Inter-Parliamentary Union 125<sup>th</sup> Assembly and related meetings Bern, Switzerland 16–19 October 2011



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# **JOURNAL<sup>1</sup>** Tuesday, 18 October 2011

Time	Meeting	Place
9 a.m. – 11 a.m.	Special event on Reform of the financial marketsModerator:Mr. Robert Walter, MP (United Kingdom)Panellists:Ambassador Oscar Knapp (Switzerland), Delegate for Trade Agreements, State Secretariat for Economic Affairs	
	Senator Donald Oliver (Canada), Speaker pro tempor of the Senate, Member of the IPU Executive Committee Ms. Yuefen Li, Head of Debt and Development Financ Branch, United Nations Conference on Trade an Development (UNCTAD)	e
9 a.m.–12.30 p.m.	Panel discussion on the subject to be considered by the Thir Standing Committee during the 126 <sup>th</sup> Assembly in April 2012 Access to health as a basic right: The role of parliaments i addressing key challenges to securing the health of women an children	– BERNEXPO n
	President: Mr. Osei Kyei-Mensah-Bonsu (Ghana)	
	Co-Rapporteurs: Ms. Salma Ataullahjan (Canada) Mr. Francisco Sardinha (India) Ms. Paula Turyahikayo (Uganda)	
	Panellists: Dr. Flavia Bustreo, Assistant Director-General for Family Women's and Children's Health, World Healt Organization (WHO)	
	Dr. Carole Presern, Director of the Partnership for Maternal, Newborn and Child Health (PMNCH)	r
9 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Drafting Committee on the emergency item	Congress Room 1
·	<ul> <li>Composition: Argentina, Australia, Burundi, Canada, Mexico Namibia, Uganda, United Kingdom</li> </ul>	(in camera)
	Those geopolitical groups which have not yet submitted the name of their representatives in the drafting committee should do so before th start of the work.	
11.30 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Advisory Group of the IPU Committee on United Nations Affairs	Wankdorf & Belpmoos Rooms Novotel Hotel (1 <sup>st</sup> floor) (in camera)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Information as of 17 October, at 6 p.m.

1.30 p.m. – 2.30 p.m.	Meeting betwe IPU Presidency	Hall 1.1, level 0 BERNEXPO	
2 p.m. – 5.30 p.m.	Panel discussion on the subject to be considered by the Second Standing Committee during the 126 <sup>th</sup> Assembly in April 2012 – <i>Redistribution of power, not just wealth: Ownership of</i> <i>international agendas</i>		Hall 2.0, level -1 BERNEXPO
	President:	Mr. Saleh Alhusseini (Saudi Arabia)	
	Co-Rapporteurs:	Lord Judd (United Kingdom) Mr. Ouadia Benabdallah (Morocco)	
	Panellist:	Ms. Yuefen Li, Head of Debt and Development Finance Branch, United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)	
2.30 p.m. – 6 p.m.	Panel discussion Standing Comm Promoting an advancing peace in the Middle E	Hall 2.2, level 1 BERNEXPO	
	President:	Mr. Saber Hossain Chowdhury (Bangladesh)	
	Co-Rapporteurs:	Mr. Márton Gyöngyösi (Hungary) Mr. Jack Jacob Mwiimbu (Zambia)	
	Panellists:	Mr. Magdy El Galad, Editor-in-Chief of the Egyptian daily newspaper <i>Al-Masry Al-Youm</i> Ms. Sara Sekkenes, Senior Adviser, Bureau for Crisis Prevention and Recovery, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Ms. Kareen Jabre, Manager of the Gender Partnership Programme, IPU	
2.30 p.m. – 6 p.m.	Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians		Wankdorf & Belpmoos Rooms Novotel Hotel (1 <sup>st</sup> floor) (in camera)
4 p.m. – 5 p.m.	Gender Partnership Group		Congress Room 1 level 2, BERNEXPO (in camera)
4 p.m. – 8 p.m.	Advisory Group on HIV/AIDS		Second informal meeting room Hall 3.2, level 1 BERNEXPO (in camera)
5.45 p.m. – 7 p.m.	Executive Committee		Congress Room 1

Congress Room 1 level 2, BERNEXPO (in camera)

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### Preview of programme for Wednesday, 19 October

9 a.m.–1 p.m.	<b>IPU Committee on United Nations Affairs</b> The following debates will take place within this Committee:	Hall 2.0, level -1 BERNEXPO
9 a.m. – 11.30 a.m.	• Panel discussion on The green economy: A breakthrough for sustainable development?	
	Moderator: Mr. Hugo Napoleão, MP (Brazil)	
	Panellists: Mr. Georgios Kostakos, Deputy Executive Secretary, UN Secretary-General's High-level Panel on Global Sustainability	
	Mr. Farooq Ullah, Head of Policy and Advocacy, Stakeholder Forum for a Sustainable Future	
	Mr. Sheng Fulai, Head, Research and Partnerships Unit, United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)	
	Senator Helen Esuene, Senate Committee on Environment (Nigeria)	
	Mr. Bertrand Piccard, Chairman, Solar Impulse, Switzerland	
	Mr. Oliver Greenfield, Convener, Green Economy Coalition	
11.45 a.m.–12.30 p.m.	UN Climate Change Conference	
	Chair: Mr. Cedric Frolick, MP (South Africa)	
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## **OTHER INFORMATION**

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- Inclusion of an emergency item in the Assembly agenda: Delegates are informed that the item "The plight of the people of famine-stricken Somalia and relief efforts by IPU Member Parliaments" has been included in the agenda as an emergency item (Item 6). The drafting committee on the emergency item will meet in Congress Room 1, level 2, BERNEXPO, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. today.
- List of Delegates: A Provisional List of Delegates has been distributed. Delegations which have not yet done so are kindly reminded to collect from the Registration and Information Service a document containing information relating to their delegation. In order to ensure the accuracy of the final List of Delegates, delegations are kindly requested to report any changes to be made, by indicating them on the above-mentioned document, which should be signed by the head of delegation and handed to Ms. Marina Filippin at the above Service not later than 10 a.m. today, Tuesday, 18 October. The final List of Delegates will be distributed in the pigeonholes of all delegations during Wednesday, 19 October.
- List of Governing Council members: Delegations which have not yet done so are requested to inform the Submission and Control of Documents Service (IPU Secretariat Area, Hall 1.2, level 1) of the names of their representatives on the Governing Council for the period from the 125<sup>th</sup> to the 126<sup>th</sup> Assembly.
- Distribution of messages: The sending of messages through the Registration and Information Desk is a service made available to delegations solely in order to facilitate communications among them on all matters related to the working of the sessions.

Delegations wishing to make known to IPU Members their point of view on **any question other than those related to the working of the sessions** may do so, under their own responsibility, by leaving documentation on tables set aside

for this purpose on the first floor of BERNEXPO, behind the Plenary Hall (Hall 2.2).

- Distribution of documents: As usual, working documents will be available to delegates in the various meeting rooms. Delegates will also be able to obtain additional copies from the Document Distribution Service located in Hall 1.2, level 1, BERNEXPO.
- Typing and photocopying service for delegates: In order to facilitate the work of the delegates, a typing and photocopying service will be available from 14 to 19 October 2011. This service is located in the main lobby of BERNEXPO.
- **Results of the Assembly and related meetings:** All delegations will receive **two** printed copies of the Results of the 125<sup>th</sup> Assembly. Members of the IPU are also reminded that the **different sections** of the Brochure are accessible on the IPU website (http://www.ipu.org) two weeks after the close of the Assembly. In addition, a **complete electronic version** of the Results can be downloaded from the IPU website in PDF format.

• Summary records:

- Summary records of the Governing Council and those of the IPU Committee on United Nations Affairs, together with a record of the proceedings of the Standing Committees' panel discussions, will be forwarded to all IPU Members after the closure of the Assembly. The summary records of the Assembly will be posted on the IPU website.

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## VACANCIES TO BE FILLED DURING THE 125th ASSEMBLY

#### PRESIDENT OF THE INTER-PARLIAMENTARY UNION

On 19 October 2011, the Governing Council will be required to elect **a new President** to replace Dr. T.-B. Gurirab (Namibia), whose term of office expires at the end of the 189<sup>th</sup> session of the Governing Council (cf. Article 19 of the Statutes and Rules 6, 7 and 8 of the Rules of the Governing Council).

Candidatures, accompanied by a signed covering letter and a brief curriculum vitae, may be submitted up to 2.30 p.m. today, Tuesday, 18 October 2011.

To date the following candidatures have been received:

- Mr. A. Radi (Morocco);

– Ms. N. Ali Assegaf (Indonesia).

#### **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

On 19 October, the Governing Council will be required to elect **seven members** to fill the following seats on the Executive Committee:

African Group	:	Three vacancies [expiry of terms of office of Ms. Z. Drif Bitat (Algeria), Mr. M.C. Nago (Benin) and Mr. T. Toga (Ethiopia)]
Asia-Pacific Group	:	Two vacancies [expiry of terms of office of Mr. Young Chin (Republic of Korea) and Mr. Ngo Quang Xuan (Viet Nam)]
Latin American Group	:	One vacancy [expiry of term of office of Ms. M.A. Saa (Chile)]
Twelve Plus Group	:	One vacancy [expiry of term of office of Mr. R. del Picchia (France)]

Members are reminded that, taking into consideration the composition of the Executive Committee and the vacancies to be filled, at least one woman should be elected on this occasion in order to respect Article 23.2 of the IPU Statutes, which states that at least three members of the Executive Committee must be women.

Candidatures from the corresponding geopolitical groups, accompanied by a signed covering letter and a brief curriculum vitae (one page maximum), may be submitted up to 9 a.m. today, Tuesday, 18 October 2011.

To date, the following candidatures have been received:

- Ms. R. Kadaga (Uganda): candidature submitted by the African Group;

- Ms. N. Motsamai (Lesotho): candidature submitted by the African Group;
- Ms. A. Kabore-Koala (Burkina Faso): candidature submitted by the African Group;
- Mr. F.K. Kundi (Pakistan): candidature for the Asia-Pacific Group submitted by the Parliament of Pakistan;
- Mr. F.M. Drilon (Philippines): candidature for the Asia-Pacific Group submitted by the candidate himself;

– Ms. I. Passada (Uruguay): candidature for the Latin American Group submitted by the Parliament of Uruguay; – Mr. J. Winkler (Germany): candidature submitted by the Twelve Plus Group.

#### SUBSIDIARY BODIES OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL OF THE INTER-PARLIAMENTARY UNION

#### Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians

On 19 October, the Governing Council will be required to elect:

- One titular member to replace Ms. R. Green (Mexico), whose term of office expires at the 189<sup>th</sup> session of the Governing Council;
- Three substitute members to replace: Ms. A. Boumediene Thiery (France), who is no longer a member of parliament; Ms. E. Obeng Dappah (Ghana), whose term of office expires at the 189<sup>th</sup> session of the Governing Council; and Mr. B. Barovič (Slovenia), who was elected titular member at the 188<sup>th</sup> session of the Governing Council.

Candidatures, accompanied by a signed covering letter and a brief curriculum vitae (one page maximum), may be submitted up to 9 a.m. today, Tuesday, 18 October 2011.

To date the following candidatures have been received:

- Mr. J.P. Letelier (Chile), for the post of titular member for the GRULAC region (currently substitute member);

- Ms. A. Clywd (United Kingdom): candidature as substitute member submitted by the Twelve Plus Group;

- Mr. P. Martin-Lalande (France): candidature as substitute member submitted by the Twelve Plus Group;

- Mr. U. Nilsson (Sweden): candidature as substitute member submitted by the Twelve Plus Group;

- Mr. J. Jayawardena (Sri Lanka): candidature as substitute member submitted by the candidate himself.

#### Committee on Middle East Questions

On 19 October, the Governing Council will be required to elect:

- **Two titular members** to replace Ms. A. Clwyd (United Kingdom), whose term of office expires at the 189<sup>th</sup> session of the Governing Council, and to fill one vacancy that was not filled at the 188<sup>th</sup> session of the Governing Council;

- One substitute member for the vacancy that was not filled at the 188<sup>th</sup> session of the Governing Council.

Members are reminded that the Governing Council has directed that no more than four of the seven members should be of the same gender. As the Committee currently includes four male titular members, <u>the two vacancies for titular member</u> <u>should be filled by women candidates</u>.

Candidatures, accompanied by a signed covering letter and a brief curriculum vitae (one page maximum), may be submitted up to 9 a.m. today, Tuesday, 18 October 2011.

To date the following candidatures have been received:

- Ms. S.E. Rajab (Bahrain): candidature as titular member submitted by the Council of Representatives of Bahrain;
- Ms. M.A. Cristi Marfil (Chile): candidature as titular member submitted by the Chilean Inter-Parliamentary Group;
- Ms. F. Ajorlou (Islamic Rep. of Iran): candidature as titular member submitted by the Iranian Inter-Parliamentary Group;
- Ms. M. Green (Sweden): candidature as titular member submitted by the Twelve Plus Group;

- Lord Judd (United Kingdom): candidature as substitute member submitted by the Twelve Plus Group.

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

On 19 October, the Governing Council will be required to elect:

- **One substitute member** to replace Mr. A. Kurt (Turkey), who is no longer a member of parliament; the term of office is four years.

Candidatures from the corresponding geopolitical group, accompanied by a signed covering letter and a brief curriculum vitae (one page maximum), may be submitted up to 9 a.m. today, Tuesday, 18 October 2011.

To date, the following candidature has been received:

- Ms. U. Karlsson (Sweden): candidature as substitute member submitted by the Twelve Plus Group.

#### Group of Facilitators for Cyprus

On 19 October, the Governing Council will be required to elect **one facilitator**, following the appointment of Mr. B. Rae (Canada) to senior posts within his political party and which has led to his resignation from the Group.

Candidatures, accompanied by a signed covering letter and a brief curriculum vitae (one page maximum), may be submitted up to 9 a.m. today, Tuesday, 18 October 2011.

To date, no candidatures have been received.

#### APPOINTMENT OF TWO INTERNAL AUDITORS FOR THE 2012 ACCOUNTS

On 19 October, the Governing Council will appoint **two Internal Auditors** for the 2012 fiscal year. They will report in spring 2013. Parliamentarians interested in submitting their candidature for this position should preferably have prior experience either in a parliamentary finance or audit committee.

Candidatures, accompanied by a signed covering letter and a brief curriculum vitae (one page maximum), may be submitted up to 9 a.m. today, Tuesday, 18 October 2011.

To date, the following candidature has been received:

– Mr. M. Sheetrit (Israel): candidature submitted by the Twelve Plus Group.

Any candidatures may be submitted to the \*\*\* Submission and Control of Documents Service \*\*\* IPU Secretariat Area, Hall 1.2, level 1, BERNEXPO

## **OFFICIAL RECEPTIONS**

5 p.m.Reception and presentation on Quebec for all participants, courtesy of the<br/>Canadian Parliament, host of the 127th Assembly in QuebecFoyer<br/>BERNEXPO

Evening reserved for embassies and diplomatic missions