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Time	Meeting	Place
8 a.m. – 9 a.m.	Steering Committee of the Assembly <i>The Steering Committee is composed of the President of the IPU and the Vice-President of the Executive Committee, as well as the Presidents of the Standing Committees.</i>	Elegant Room (ground floor), BICC (in camera)
9 a.m. – 10 a.m.	Board of the Forum of Young Parliamentarians of the IPU	Windy Town (first floor), BICC (in camera)
9 a.m. – 11 a.m.	Governing Council <ul style="list-style-type: none">♦ Questions relating to IPU membership♦ Reports by the President and Secretary General♦ Financial questions♦ Reports on recent IPU specialized meetings (<i>time permitting</i>)	Hall of Fame (ground floor), BICC
9 a.m. – 11 a.m.	Bureau of the Standing Committee on United Nations Affairs	Green View 2 (first floor), BICC (in camera)
9 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.	Standing Committee on Peace and International Security <ul style="list-style-type: none">♦ Item 4: The role of parliament in preventing outside interference in the internal affairs of sovereign States<ul style="list-style-type: none">– Presentation of the draft resolution; debate<i>co-Rapporteurs:</i> – Ms. S. Koutra-Koukouma (Cyprus)– Mr. K. Kosachev (Russian Federation)	Celebrity Hall (first floor), BICC
10 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Forum of Young Parliamentarians of the IPU <ul style="list-style-type: none">♦ Country updates on youth participation♦ Contribution to the work of the 136th Assembly♦ Election of Board members♦ Update and discussion on the Forum's workplan and activities (2017)♦ Preparations for the 137th Assembly	Carnival Hall (ground floor), BICC

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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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GENERAL DEBATE – IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Seating arrangements in view of high attendance – Hall of Fame (Plenary). On the basis of seats available at desks, most delegations will be allocated four seats (two at desks). Where possible, delegations with six or more MPs led by a Speaker of Parliament will have one additional desk seat. Members entitled to 10-MP delegations will have a total of six seats (three at desks). Single-member delegations and Observers will have one desk seat. Additional seating is available in the gallery of the Hall of Fame.

Interpretation. Delegates may, exceptionally, use another language provided that they arrange for their speech to be interpreted into one of the IPU's official languages by a member of their delegation who will be given access to an interpretation booth. To allow for all necessary arrangements to be made in good time, delegations should contact, well in advance, the Chief Interpreter (Ms. F. Steinig-Huang) through the English booth interpreters assigned to the meeting at which the speech will be delivered. Moreover, eight copies of the translation of the speech into one of the IPU's official languages should be given to the Chief Interpreter or to the English booth for distribution to the other interpreters. Electronic copies of speeches should be e-mailed in PDF format to speeches@ipu.org, a minimum of three hours before the speech is to be made, so as to also ensure a high quality of simultaneous interpretation into the other working languages.

Publication of speeches: As far as possible, the texts of official statements delivered in the General Debate will be published on the Assembly web page and be part of the records of the Assembly. Due to technical limitations, only speeches in English, French and Spanish will be published. Please note that the IPU Secretariat is not in a position to translate the texts of speeches.

¹ Information as at 6 p.m. on 1 April.

11 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Assembly	
	♦ Inaugural session on the General Debate theme <i>Redressing inequalities: Delivering on dignity and well-being for all</i>	Hall of Fame (ground floor), BICC
11 a.m. – 11.30 a.m.	Keynote address by Mr. Kailash Satyarthi, Nobel Peace Prize Laureate and Chairperson of the Global March Against Child Labour Opening remarks: › Dr. Shirin Sharmin Chaudhury, Speaker of the Parliament of Bangladesh › Ms. Margaret Mensah-Williams, Chairperson of the National Council of Namibia and President of the Forum of Women Parliamentarians of the IPU › Mr. Saeed Alremeithi, MP (United Arab Emirates) and President of the Forum of Young Parliamentarians of the IPU	
11.30 a.m. – 1 p.m.	♦ High-level segment of the General Debate (A list of speakers is available.)	
11.30 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Committee to Promote Respect for International Humanitarian Law	Windy Town (first floor), BICC (<i>in camera</i>)
2 p.m. – 2.30 p.m.	Official group photograph of all Heads of delegation	Main Lobby (ground floor), BICC
2.30 p.m. – 6.30 p.m.	Assembly	Hall of Fame (ground floor), BICC
2.30 p.m. – 5 p.m.	♦ Continuation of the General Debate	
5 p.m. – 6.30 p.m.	♦ Decision on the emergency item	
2.30 p.m. – 5.30 p.m.	Standing Committee on Peace and International Security	Celebrity Hall (first floor), BICC
	♦ Item 4: <i>The role of parliament in preventing outside interference in the internal affairs of sovereign States</i> – Preparation of the draft resolution in plenary	
2.30 p.m. – 6 p.m.	Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians	Green View 2 (first floor), BICC (<i>in camera</i>)
2.30 p.m. – 6.30 p.m.	Standing Committee on Sustainable Development, Finance and Trade	Carnival Hall (ground floor), BICC
	♦ Item 5: <i>Promoting enhanced international cooperation on the SDGs, in particular on the financial inclusion of women as a driver of development</i> – Presentation, debate and preparation of the draft resolution in plenary <i>co-Rapporteurs:</i> – Mr. N.K. Premachandran (India) – Ms. G. Cuevas (Mexico)	

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Preview of main programme for Monday, 3 April

<u>9 a.m. – 1 p.m.</u>	Assembly	Hall of Fame (ground floor), BICC
10.30 a.m.	♦ Debate on the emergency item	
	♦ Address by Ms. Gerda Verburg, Coordinator of the Scaling Up Nutrition (SUN) Movement	
	♦ Continuation of the General Debate	
<u>2.30 p.m. – 6.30 p.m.</u>		
3 p.m.	♦ Continuation of the General Debate	
	♦ Address by Mr. Augusto Lopez-Carlos, Director of the Global Indicators Group at the World Bank Group	
	♦ Continuation of the General Debate	
9 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Standing Committee on Peace and International Security	Celebrity Hall (first floor), BICC
	♦ Item 4: <i>The role of parliament in preventing outside interference in the internal affairs of sovereign States</i> – Finalization of the draft resolution in plenary	

9.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.	Standing Committee on Democracy and Human Rights Interactive debate on <i>Sharing our diversity: The 20th anniversary of the Universal Declaration on Democracy</i>	Carnival Hall (ground floor), BICC
2.30 p.m. – 6.30 p.m.	Standing Committee on Sustainable Development, Finance and Trade ♦ Item 5: <i>Promoting enhanced international cooperation on the SDGs, in particular on the financial inclusion of women as a driver of development</i> – Preparation of the draft resolution in plenary	Celebrity Hall (first floor), BICC

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OTHER EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Today, Sunday, 2 April 2017

1.30 p.m. – 3 p.m.	Side event on <i>Breaking down barriers for improved health of young generations: A multisectoral approach</i> , organized by the IPU, the World Health Organization (WHO), The Partnership for Maternal, Newborn and Child Health (PMNCH) and the SUN Movement A light lunch will be provided.	Windy Town (first floor), BICC
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Monday, 3 April 2017

8.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.	Field visit on child rights issues in collaboration with UNICEF	Baunia Badh, Mirpur, Dhaka
1 p.m. – 2 p.m.	Roundtable dialogue on <i>Parliamentary action plan for nuclear-risk reduction and achieving a nuclear-weapon-free world</i> , organized by UNFOLD ZERO and Parliamentarians for Nuclear Non-Proliferation and Disarmament (PNND), in cooperation with the IPU	Windy Town (first floor), BICC (<u>English only</u>)

Tuesday, 4 April 2017

9 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Standing Committee on United Nations Affairs – 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: <i>Eradicating poverty and promoting prosperity in a changing world</i>	Celebrity Hall (first floor), BICC
9.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.	Standing Committee on Democracy and Human Rights Interactive debate on <i>Act now for adolescents: The role of parliamentarians in promoting adolescent health and well-being</i>	Carnival Hall (ground floor), BICC
1 p.m. – 2.30 p.m.	Launch of <i>Unique Glimpses</i>, a book on autism, illustrated with drawings by children with autism, produced by the Shuchona Foundation 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.	Windy Town (first floor), BICC
2 p.m. – 4 p.m.	Interactive debate on <i>Parliaments in the digital era – Parliamentarians and social networks: Making effective use of social media</i>	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. 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. Fazole 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 136th Assembly live at <http://ipu136bangladesh.org>.
-  Follow or take part in discussions on **Twitter** using **#IPU136** (www.twitter.com/ipuparliament).
Follow the IPU on @IPUparliament, the Forum of Women Parliamentarians on #WomenMPs and the Forum of Young Parliamentarians on #youngMPs.
-  Photos of the event are available on <https://www.flickr.com/photos/inter-parliamentary-union/albums>.
Please credit: Inter-Parliamentary Union.

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VACANCIES TO BE FILLED AT THE 136th 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 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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FORUM OF YOUNG PARLIAMENTARIANS OF THE IPU

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

The following candidatures have been received:

- Ms. M. Osoru (Uganda) and Mr. P. Kalobo (Zambia): candidatures submitted by the African Group;
- Ms. R. Al Manthari (Oman) and Mr. W. Altabtabae (Kuwait): candidatures submitted by the Arab Group;
- Ms. I.Y.R. Putri (Indonesia) and Mr. A. Rifau (Maldives): candidatures submitted by the Asia-Pacific Group;
- Ms. E. Afanasieva (Russian Federation): candidature submitted by the Eurasia Group;
- Ms. S. Haskel (Israel) and Mr. N. Erskine-Smith (Canada): candidatures submitted by the Twelve Plus Group.

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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.

To date, the following candidatures have been received:

- Ms. W. Bani Mustafa (Jordan): candidature submitted by the Arab Group (to replace Ms. Z. Ely Salem (Mauritania));
- Ms. S. Dinică (Romania): candidature submitted by the Twelve Plus Group.

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.

To date, the following candidatures have been received:

- Mr. A. Niyongabo (Burundi): candidature submitted by the African Group;
- Mr. S. Spengemann (Canada): candidature submitted by the Twelve Plus Group.

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.

To date, the following candidature has been received:

- Mr. S. Gavrilov (Russian Federation): candidature submitted by the Eurasia Group.

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

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