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Time	Meeting	Place ²
9 a.m. – 1 p.m. 9 a.m. – 10.30 a.m.	<p>Assembly</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Item 9 (emergency item) – <i>Call for urgent international action to support Mozambique, Malawi and Zimbabwe hit by Cyclone Idai</i> – Debate 	Al Dafna
10.30 a.m. – 1 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Continuation of the General Debate on <i>Parliaments as platforms to enhance education for peace, security and the rule of law</i> 	
9 a.m. – 1 p.m.	<p>Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians</p> <p>The Committee will hold hearings on cases in Côte d'Ivoire and Maldives, and Venezuela (to be confirmed).</p>	Al Bashir (in camera)
9.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.	<p>Act now for women's, children's and adolescents' health: Lessons on health financing, legislation and partnerships</p> <p>Workshop organized jointly by the IPU, World Health Organization (WHO) and The Partnership for Maternal, Newborn and Child Health (PMNCH)</p>	Salwa 1
9.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.	<p>Standing Committee on Democracy and Human Rights</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Debate on follow-up to previous IPU resolutions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> › <i>Democracy in the digital era and the threat to privacy and individual freedoms</i> (2015) › <i>The use of media, including social media, to enhance citizen engagement and democracy</i> (2013) › <i>Freedom of expression and the right to information</i> (2009) ◆ Expert hearing on parliamentary action to combat disinformation and "fake news" <i>Panellists:</i> Mr. Tommaso Venturini, Center for Internet and Society, Centre national de la recherche scientifique (CNRS), France Ms. Shalini Joshi, Specialist - Verification, PROTO, and Co-founder of Khabar Lahariya - India's only digital rural news network Mr. Preslav Nakov, Principal Scientist, Qatar Computing Research Institute (QCRI) 	Salwa 2
2.30 p.m. – 4 p.m.	<p>Speakers' dialogue – Low trust in democracy: An urgent call to rethink our governance models</p>	Salwa 1 (in camera)

GENERAL DEBATE – IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Seating arrangements in view of high attendance – Plenary Hall (Al Dafna). On the basis of seats available at desks, where possible, Members with delegations of up to four MPs will be allocated a total of four seats (two at desks), those with five to eight MPs six seats (three at desks) and those with nine or more MPs eight seats (four at desks).

¹ Information as at 5 p.m. on 7 April.

² All meeting rooms indicated are located in the Sheraton Convention Center.

- 2.30 p.m. – 6.30 p.m. **Assembly** Al Dafna
- 2.30 p.m. – 3 p.m. ♦ Continuation of the General Debate
- 3 p.m. – 3.30 p.m. ♦ **Item 9** (emergency item) – *Call for urgent international action to support Mozambique, Malawi and Zimbabwe hit by Cyclone Idai*
– Adoption of the resolution
- 3.30 p.m. – 6.30 p.m. ♦ Conclusion of the General Debate
- 4.30 p.m. – 6.30 p.m. **Standing Committee on Peace and International Security** Al Rayyan
- ♦ **Item 4:** *Non-admissibility of using mercenaries as a means of undermining peace and violating human rights*
– Adoption of the resolution
- ♦ Elections and future programme of work
- 7 p.m. **Cultural evening, hosted by His Excellency Mr. Ahmed Bin Abdullah Bin Zaid Al Mahmoud, Speaker of the Shura Council** Katara Amphitheatre
Doha
- ♦ Delegates are requested to wear their badges.
- ♦ There will be a shuttle service from the Sheraton to the cultural evening between 6 p.m. and 7 p.m.

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OTHER ASSEMBLY ACTIVITIES

- ♦ **Knowledge Fair for Education:** A number of stands have been set up close to the Plenary Hall, with a view to providing an opportunity for delegates to interact with members of education-related institutions and IPU partners. Exhibitors include H.E.R. Academy, the Qatar Foundation, the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO). The Fair is open until 2 p.m. on Wednesday, 10 April.
- ♦ **A technical briefing on universal health coverage** will take place in the PR7 room today, Monday, 8 April 2019 from 1.30 p.m. to 2.30 p.m. The briefing will be given by experts from the World Health Organization (WHO). The event is by invitation; those wishing to attend are invited to contact Ms. Elisa Scolaro, WHO (scolaroe@who.int).
- ♦ **Side event on “We are Venezuela”:** The event, organized by GRULAC and the Twelve Plus Group, will take place in the **Salwa 2 room** today, Monday, 8 April 2019, from 1.30 p.m. to 2.30 p.m.

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OTHER INFORMATION

- ♦ **Assembly App:** As part of the IPU’s PaperSmart policy, an App is available which facilitates the online consultation of Assembly documents and provides access to Assembly-related information. It can be downloaded from the App Store on iOS devices and Play Store on Android (CrowdCompass AttendeeHub). Once downloaded, open the AttendeeHub app and enter “IPU 140 Assembly”. Delegations that wish to post their brochure on the App should forward the file in pdf format (not more than 10MB) to sas@ipu.org.
- ♦ **Print-on-demand service:** This service is available until 10 April at the Typing Pool and Photocopying Service (Business Center) for those delegates who wish to obtain additional copies of any documents published on the IPU Assembly web page.
- ♦ **IPU Assemblies in your pocket:** This booklet, which provides an overview of IPU Assembly procedures, is available on the App and IPU Assembly web page in English, French, Spanish and Arabic.
- ♦ **List of Participants:** Delegations are reminded that the provisional List of Participants is available for consultation on the Assembly App and that only a limited number of copies have been printed. 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, 9 April 2019**. The final List of Participants will be published on the IPU website.
- ♦ **Activities for accompanying persons:** Tours and visits may be booked at the Qatar National Tourism Council desk located behind the concierge’s desk in the Sheraton lobby. It is open between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m.

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COMMUNICATIONS INFORMATION

- ♦ **Social media:** Follow or join in the discussions at the Assembly on social media.
On Twitter: [IPUparliament](#) On Instagram: [ipu.parliament_official](#) On Facebook: [InterParliamentaryUnion](#)
Useful hashtags: #IPU140, #WomenMPs, #YoungMPs
- ♦ **Photos:** All official Assembly photographs will be uploaded on Flickr at regular times during the day: www.ipu.org/140pics.
Please credit: Inter-Parliamentary Union.
- ♦ **Time for a selfie?** Come to the selfie box next to the Business Center.
- ♦ **Keep in touch!** Don't forget to fill in a "Keep in touch" form available from the IPU secretariat and subscribe to our newsletter on the web or the Assembly app.
- ♦ **Closing press conference (in the Media Center):** Wednesday 10 April, 1.30 p.m. – 2.30 p.m.
- ♦ **Media enquiries:** For any media enquiries, please contact Thomas Fitzsimons on tf@ipu.org or +41 79 854 31 53.

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VACANCIES TO BE FILLED AT THE 140th ASSEMBLY

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

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For all vacancies, candidatures should be accompanied by a signed cover letter and a brief (one-page maximum) curriculum vitae, as well as a completed contact information form (see www.ipu.org/download/5971). In addition, candidatures for the Standing Committee Bureaux should include a written commitment from the candidate's parliament, and candidates for the Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians are required to complete the vacancies form available at https://www.ipu.org/sites/default/files/documents/form_vacancies_chrp_april_2019-e.pdf.

Candidatures from the geopolitical groups concerned, and, where applicable, from candidates, may be submitted to the Submission and Control of Documents Service (Dukhan Hall) up to 9.30 a.m. on Tuesday, 9 April 2019 for the Committees and other bodies. For the Standing Committee Bureaux, candidatures may be submitted up to one day before the time of the elections.

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On 10 April 2019, the Governing Council will hold elections as outlined below.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Governing Council will be required to elect **one member** (female) for the African Group.

To date, the following candidature has been received:

– Ms. A.D. Mergane (Senegal): candidature submitted by the African Group.

COMMITTEES AND OTHER BODIES

Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians

The Governing Council will be required to elect **one member** (to serve in an individual capacity), preferably from the Asia-Pacific Group.

Committee on Middle East Questions

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

To date, the following candidature has been received:

– Ms. M. Mokitimi (Lesotho): candidature submitted by the Africa Group.

Group of Facilitators for Cyprus

The Governing Council will be required to elect **one facilitator**.

To date, the following candidature has been received:

– Ms. L. Quartapelle (Italy).

Committee to Promote Respect for International Humanitarian Law

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

To date, the following candidature has been received:

– Mr. H. Hovhannisyan (Armenia): candidature submitted by the Eurasia Group.

High-level Advisory Group on Countering Terrorism and Violent Extremism

The Governing Council will be required to elect **21 members**: five members (at least two female and two male) for the African Group; two members (one female and one male) for the Arab Group; four members (two female and two male) for the Asia-Pacific Group; two members (one female and one male) for the Eurasia Group; three members (at least one female and one male) for the Group of Latin America and the Caribbean (GRULAC); and five members (at least two female and two male) for the Twelve Plus Group.

To date, the following candidatures have been received:

- *Mr. T. Anicet (Burundi), Ms. J. Oduol (Kenya), Ms. M. Mensah Williams (Namibia) and Mr. O. Tinni (Niger): candidatures submitted by the African Group;*
- *Mr. A.A.-A. Sayed Ahmed (Egypt) and Ms. A.A. Al Qubaisi (United Arab Emirates): candidatures submitted by the Arab Group;*
- *Mr. J.F. Merino López (El Salvador), Ms. I. Passada (Uruguay) and Mr. V.V. Suárez Díaz (Dominican Republic): candidatures submitted by GRULAC.*

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STANDING COMMITTEE BUREAUX

The following elections to the Bureaux will be held.

Standing Committee on Peace and International Security (elections: 9 April, 4.30 p.m. sitting)

Five members: One member (female) for the African Group; two members (at least one female) for the Asia-Pacific Group; and two members (at least one female) for the Eurasia Group.

To date, the following candidature has been received:

- *Ms. P. Ikourou Yoka (Congo): candidature submitted by the African Group.*

Standing Committee on Sustainable Development, Finance and Trade (elections: 9 April, 2.30 p.m. sitting)

Two members: One member (female) for the Asia-Pacific Group; and one member (female or male) for the Eurasia Group. In addition, the Bureau members from Jordan and Romania are completing their first two-year term and are eligible for re-election for a second term.

To date, the following candidatures have been received:

- *Mr. M. Al-Juboori (Iraq) to complete the first term of Iraq (end of term: March 2020), and Ms. W. Bani Mustapha (Jordan) for a second term: candidatures submitted by the Arab Group;*
- *Ms. S. Jannat Marri (Pakistan): candidature for a first term submitted by the Asia-Pacific Group;*
- *Mr. A. Boshyan (Armenia) to complete the first term of Armenia (end of term: March 2020): candidature submitted by the Eurasia Group.*

Standing Committee on Democracy and Human Rights (elections: 9 April, 9.30 a.m. sitting)

Three members: one member (female) for the Arab Group; one member (female or male) for GRULAC; and one member (female or male) for the Twelve Plus Group. In addition, the Bureau members from Burundi and Canada are completing their first two-year term and are eligible for re-election for a second term.

To date, the following candidatures have been received:

- *Ms. A. Talabani (Iraq): candidature submitted by the Arab Group;*
- *Ms. L. Crexell (Argentina): candidature submitted by GRULAC.*

Standing Committee on United Nations Affairs (elections: 9 April, 9 a.m. sitting)

Two members: One member (female or male) for the African Group; and one member (female or male) for the Asia-Pacific Group. In addition, the Bureau members from Argentina and the Russian Federation are completing their first two-year term and are eligible for re-election for a second term.

To date, the following candidatures have been received:

- *Mr. P. Akamba (Uganda): candidature submitted by the African Group;*
- *Mr. N.-O. Uchral (Mongolia): candidature submitted by the Asia-Pacific Group.*

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