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Time	Meeting	Place
9 a.m. – 10 a.m.	Gender Partnership Group	Windy Town (first floor), BICC (in camera)
9 a.m. – 11 a.m.	Bureau of the Standing Committee on Sustainable Development, Finance and Trade	Green View 2 (first floor), BICC (in camera)
9 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Standing Committee on United Nations Affairs Chaired by Mr. Anti Avsan, MP (Sweden) <ul style="list-style-type: none">♦ Elections to the Bureau♦ Parliamentary follow-up on the SDGs in preparation for the 2017 session of the UN High-level Political Forum (HLPF) on Sustainable Development <i>Discussants:</i> Mr. Sudipto Mukerjee, Country Director, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), Bangladesh Mr. Abul Kamal Azad, MP (Bangladesh) Ms. Mereseini Vuniwaqa, MP (Fiji)♦ Panel discussion on the main theme of the 2017 UN HLPF: <i>Eradicating poverty and promoting prosperity in a changing world</i> <i>Discussants:</i> Mr. Nagesh Kumar, Director, Social Development Division, United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) Ms. Christine Hunter, Representative, United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and Empowerment of Women (UN Women), Bangladesh Ms. Bilaibhan Sampatisiri, MP (Thailand) Ms. Claudia Roth, Deputy Speaker of the German Bundestag Mr. Sonam Kinga, Speaker of the National Council of Bhutan	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> <i>Moderator:</i> Ms. Helga Fogstad, Executive Director, The Partnership for Maternal, Newborn and Child Health (PMNCH) <i>Discussants:</i> Ms. Venkatraman Chandra-Mouli, World Health Organization (WHO) Mr. Célestin Sebuho, Senator (Rwanda) Ms. Maliha Fairouz, Restless Development Nepal Ms. Saima Khan, Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS)	Carnival Hall (ground floor), BICC
10 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.	Executive Committee	Windy Town (first floor), BICC (in camera)

¹ Information as at 6 p.m. on 3 April.

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> <i>Moderator:</i> Mr. Patrice Martin-Lalande, MP (France)	Carnival Hall (ground floor), BICC
2.30 p.m. – 4 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> – Adoption of the draft resolution ♦ Consideration of proposals for the Committee's agenda at the 138 th Assembly	Celebrity Hall (first floor), BICC
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.	Assembly ♦ Item 9 (emergency item) – <i>Urgent international action to save millions of people from famine and drought in parts of Africa and Yemen</i> – Adoption of the resolution ♦ Conclusion of the General Debate on <i>Redressing inequalities: Delivering on dignity and well-being for all</i>	Hall of Fame (ground floor), BICC
4.30 p.m. – 6.30 p.m.	Standing Committee on Peace and International Security ♦ Item 4: <i>The role of parliament in preventing outside interference in the internal affairs of sovereign States</i> – Adoption of the draft resolution ♦ Consideration of proposals for the Committee's agenda at the 138 th Assembly	Celebrity Hall (first floor), BICC
4.30 p.m. – 6.30 p.m.	Bureau of Women Parliamentarians	Windy Town (first floor), BICC <i>(in camera)</i>

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Preview of main programme for Wednesday, 5 April

9.30 a.m. – 1 p.m. & 2.30 p.m.	Governing Council Consideration of all remaining items on the agenda	Hall of Fame (ground floor), BICC
At the end of the Governing Council	Assembly – Closing sitting ♦ Resolutions of the Standing Committee on Peace and International Security (Item 4) and the Standing Committee on Sustainable Development, Finance and Trade (Item 5) ♦ Reports of the Standing Committee on Democracy and Human Rights and the Standing Committee on United Nations Affairs (Item 6) ♦ Approval of the subject items for the Standing Committee on Peace and International Security and the Standing Committee on Sustainable Development, Finance and Trade at the 138 th IPU Assembly (Item 7) ♦ Outcome document of the General Debate ♦ Amendments to the IPU Statutes and Rules (Item 8) ♦ Closure of the Assembly	Hall of Fame (ground floor), BICC

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OTHER EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Today, Tuesday, 4 April 2017

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.

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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 today, 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.

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MEDIA INFORMATION

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



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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. today, Tuesday, 4 April 2017**. Candidates for the Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians vacancies are required to complete the vacancies form available at <http://www.ipu.org/hr-e/miscel/form-chrp.pdf>.

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 and supported by the Arab Group.*

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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** to replace Ms. A. Clwyd (United Kingdom) and Ms. M. Kiener Nellen (Switzerland).

To date, the following candidatures have been received:

– *Ms. B. Jónsdóttir (Iceland): candidature submitted by the Icelandic delegation;*

– *Ms. L. Dumont (France): candidature submitted by the French delegation;*

– *Ms. B. Nhambu (Zimbabwe) and Ms. M. Drame (Mali): candidatures submitted by the African Group.*

Committee on Middle East Questions

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

To date, the following candidatures have been received:

– *Ms. S. Ataullahjan (Canada): candidature submitted by the Twelve Plus Group;*

– *Ms. R. Elwani (Egypt): candidature submitted by the candidate herself.*

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.

To date, the following candidature has been received:

– *Mr. S. Alkhathlan (Saudi Arabia): candidature submitted by the Arab Group.*

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STANDING COMMITTEE BUREAUX

The following elections will be held:

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 candidatures have been received:

– *Mr. A. Toumi (Morocco): candidature submitted by the Arab Group (to complete the term of Ms. R. Benmassaoud);*

– *Mr. S. Gavrilov (Russian Federation): candidature submitted by the Eurasia Group;*

– *Ms. C.L. Crexell (Argentina): candidature submitted by GRULAC.*

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

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OFFICIAL RECEPTION

7.30 p.m. Dinner in honour of all Heads of Delegation, hosted by H.E. Mr. Md. Abdul Hamid, President of the People's Republic of Bangladesh (by invitation only)

**Darbar Hall
Bangabhaban, Dhaka**

- ◆ Delegates are kindly requested to wear their badges and show the appropriate invitation.

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