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### Saturday, 1 April 2017

Time	Meeting	Place
8 a.m. – 9.15 a.m.	Bureau of Women Parliamentarians	Windy Town (first floor), BICC (in camera)
9.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.	Forum of Women Parliamentarians	Celebrity Hall (first floor), BICC
10 a.m. – 10.45 a.m.	♦ Q & A on gender-sensitive parliaments (self-assessment methodology)	
11 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.	♦ Discussion on the draft resolution on <i>Promoting enhanced international cooperation on the SDGs, in particular on the financial inclusion of women as a driver of development</i> . The discussion will take place in two groups (Group 1: Celebrity Hall; Group 2: Windy Town).	
11 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.	Meeting of Chairpersons of Geopolitical Groups and Presidents of Standing Committees	Green View 2 (first floor), BICC (in camera)
2 p.m. – 3 p.m.	Meeting of Advisers and Secretaries to delegations	Harmony Hall (ground floor), BICC (in camera)
2 p.m. – 6 p.m.	Forum of Women Parliamentarians	Celebrity Hall (first floor), BICC
2 p.m. – 4 p.m.	♦ Debate on <i>Women's political participation: A new impetus to break the glass ceiling</i>	
4 p.m. – 5.30 p.m.	♦ Panel discussion on <i>Empowering girls today to achieve sustainable development tomorrow</i>	
2.30 p.m. – 5.30 p.m.	Advisory Group on HIV/AIDS and Maternal, Newborn and Child Health	Green View 1 (first floor), BICC (in camera)
1.30 p.m. – 6 p.m.	Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians	Green View 2 (first floor), BICC (in camera)
3 p.m. – 6 p.m.	Committee on Middle East Questions	Windy Town (first floor), BICC (in camera)
7.30 p.m. – 8.30 p.m.	Inaugural Ceremony of the 136 <sup>th</sup> Assembly in the presence of H.E. Sheikh Hasina, Prime Minister of the People's Republic of Bangladesh, followed by a reception	South Plaza, Parliament of Bangladesh
	♦ Delegates are requested to wear their badges and show their invitation cards.	
	♦ Delegates are further requested to take their seats no later than 7 p.m.	

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**IMPORTANT REMINDER – Special shuttle bus arrangements for 2 and 4 April:** The shuttle bus service between hotels and the BICC will be suspended between 8 a.m. and 10 a.m., in view of the large number of students travelling around the city to sit national examinations. The last early bus will leave at 7.50 a.m. and the next bus will leave at 10 a.m.  
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<sup>1</sup> Information as at 6 p.m. on 31 March.

## Preview of main programme for Sunday, 2 April

9 a.m. – 11 a.m.	<b>Governing Council</b>	Hall of Fame (ground floor), BICC
	<b>Standing Committee on Peace and International Security</b>	Celebrity Hall (first floor), BICC
9 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.	– Presentation and debate of the draft resolution on <i>The role of parliament in preventing outside interference in the internal affairs of sovereign States</i>	
2.30 p.m. – 5.30 p.m.	– Drafting of the resolution in plenary	
10 a.m. – 1 p.m.	<b>Forum of Young Parliamentarians of the IPU</b>	Carnival Hall (ground floor), BICC
	– Contribution to the work of the 136 <sup>th</sup> Assembly	
	– Election of Board members	
	– Update and discussion on the Forum's workplan and activities (2017)	
	– Preparations for the 137 <sup>th</sup> Assembly	
	<b>Assembly</b>	
11 a.m. – 1 p.m.	– Start of the General Debate on <i>Redressing inequalities: Delivering on dignity and well-being for all</i>	Hall of Fame (ground floor), BICC
	› Keynote address by Mr. Kailash Satyarthi, Nobel Peace Prize Laureate and Chairperson of the Global March Against Child Labour	
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 p.m. – 2.30 p.m.	<b>Official group photograph of all Heads of delegation</b>	Main Lobby (ground floor), BICC
2.30 p.m. – 6.30 p.m.	<b>Standing Committee on Sustainable Development, Finance and Trade</b>	Carnival Hall (ground floor), BICC
	Presentation, debate and start of drafting in plenary of the draft resolution on <i>Promoting enhanced international cooperation on the SDGs, in particular on the financial inclusion of women as a driver of development</i>	

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## OTHER EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

### Sunday, 2 April 2017

1.30 p.m. – 3 p.m.	<b>Side event on <i>Breaking down barriers for improved health of young generations: A multisectoral approach</i></b> , organized by the IPU, the World Health Organization (WHO), The Partnership for Maternal, Newborn and Child Health (PMNCH) and the Scaling Up Nutrition (SUN) Movement	Windy Town (first floor), BICC
	A light lunch will be provided.	

### Monday, 3 April 2017

8.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.	<b>Field visit on child rights issues in collaboration with UNICEF</b>	Baunia Badh, Mirpur, Dhaka
9.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.	<b>Standing Committee on Democracy and Human Rights</b>	Carnival Hall (ground floor), BICC
	Interactive debate on <i>Sharing our diversity: The 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Universal Declaration on Democracy</i>	
	<b>During the Assembly:</b>	Hall of Fame (ground floor), BICC
	Addresses by:	
10.30 a.m.	› Ms. Gerda Verburg, Coordinator of the SUN Movement	
3 p.m.	› Mr. Augusto Lopez-Carlos, Director of the Global Indicators Group at the World Bank Group	

1 p.m. – 2 p.m. **Roundtable dialogue on *Parliamentary action plan for nuclear-risk reduction and achieving a nuclear-weapon-free world***, organized by UNFOLD ZERO and Parliamentarians for Nuclear Non-Proliferation and Disarmament (PNND), in cooperation with the IPU  
Windy Town (first floor), BICC  
([English only](#))

## Tuesday, 4 April 2017

9 a.m. – 1 p.m. **Standing Committee on United Nations Affairs** Celebrity Hall (first floor), BICC  
– Parliamentary follow-up on the SDGs in preparation for the 2017 session of the UN High-level Political Forum (HLPF) on Sustainable Development  
– Panel discussion on the main theme of the 2017 UN HLPF: *Eradicating poverty and promoting prosperity in a changing world*

9.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m. **Standing Committee on Democracy and Human Rights** Carnival Hall (ground floor), BICC  
Interactive debate on *Act now for adolescents: The role of parliamentarians in promoting adolescent health and well-being*

1 p.m. – 2.30 p.m. **Launch of *Unique Glimpses*, a book on autism, illustrated with drawings by children with autism, produced by the Shuchona Foundation** Windy Town (first floor), BICC  
The event will be hosted by Ms. Saima Wazed Hossain, Honourable Chairperson of the National Advisory Committee on Autism in Bangladesh. The book will be launched by special guest Dr. Shirin Sharmin Chaudhury, Speaker of the Parliament of Bangladesh.  
A light lunch will be provided.

2 p.m. – 4 p.m. **Interactive debate on *Parliaments in the digital era – Parliamentarians and social networks: Making effective use of social media*** Carnival Hall (ground floor), BICC

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## OTHER INFORMATION

- ♦ **Assembly App:** As part of the IPU's PaperSmart policy, an application has been created to facilitate the online consultation of Assembly documents. It can be downloaded from the App store via the IPU Assembly web page (<http://www.ipu.org/conf-e/136agnd.htm>) or by personal email invitation by sending a request to [sas@ipu.org](mailto:sas@ipu.org). A user manual is available at <http://www.ipu.org/conf-e/136/app.pdf>.
- ♦ **List of participants:** Delegations are reminded that printed copies of the provisional list of participants are only available on request at the Document Distribution Service. 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, 4 April**. The final list of participants will be published on the IPU website.
- ♦ Delegates are invited to view a poster exhibition entitled *Youth for Sustainability*, sponsored by the Hungarian Parliament, which has been set up in the foyer of the Hall of Fame on the ground floor of the BICC.
- ♦ The Honourable Mr. Fazle Rabbi, Deputy Speaker of the Parliament of Bangladesh, is kindly offering a boxed lunch to all delegates on Monday, 3 April. These may be collected from the Central Point Coffee Shop (ground floor) and Gallery Café (first floor) at the BICC.

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## MEDIA INFORMATION

- ♦ Watch the 136<sup>th</sup> Assembly live at <http://ipu136bangladesh.org>.

 Follow or take part in discussions on **Twitter** using **#IPU136** ([www.twitter.com/ipuparliament](http://www.twitter.com/ipuparliament)). Follow the IPU on @IPUparliament, the Forum of Women Parliamentarians on #WomenMPs and the Forum of Young Parliamentarians on #youngMPs.



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## VACANCIES TO BE FILLED AT THE 136<sup>th</sup> ASSEMBLY

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

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On 5 April 2017, 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 (Room 205, first floor, BICC) up to 9.30 a.m. on Tuesday, 4 April 2017.

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Governing Council will be required to elect **one member** for the Arab Group.

*To date, the following candidature has been received:*

– *Mr. A. Abdel Aal (Egypt): candidature submitted by the House of Representatives of Egypt.*

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### COMMITTEES AND OTHER BODIES

#### Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians

The Governing Council will be required to elect **two female members**.

#### Committee on Middle East Questions

The Governing Council will be required to elect **three female members**.

*To date, the following candidature has been received:*

*Ms. S. Ataullahjan (Canada): candidature submitted by the delegation of Canada to the Twelve Plus Group.*

#### Committee to Promote Respect for International Humanitarian Law

The Governing Council will be required to elect **two members**: one member (male) for the Arab Group and one member (female) for the Eurasia Group.

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### BUREAU OF WOMEN PARLIAMENTARIANS

Today, Saturday, 1 April 2017, the 25<sup>th</sup> Session of the Forum of Women Parliamentarians will elect **three regional representatives** to its Bureau: one regional representative each for the African Group, the Asia-Pacific Group and the Eurasia Group.

*To date, the following candidatures have been received:*

– *Ms. R.W. Karirathna (Sri Lanka): candidature submitted by the Asia-Pacific Group;*

– *Ms. K. Atshemyan (Armenia): candidature submitted by the Eurasia Group.*

*The geopolitical groups concerned are requested to submit candidatures by 1 p.m. today, Saturday, 1 April 2017.*

### FORUM OF YOUNG PARLIAMENTARIANS OF THE IPU

At its meeting on Sunday, 2 April 2017, the Forum will elect its Board of **two members** (one female and one male) from each geopolitical group.

*Geopolitical groups are requested to submit candidatures by 6 p.m. today, Saturday, 1 April 2017.*

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### STANDING COMMITTEE BUREAUX

The following elections to the Bureaux will be held:

#### Standing Committee on Sustainable Development, Finance and Trade

**One vacancy** for the Twelve Plus Group to be filled by a woman or a man.

#### Standing Committee on Democracy and Human Rights

**Two vacancies**: One vacancy each for the African Group and the Twelve Plus Group to be filled by a woman or a man.

#### Standing Committee on United Nations Affairs

**Two vacancies**: One vacancy each for the Eurasia Group and the Group of Latin America and the Caribbean (GRULAC) to be filled by a woman or a man.

*Candidatures for the above vacancies may be submitted by the geopolitical groups concerned up to the time of the elections.*

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