	VIP Salon level 3, CICC <i>(in camera)</i>
9 a.m. – 11 a.m.	Governing Council <ul style="list-style-type: none">– Questions relating to IPU membership– Reports by the President and Secretary General– Finance and presentation of the budget– Reports on recent IPU specialized meetings– Launch of the Handbook for Parliamentarians <i>Sustaining Parliamentary Action to Improve Maternal, Newborn and Child Health</i>	Room 1 level 1, CICC
9 a.m. – 1 p.m.	IPU Committee on United Nations Affairs*	Room A CCV Annexe, CICC
9 a.m. – 11 a.m.	♦ Session 1: Interaction between national parliaments and UN country teams	
11 a.m. – 1 p.m.	♦ Session 2: Follow-up to the 2011 Istanbul Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries <i>Special guest:</i> Mr. Gyan Chandra Acharya, UN Under-Secretary-General and High Representative for the Least Developed Countries	
9.30 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians	Room B CCV Annexe, CICC <i>(in camera)</i>
11.15 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Assembly <ul style="list-style-type: none">♦ Opening of the Assembly♦ Consideration of requests for the inclusion of an emergency item in the agenda	Room 1 level 1, CICC
2.30 p.m. – 5.30 p.m.	Committee on Middle East Questions	Room A CCV Annexe, CICC <i>(in camera)</i>

*** Representatives from all delegations are invited to attend the meetings of the IPU Committee on United Nations Affairs, in particular this afternoon's sessions on the recently adopted Arms Trade Treaty (2.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m.) and on the non-proliferation of weapons of mass destruction (4.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.), which will be attended by prominent UN officials, including the Chair of the UN Security Council 1540 Committee, Ambassador Oh Joon (Republic of Korea).**

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

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| 2.30 p.m. – 6 p.m. | Panel discussion
<i>Towards risk-resilient development: Taking into consideration demographic trends and natural constraints</i> (subject under consideration by the Standing Committee on Sustainable Development, Finance and Trade)
– Presentation of the background paper prepared by the co-Rapporteurs
– Short introductions by the panellists
– Interactive discussion
<i>co-Rapporteurs:</i> – Mr. Saber Hossain Chowdhury, MP (Bangladesh)
– Mr. Philippe Mahoux, MP (Belgium)
<i>Panellists:</i> – Ms. Marleen Temmerman, Director of the Department of Reproductive Health and Research, WHO
– Ms. Margareta Wahlström, Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General for Disaster Risk Management | Room 2
level 0, CICC |
| 2.30 p.m. – 6.30 p.m. | IPU Committee on United Nations Affairs | Rooms 3 & 4
level 0, CICC |
| 2.30 – 4.30 p.m. | ♦ Session 1: Implications of, and action on, the recently adopted Arms Trade Treaty
<i>Special guests:</i> – Ambassador Peter Woolcott (Australia), President of the UN Conference on the Arms Trade Treaty
– Mr. Jarmo Sareva, Deputy Secretary-General of the UN Conference on Disarmament
– Ms. Nathalie Weizmann, International Committee of the Red Cross | |
| 4.30 – 6.30 p.m. | ♦ Session 2: Implementing UN Security Council resolution 1540 (Non-proliferation of weapons of mass destruction)
<i>Special guest:</i> – Ambassador Oh Joon (Republic of Korea), Chair of the UN Security Council 1540 Committee | |

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Preview of main programme for Tuesday, 8 October

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| 9 a.m. – 11 a.m. | Assembly
Debate on the emergency item | Room 1
level 1, CICC |
| 9 a.m. – 11 a.m. | Meeting of the Forum of Young Parliamentarians | Room B
CCV Annexe, CICC |
| 9 a.m. – 12.30 p.m. | Panel discussion
<i>The role of parliaments in protecting the rights of children, in particular unaccompanied migrant children, and in preventing their exploitation in situations of war and conflict</i> (subject under discussion by the Standing Committee on Democracy and Human Rights)
– Presentation of the background papers prepared by the co-Rapporteurs
– Introductory remarks by the panellists
– Interactive discussion
<i>co-Rapporteurs:</i> – Ms. Gabriela Cuevas, MP (Mexico)
– Ms. Jameela Nasaif, MP (Bahrain)
<i>Panellists:</i> – Mr. Mohamed Mattar, Executive Director of The Protection Project, Johns Hopkins University
– Ms. Louise Aubin, Global Protection Cluster Coordinator, UNHCR | Room 2
level 0, CICC |

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| 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. | <p>Panel discussion
 <i>Addressing internal displacement: The responsibility of parliaments</i>
 Panellists include Mr. Volker Türk, Director of International Protection, UNHCR, Mr. Alfredo Zamudio, Director of the Internal Displacement Monitoring Centre (IDMC), and Mr. Ekwee Ethuro, Speaker of the Senate of Kenya.</p> <p>The panel will begin with the official launch of the joint IPU-UNHCR Handbook for Parliamentarians <i>Internal displacement: Responsibility and action</i>, in the presence of the President of the IPU.</p> | Rooms 3 & 4
level 0, CICC |
| 2.30 p.m. – 4.30 p.m. | <p>Panel discussion
 <i>Political party control over parliamentarians: Striking the right balance</i></p> | Rooms 3 & 4
level 0, CICC |
| 2.30 p.m. – 6 p.m. | <p>Panel discussion
 <i>Towards a nuclear-weapon-free world: The contribution of parliaments</i> (subject under discussion by the Standing Committee on Peace and International Security)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Introductory remarks by the panellists – Presentation of the background papers prepared by the co-Rapporteurs – Interactive discussion <p><i>co-Rapporteurs:</i> – Mr. Blaine Calkins, MP (Canada)
 – Ms. Yolanda Ferrer Gómez, MP (Cuba)</p> <p><i>Panellists:</i> – Ambassador Manuel Dengo (Costa Rica), Chair, UN Open-Ended Working Group on Nuclear Disarmament
 – Baroness Sue Miller, MP (United Kingdom)
 – Mr. Alyn Ware, Global Coordinator, Parliamentarians for Nuclear Non-proliferation and Disarmament (PNND)</p> | Room 2
level 0, CICC |

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OTHER EVENTS

Wednesday, 9 October 2013

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| 10 a.m. | <p>During the Governing Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Special debate on the humanitarian impact of the Syrian crisis, with the participation of Mr. António Guterres, UN High Commissioner for Refugees | Room 1
level 1, CICC |
| 2.30 p.m. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Address by Ms. Navanethem Pillay, UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, followed by open debate | |
| 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. | <p>IPU Committee on United Nations Affairs
 <i>Item 6: Promoting international commitments and defending the rights of vulnerable groups</i></p> | Room A
CCV Annexe, CICC |
| 9 – 11 a.m. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Session 1: Indigenous peoples | |
| 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Session 2: Persons with disabilities | |

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Introducing new online registration software: Delegates are encouraged to visit the Press Service in the main lobby (ground floor, CICC) between 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. today, tomorrow or Wednesday for an introduction to new software enabling delegates to register online for future IPU meetings.

OTHER INFORMATION

- ♦ **Drafting Committee on the emergency item:** Geopolitical groups are kindly requested to nominate their representatives by **6 p.m. today, Monday, 7 October**.
- ♦ **List of delegates:** In order to ensure the accuracy of the final List of Delegates, delegations are kindly requested to report any changes to Ms. Marina Filippin at the Registration Desk by **10 a.m. tomorrow, Tuesday 8 October**. The final List of Delegates will be made available on the IPU website.

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MEDIA INFORMATION

- ♦ The 129th Assembly is being webcast live on www.ipu.org.



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VACANCIES TO BE FILLED DURING THE 129th ASSEMBLY

On 9 October 2013, the Governing Council will be required to hold elections as outlined below. Candidatures from the corresponding geopolitical Groups (a signed letter and a one-page curriculum vitae) may be submitted to the Submission and Control of Documents Service (Offices 224/225, level 2, CICC) up to 9 a.m. on Tuesday, 8 October 2013. See [Vacancies](#) document for further details.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Governing Council will be required to elect **five members**: Asia-Pacific Group (two vacancies), Eurasia Group (one vacancy) and Twelve-Plus Group (two vacancies).

SUBSIDIARY BODIES OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL OF THE INTER-PARLIAMENTARY UNION

Committee on Middle East Questions

The Governing Council will be required to elect **one titular member** and **four substitute members**. According to the gender guidelines governing the composition of the Committee, no more than four of the seven members shall be of the same gender and as many of the geopolitical groups as possible shall be represented on the Committee. As such, the vacancy for titular member will need to be filled by a male parliamentarian and the four substitute vacancies by parliamentarians, both female and male.

To date, no candidatures have been received.

Committee to promote respect for international humanitarian law

The Governing Council will be required to elect **one substitute member** (Eurasia Group).

To date, no candidatures have been received.

APPOINTMENT OF TWO INTERNAL AUDITORS FOR THE 2014 ACCOUNTS

The Governing Council will appoint **two Internal Auditors** for the 2014 fiscal year. They will be expected to present their report to the Governing Council at the first statutory session of the IPU in 2015. Parliamentarians interested in submitting their candidature for this position should preferably have prior experience either in a parliamentary finance or audit committee.

To date, no candidatures have been received.

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