

135th IPU ASSEMBLY AND RELATED MEETINGS

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Draft agenda

1. Adoption of the agenda

2. Approval of the summary record of the Committee's session held during the 134th IPU Assembly in Lusaka (March 2016)

3. Elections to the Bureau

The Committee will fill the existing vacancies on the Bureau, based on proposals from the geopolitical groups.

4. Parliamentary contribution to the 2016 UN Climate Change Conference

On 13 November, a Parliamentary Meeting co-organized by the IPU and the Moroccan Parliament will take place in conjunction with COP22/CMP12. The Committee will be briefed on practical arrangements for the Meeting in Marrakesh. Committee members will exchange views on a pre-draft of the outcome document.

5. Debate on Promoting enhanced international cooperation on the SDGs, in particular on the financial inclusion of women as a driver of development

This debate will be organized around the theme of the Committee resolution that is expected to be adopted at the 136th Assembly in Dhaka. The debate will provide the Committee with an opportunity to exchange views about challenges that stand in the way of implementing the SDGs from the viewpoint of the financial inclusion of women. It will also provide the co-Rapporteurs with initial information about how IPU Member Parliaments approach this issue.

6. Panel discussion on *The role of parliaments in countering the activities of vulture funds*

A vulture fund is a hedge fund or private equity fund that invests in debt considered to be very weak or in default. Vulture funds profit from the difficult circumstances of heavily indebted States in order to make profits that are disproportionate to what was initially invested. The panel will discuss ways in which parliaments can control and counter the activities of these funds.

7. Any other business

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