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Time	Meeting	Place
8 a.m. – 9.15 a.m.	Coordinating Committee of Women Parliamentarians	Room 2 (first floor) Old Wing, MICC (in camera)
9 a.m. – 11 a.m.	Bureau of the Standing Committee on Democracy and Human Rights	Luangwa (ground floor) New Wing, MICC (in camera)
9.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m. 11 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.	Meeting of Women Parliamentarians ♦ Discussion of Assembly agenda item <i>Terrorism: The need to enhance global cooperation against the threat to democracy and individual rights</i> The discussion will take place in two break-out groups.	Mosi-oa-Tunya New Wing, MICC and Room 2 (first floor) Old Wing, MICC
11.30 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Meeting of Chairpersons of Geopolitical Groups	Luangwa (ground floor) New Wing, MICC (in camera)
2 p.m. – 3 p.m.	Meeting of Advisers and Secretaries to delegations	Room 1 (first floor) Old Wing, MICC
2 p.m. – 6 p.m.	Meeting of Women Parliamentarians ♦ Panel discussion on <i>Women's participation in politics and young women's political empowerment</i>	Mosi-oa-Tunya New Wing, MICC
2.30 p.m. – 5.30 p.m.	Advisory Group on HIV/AIDS and Maternal, Newborn and Child Health	Boardroom (first floor) Old Wing, MICC (in camera - <u>English only</u>)
2.30 p.m. – 6 p.m.	Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians	Luangwa (ground floor) New Wing, MICC (in camera)
3 p.m. – 6 p.m.	Committee on Middle East Questions	Room 2 (first floor) Old Wing, MICC (in camera)
7.30 p.m. – 8.30 p.m.	Inaugural Ceremony of the 134th Assembly in the presence of H.E. Mr. Edgar Chagwa Lungu, President of the Republic of Zambia, followed by a seated dinner ♦ Delegates are requested to wear their badges and take their seats no later than 7 p.m. ♦ Invitations will be distributed in the pigeonholes.*	Auditorium Government Complex

* Please note that, due to limited room capacity, special seating arrangements have been made for the inaugural and banquet halls, with additional space provided for secretaries and professional staff in spillover rooms and the banquet marquee. Invitations for both the inaugural ceremony and dinner will therefore be colour coded. There will be between two and six invitations per delegation for the banquet hall, with the rest of the delegation accommodated in the marquee.

¹ Information as at 6 p.m. on 18 March.

GENERAL DEBATE – IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Seating arrangements – Main Hall (Plenary). Due to the limited seating capacity of the Main Hall, most delegations will be allocated two seats at desks, with two chairs behind. Where possible, those parliaments entitled to send a delegation of up to 10 MPs will have an additional desk seat, as will those delegations led by a Speaker of Parliament. Single-member delegations and Observers will have one desk seat. Additional seating is available in the gallery of the Main Hall.

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) or the English booth interpreters assigned to the meeting at which the speech will be delivered. Moreover, eight copies of a 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.

Publication of speeches: As far as possible, the texts of official statements will be published on the Assembly webpage and will 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. Electronic copies of speeches should be emailed in PDF format to interpreters@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.

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Preview of main programme for Sunday, 20 March

9 a.m. – 10.45 a.m.	Governing Council	Main Hall Old Wing, MICC
	Standing Committee on Peace and International Security	
9 a.m. – 1 p.m.	– Presentation and debate of draft resolution on <i>Terrorism: The need to enhance global cooperation against the threat to democracy and individual rights</i>	Mosi-oa-Tunya New Wing, MICC
2.30 p.m. – 5.30 p.m.	– Drafting of resolution in plenary	and Room 1 (first floor) Old Wing, MICC
10 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Forum of Young Parliamentarians of the IPU	Room 2 (first floor) Old Wing, MICC
	– Contribution to the work of the 134 th Assembly	
	– Update and discussion on the Forum's workplan and activities (2015-2016)	
	– Preparations for the 135 th Assembly	
	Assembly	
11 a.m. – 1 p.m.	– Start of the General Debate on <i>Rejuvenating democracy, giving voice to youth</i> Special guests: Mr. Ahmad Alhendawi, UN Secretary-General's Envoy on Youth, and Ms. Yvonne Chaka Chaka, South African musician, humanitarian and UN Secretary-General's Envoy for Africa	Main Hall Old Wing, MICC
2.30 p.m. – 5 p.m.	– High-level segment of the General Debate	
5 p.m. – 6.30 p.m.	– Decision on the emergency item	
2.30 p.m. – 6.30 p.m.	Standing Committee on Sustainable Development, Finance and Trade Presentation, debate and start of drafting in plenary of draft resolution on <i>Ensuring lasting protection against destruction and deterioration for the tangible and intangible cultural heritage of humanity</i>	Mosi-oa-Tunya New Wing, MICC

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OTHER EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES**Sunday, 20 March 2016**

12 noon – 2 p.m.	Side event on Preventing child and forced marriage: Making the Global Health Goals a reality for girls , organized by the IPU, WHO and The Partnership for Maternal, Newborn and Child Health (PMNCH)	Room 1 (first floor) Old Wing, MICC
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Monday, 21 March 2016

9.30 a.m.–12.30 p.m.	Standing Committee on Democracy and Human Rights Interactive debate on <i>The freedom of women to participate in political processes fully, safely and without interference: Building partnerships between men and women to achieve this objective</i>	Mosi-oa-Tunya New Wing, MICC
2.30 p.m.– 6.30 p.m.	During the Assembly: – Addresses by Mr. Vinay Nayak, Digital Constituency Manager, Obama 2012 Re-election Campaign, and Ms. Catherine Phiri, Zambian boxer	Main Hall Old Wing, MICC

Tuesday, 22 March 2016

- 9.30 a.m. – 11.30 a.m. **Standing Committee on Democracy and Human Rights** Room 1 (first floor)
Interactive debate on *Open parliaments: Building an association on Old Wing, MICC*
accountability
- 12.15 p.m. – 1.45 p.m. **Side event on Reducing nuclear threats – The role of Luangwa**
parliamentarians, organized by Parliamentarians for Nuclear Non- New Wing, MICC
Proliferation and Disarmament (PNND) in cooperation with the IPU
A light lunch will be provided from 12 noon.
- 2.30 p.m. – 6.30 p.m. **Standing Committee on United Nations Affairs** Mosi-oa-Tunya
– Interactive debate on the new selection process for the UN Secretary- New Wing, MICC
General
– Briefing on the institutional arrangements for the implementation of the
Sustainable Development Goals

Wednesday, 23 March 2016

- 2.30 p.m. – 4.30 p.m. **Panel discussion on Leading by example on climate change: A lighter Room 2 (first floor)**
carbon footprint for parliaments, organized jointly by the IPU and ASGP Old Wing, MICC

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OTHER INFORMATION

- ♦ **New print-on-demand service:** This service is available at the Typing Pool and Photocopying Service for those delegates who wish to obtain additional copies of any documents published on the IPU website.
- ♦ **PaperSmart survey for IPU delegates:** Delegates are encouraged to provide their feedback on the IPU's PaperSmart initiative by completing the online survey at <http://fluidsurveys.com/s/papersmart/>. Hard copies are available at the Registration Desk.
- ♦ **Focus groups on good practices in parliamentary oversight** will take place every afternoon. For the themes, times and language of the focus groups, see <http://fluidsurveys.com/s/oversight/>. Register online or at the IPU Submission and Control of Documents Service (ground floor, Old Wing, MICC) – each group is limited to the first eight people to sign up.
- ♦ **List of participants:** Delegations are reminded that the provisional list of participants has been published on the IPU website (www.ipu.org) and that printed copies are only available on request. 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, 22 March**. The final list of participants will be published on the IPU website.
- ♦ **TEDx Talks:** TED and TEDx Talks are all about ideas worth spreading. At 2.15 p.m. in the Main Hall, before the start of each afternoon sitting of the Assembly from 20 to 22 March, delegates are encouraged to come to a screening of a dynamic, inspirational TEDx talk given by different parliamentarians on transforming lives. The talks can also be watched on YouTube on the following links:
 - › Thabitha Khumalo, Zimbabwe: “Democracy advocate” – https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Pjl7nDXr_rU
 - › Fawzia Koofi, Afghanistan: “Why women have to be at the table” – https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CHKsV2_LXF4
 - › Baroness Beeban Kidron, United Kingdom: “i-Rights for children” – https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Mbug3ZZOGws&index=9&list=PLsRNoUx8w3rPLascS_SdCZxk5uSPjAQ5G

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MEDIA INFORMATION

- ♦ The 134th Assembly is being webcast live on www.ipu.org and www.ipu134zambia.zm/.
 Join in the discussions at the Assembly on **Twitter** using **#IPU134** (www.twitter.com/ipuparliament).
Follow IPU on **@IPUParliament**, the Meeting of Women Parliamentarians on **#WomenMPs** and the Forum of Young Parliamentarians on **#youngMPs**.
-  Photos from the Assembly are available for free download and use at www.ipu.org/134pics. Please credit: Inter-Parliamentary Union.

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VACANCIES TO BE FILLED AT THE 134th ASSEMBLY

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

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On 23 March 2016, the Governing Council will hold elections as outlined below. Candidatures (a signed letter and a one-page curriculum vitae) may be submitted to the Submission and Control of Documents Service (ground floor, Old Wing, MICC) up to 9 a.m. on Tuesday, 22 March 2016.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Governing Council will be required to elect **two members** to replace members who are no longer parliamentarians: one member each for the African Group (end of term of office: October 2018) and the Arab Group (end of term of office: April 2017).

To date, the following candidature has been received:

– Mr. A.J. Ahmed (United Arab Emirates): candidature submitted by the Parliament of the United Arab Emirates.

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COMMITTEES AND OTHER BODIES

Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians

The Governing Council will be required to elect **one female member**.

Committee on Middle East Questions

The Governing Council will be required to elect **one titular member** and **one substitute member**.

Committee to Promote Respect for International Humanitarian Law

The Governing Council will be required to elect **two members**, both male: one member each for the African Group and the Eurasia Group.

Group of Facilitators for Cyprus

The Governing Council will be required to elect **one facilitator**.

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FORUM OF YOUNG PARLIAMENTARIANS OF THE IPU

At its meeting on Sunday, 20 March 2016, the Forum will elect **four members**: two members (one male and one female) for the Eurasia Group; and one member each for the Arab Group (male) and the Twelve Plus Group (female).

The geopolitical groups concerned are requested to submit candidatures, preferably of the youngest MPs, by 3 p.m. today, Saturday, 19 March 2016.

To date, the following candidature has been received:

– Mr. D. Asylbek Uulu (Kyrgyzstan): candidature submitted by the Eurasia Group.

COORDINATING COMMITTEE OF WOMEN PARLIAMENTARIANS

On Tuesday, 22 March 2016, the 23rd Meeting of Women Parliamentarians will hold elections to renew half of the membership of the Coordinating Committee whose term of office ends in March 2016, and to fill a titular member vacancy for the Arab Group (end of term of office: March 2018).

Geopolitical groups are requested to submit candidatures by 12 noon on Monday, 21 March 2016.

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STANDING COMMITTEE BUREAUX

The following elections to the Bureaux will be held:

Standing Committee on Peace and International Security

Three vacancies: One vacancy each for the African Group, the Arab Group and the Group of Latin America and the Caribbean (GRULAC) to be filled by men or women.

Standing Committee on Sustainable Development, Finance and Trade

Six vacancies: One vacancy for the African Group to be filled by a woman; one vacancy each for the Arab Group and the Twelve Plus Group, to be filled by a man or a woman; and three vacancies for the Eurasia Group, at least one of which must be filled by a woman.

To date, the following candidature has been received:

– Ms. Z. Grechani (Republic of Moldova): candidature submitted by the Eurasia Group.

Standing Committee on Democracy and Human Rights

Six vacancies: One vacancy for the African Group to be filled by a woman; two vacancies for the Asia-Pacific Group, at least one of which must be filled by a man; two vacancies for the Eurasia Group, at least one of which must be filled by a woman; and one vacancy for the Twelve Plus Group to be filled by a man.

Standing Committee on United Nations Affairs

One vacancy for the Eurasia Group to be filled by a man or a woman.

Candidatures for the above vacancies may be submitted up to the time of the elections.

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