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135th IPU ASSEMBLY AND RELATED MEETINGS

Geneva, 23 – 27.10.2016

FORUM OF WOMEN PARLIAMENTARIANS 24th SESSION

Geneva, 23 October 2016
(11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.)

Forum of Women Parliamentarians
Agenda

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I. SCHEDULE OF MEETING AND DEBATING ARRANGEMENTS

The 24th session of the Forum of Women Parliamentarians will be held at the Centre International de Conférences de Genève (CICG) in Geneva (Switzerland). The Forum will meet on Sunday 23 October from 11:00 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2:30 to 5:30 p.m.

The Forum should provide an opportunity for active and spontaneous dialogue. Interventions should therefore be brief and not exceed three minutes. No list of speakers will be drawn up in advance. In plenary, participants will be able to request the floor by completing the form on their desks.

II. ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Adoption of the agenda

2. Gender activities at IPU Assemblies

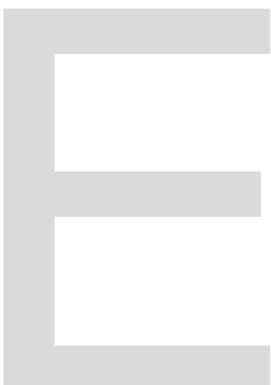
- (a) Reports of previous work: Bureau of Women Parliamentarians
Participants will be informed of the deliberations of the Bureau at its sessions of 23 March 2016 in Lusaka and 23 October 2016 in Geneva.
- (b) Gender Partnership Group
Participants will be informed of the work and recommendations of the Group.
- (c) Briefing: recent IPU activities on gender equality

The discussion will conclude by 11:30 a.m.

3. Contributing to the work of the 135th Assembly from a gender perspective

Participants will be invited to discuss the following item on the agenda of the 135th Assembly:

- The freedom of women to participate in political processes fully, safely and without interference: Building partnerships between men and women to achieve this objective. (*Standing Committee on Democracy and Human Rights*)



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Participants will split into two groups to discuss the following sub-themes:

Theme 1: Successful strategies to engage men on gender equality

Theme 2: Stopping political violence against women

On the recommendation of its Bureau, the Forum will elect a moderator and a rapporteur for each group. They will agree on recommendations to be submitted to the Forum of Women Parliamentarians at its afternoon sitting.

Each group will meet from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

4. Panel discussion:

Securing the rights and future of women and girls during war and conflict

The participants will discuss what parliamentary action can be taken to ensure that women and girls living under or fleeing from war and conflict can access health and education, and be protected from violence, harmful practices, trafficking and exploitation.

The panel discussion will conclude by 4:30 p.m.

5. Reports of the discussion group rapporteurs

The rapporteurs will present their reports. The Forum will then ask them to prepare, in consultation with the President of the Bureau of Women Parliamentarians, amendments to be presented during the debate of the Standing Committee on Democracy and Human Rights (scheduled for Monday 24 October 2016 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.).

6. Elections to the Bureau of Women Parliamentarians

The Forum will be called upon to fill the seats on the Bureau of Women Parliamentarians that remain vacant: one regional representative for the Asia-Pacific Group, one regional representative for the Eurasia Group and one regional representative for the Group of Latin America and the Caribbean. Elections will be held on the basis of candidatures submitted by the corresponding geopolitical groups.

7. Venue and date of the 25th session of the Forum of Women Parliamentarians and other future meetings related to gender equality

**PARITY DEBATE
on**

Harassment and violence against parliamentarians: issues and solutions

**26 October 2016
11 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Room 2, level 0, CICG**

During the 135th Assembly, the Forum of Women Parliamentarians will hold a parity debate on the theme *Harassment and violence against parliamentarians: issues and solutions*. The parity debate will be held on 26 October 2016, from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. This initiative is part of the Forum's effort to enhance dialogue between women and men within the IPU, and encouraging male parliamentarians' participation in gender-related debates. Delegations are invited to be represented at this important debate by both male and female participants.

**COMPOSITION AND OFFICERS OF THE BUREAU
OF WOMEN PARLIAMENTARIANS
(As at 1 JUNE 2016)**

OFFICERS (March 2016–2018)

President	Ms. M. Mensah-Williams (Namibia)
First Vice-President	Ms. M. André (France)
Second Vice-President	Ms. N. Al Kharoosi (Oman)

REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVES**Expiry of term****African Group:**

Ms. M. Mensah-Williams (Namibia)	Ms. J. Nze Mouenidiambou (Gabon)	March 2018
Ms. F. Adedoyin (Nigeria)	Ms. A. E. Woldesemeyat (Ethiopia)	March 2020

Arab Group:

Ms. N. Al Kharoosi (Oman)	Ms. S. Kousantini (Tunisia)	March 2018
Ms. H. Alhelaissi (Saudi Arabia)	Ms. M. Azer Abdelmalak (Egypt)	March 2020

Asia-Pacific Group:

Ms. W. A. Khan (Bangladesh)	Ms. A. Khalid Parvez (Pakistan)	March 2018
Ms. S. Sirivejchapun (Thailand)	<i>Vacancy</i>	March 2020

Eurasia Group:

Ms. V. Petrenko (Russian Federation)	Ms. E. Shamal (Belarus)	March 2018
Ms. L. Gumerova (Russian Federation)	<i>Vacancy</i>	March 2020

Group of Latin American and the Caribbean:

Ms. A. Ocles Padilla (Ecuador)	Ms. L. Arias Medrano (Dominican Rep.)	March 2018
Ms. E. Mendoza Fernández (Bolivia)	<i>Vacancy</i>	March 2020

Twelve Plus Group:

Ms. M. André (France)	Ms. P. Ernstberger (Germany)	March 2018
Ms. S. Ataulajhan (Canada)	Ms. P.E. Locatelli (Italy)	March 2020

MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE*(ex officio, for the duration of their term on the Executive Committee)***Expiry of term**

Ms. F. Benbadis (Algeria)	October 2018
Ms. A. Habibou (Niger)	October 2019
Ms. G. Eldegard (Norway)	October 2019

PRESIDENTS OF THE FORUM OF WOMEN PARLIAMENTARIANS*(ex officio for two years)***Expiry of term**

Ms. Nguyen Thi Kim Ngan (Viet Nam)	March 2017
Ms. N. Luo (Zambia)	March 2018