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Sunday, 20 March 2016

Time	Meeting	Place
8 a.m. – 9 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.</i>	Presidential Suite (first floor) Old Wing, MICC (in camera)
9 a.m. – 10 a.m.	Board of the Forum of Young Parliamentarians of the IPU	Room 2 (first floor) Old Wing, MICC (in camera)
9 a.m. – 10.45 a.m.	Governing Council <ul style="list-style-type: none">♦ Questions relating to IPU membership♦ Reports by the President and Secretary General♦ Financial questions♦ Reports on recent IPU specialized meetings (time permitting)	Main Hall Old Wing, MICC
9 a.m. – 11 a.m.	Bureau of the Standing Committee on United Nations Affairs	Luangwa (ground floor) New Wing, MICC (in camera)
9 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Standing Committee on Peace and International Security <ul style="list-style-type: none">♦ Item 4: Terrorism: The need to enhance global cooperation against the threat to democracy and individual rights<ul style="list-style-type: none">– Presentation of the draft resolution; debate<i>co-Rapporteurs:</i> – Ms. C. Guittet (France)– Mr. K. Hari Babu (India)	Mosi-oa-Tunya New Wing, MICC
10 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Forum of Young Parliamentarians of the IPU <ul style="list-style-type: none">♦ Election of members to the Board of the Forum♦ Contribution to the work of the 134th Assembly with regard to the General Debate and items under consideration by the Standing Committees♦ Update and discussion on youth-related IPU activities in 2015 and 2016♦ Preparations for the 135th Assembly	Room 2 (first floor) Old Wing, MICC
11 a.m. – 1 p.m. 11 a.m. – 11.45 a.m.	Assembly <ul style="list-style-type: none">♦ Inaugural session on the General Debate theme <i>Rejuvenating democracy, giving voice to youth</i> Opening remarks: <ul style="list-style-type: none">› Dr. Patrick Matibini, Speaker of the National Assembly of Zambia› Ms. Margaret Mensah-Williams, Chairperson of the National Council of Namibia and President of the IPU's Coordinating Committee of Women Parliamentarians› Mr. Vytautas Gapsys, MP (Lithuania) and Board member of the Forum of Young Parliamentarians of the IPU› Ms. Annette King, MP (New Zealand) and Acting President of the Standing Committee on Democracy and Human Rights Guest speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none">› Mr. Ahmad Alhendawi, UN Secretary-General's Envoy on Youth› Ms. Yvonne Chaka Chaka, South African musician, humanitarian and UN Secretary-General's Envoy for Africa	Main Hall Old Wing, MICC
11.45 a.m. – 1 p.m.	♦ High-level segment of the General Debate (A list of speakers is available.)	

¹ Information as at 6 p.m. on 19 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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11.30 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Group of Facilitators for Cyprus	Boardroom (first floor) Old Wing, MICC (<i>in camera</i>)
11.30 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Committee to Promote Respect for International Humanitarian Law	Luangwa (ground floor) New Wing, MICC (<i>in camera</i>)
2.30 p.m. – 6.30 p.m.	Assembly	Main Hall Old Wing, MICC
2.30 p.m. – 5 p.m.	♦ Continuation of the General Debate	
5 p.m. – 6.30 p.m.	♦ Decision on the emergency item	
2.30 p.m. – 5.30 p.m.	Standing Committee on Peace and International Security	Room 1 (first floor) Old Wing, MICC
	♦ Item 4: <i>Terrorism: The need to enhance global cooperation against the threat to democracy and individual rights</i>	
	– Preparation of the draft resolution in plenary	
2.30 p.m. – 6 p.m.	Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians	Luangwa (ground floor) New Wing, MICC (<i>in camera</i>)
2.30 p.m. – 6.30 p.m.	Standing Committee on Sustainable Development, Finance and Trade	Mosi-oa-Tunya New Wing, MICC
	♦ Item 5: <i>Ensuring lasting protection against destruction and deterioration for the tangible and intangible cultural heritage of humanity</i>	
	– Presentation, debate and preparation of the draft resolution in plenary	
	<i>co-Rapporteurs:</i> – Mr. A. Destexhe (Belgium)	
	– Mr. H. Kouskous (Morocco)	

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Preview of main programme for Monday, 21 March

9 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Assembly	Main Hall Old Wing, MICC
9 a.m. – 10.30 a.m.	♦ Debate on the emergency item	
10.30 a.m.–1 p.m.	♦ Continuation of the General Debate	
2.30 p.m. – 6.30 p.m.	♦ Continuation of the General Debate	
	♦ Guest speakers:	
	› Mr. Vinay Nayak, Digital Constituency Manager, Obama 2012 Re-election Campaign	
	› Ms. Catherine Phiri, Zambian boxer	
	♦ Continuation of the General Debate	

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
9.30 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Standing Committee on Peace and International Security ♦ Item 4: <i>Terrorism: The need to enhance global cooperation against the threat to democracy and individual rights</i> – Finalization of the draft resolution in plenary	Room 1 (first floor) Old Wing, MICC
2.30 p.m. – 6.30 p.m.	Standing Committee on Sustainable Development, Finance and Trade ♦ Item 5: <i>Ensuring lasting protection against destruction and deterioration for the tangible and intangible cultural heritage of humanity</i> – Preparation of the draft resolution in plenary	Mosi-oa-Tunya New Wing, MICC

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OTHER EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Today, Sunday, 20 March 2016

12 noon – 2 p.m.	Side event on <i>Preventing child and forced marriage: Making the Global Health Goals a reality for girls</i> Event 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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Tuesday, 22 March 2016

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

Wednesday, 23 March 2016

2.30 p.m. – 4.30 p.m.	Panel discussion on <i>Leading by example on climate change: A lighter carbon footprint for parliaments</i> Event organized jointly by the IPU and ASGP	Room 2 (first floor) 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 (<http://www.ipu.org/conf-e/134/dr-list.pdf>) 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=Pij7nDXr_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.



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VACANCIES TO BE FILLED AT THE 134th ASSEMBLY

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

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 candidatures have been received:

– Ms. F. Benbadis (Algeria): candidature submitted by the African Group;

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

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**.

To date, the following candidature has been received:

– *Mr. M. Bouchelaghem (Algeria): candidature submitted as titular member by the African Group.*

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 today 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 following candidatures have been received:

– *Mr. S.S. Alremeithi (United Arab Emirates): candidature submitted by the Arab Group;*

– *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 **one 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 candidatures have been received:

– *Mr. A. Hussain Adam (Sudan): candidature submitted by the Arab Group;*

– *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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