Draft Programme

Monday, 31 August 2015

10.00-10.45 Opening ceremony in the presence of:
- Mr. Saber Chowdhury, IPU President
- Mr. Ban Ki-moon, United Nations Secretary-General (level 2)
- Mr. Sam K. Kutesa, President of UN General Assembly

Keynote address by Mr. Forest Whitaker, artist, humanist and UNESCO Special Envoy for Peace and Reconciliation

11.00-13.00 Plenary sitting I

Presentation of reports:
Implementation of major recommendations of previous Speakers’ Conferences and the growing parliamentary dimension to international cooperation
Rapporteur: Ms. Rebecca Kadaga, Speaker of the Parliament of Uganda

Mainstreaming gender equality into the work of parliaments
Co-Rapporteurs:
- Ms. Santi Bai Hanoomanjee, Speaker of the National Assembly of Mauritius
- Mr. Norbert Lammert, Speaker of the Bundestag, Germany

General debate: Placing democracy at the service of peace and sustainable development: Building the world the people want

14.30 Group Photo (Speakers of Parliament only)

15.00-18.00 Plenary sitting II

Presentation of reports:
Parliamentary involvement in the shaping and implementation of the new Sustainable Development Goals
Rapporteur: Mr. Saber Chowdhury, President of the IPU

Challenges facing parliaments today
Rapporteur: Mr. David Carter, Speaker of the Parliament of New Zealand

Address by Ms. Helen Clark, Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

Continuation of general debate

18.30 Cocktail reception hosted by the IPU President
**Tuesday, 1 September 2015**

10.00-13.00 Plenary sitting III  
Address by Ms. Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka, Executive Director of UN Women  
- Continuation of general debate  
Panel discussion: Parliamentary oversight: Challenges and opportunities  
Conference Room 4 (level B)

15.00-18.00 Plenary sitting IV  
- Continuation of general debate  
Panel discussion: Translating the SDGs into action  
Conference Room 4 (level B)

**Wednesday, 2 September 2015**

10.00-13.00 Plenary sittings V and VI  
- Continuation and conclusion of general debate  
- Presentation of reports from the panel discussions  
  - Parliamentary oversight: Challenges and opportunities  
  - Translating the SDGs into action

15.00-18.00  
- Adoption of the Declaration  
- Remarks by the IPU President, Mr. Saber Chowdhury, and the incoming President of the UN General Assembly, Mr. M. Lykketoft (former Speaker of the Parliament of Denmark)  
- Closing of the Fourth World Conference of Speakers of Parliament