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DAY 1: Monday, 5 October 2026

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Highlights of the day		
Forum of Women Parliamentarians Zanzibar Hall		Inaugural ceremony Simba Hall, ground floor, Kilimanjaro Wing
Time	Meeting	Place
08:15 – 09:45	Bureau of Women Parliamentarians (closed session)	Oldonyolengai Hall, ground floor, Kilimanjaro Wing
09:00 – 10:30	Committee on Health – dialogue with technical partners (closed session)	Room K105, first floor, Kilimanjaro Wing
09:30 – 10:30	Meeting of Advisers and Secretaries to delegations	Mbayuwayu Hall, seventh floor, Ngorongoro Wing
09:30 – 11:00	Asia-Pacific Group meeting (closed session)	Kololo Hall, sixth floor, Ngorongoro Wing
10:00 – 12:30	Forum of Women Parliamentarians - Activities to advance gender equality - Contribution to the work of the 153rd Assembly from a gender perspective: <i>Inclusive social development for all: Parliamentary strategies to promote the rights and empowerment of people living with disabilities</i>	Zanzibar Hall
10:30 – 12:00	Joint Meeting with the Chairpersons of the geopolitical groups, the Presidents of the Standing Committees and the Presidents of the other specialized bodies of the IPU (closed session)	Oldonyolengai Hall, ground floor, Kilimanjaro Wing
12:30 – 14:00	Informal consultation on <i>Pathways to peaceful coexistence in the Middle East</i> (closed session)	Oldonyolengai Hall, ground floor, Kilimanjaro Wing
14:30 – 17:00	Committee on Health (closed session)	Tausi Hall, mezzanine, Serengeti Wing
14:30 – 17:30	High-Level Advisory Group on Countering Terrorism and Violent Extremism (closed session)	Oldonyolengai Hall, ground floor, Kilimanjaro Wing
14:30 – 18:00	Forum of Women Parliamentarians - Panel discussion on <i>Moving from commitment to action: Women's leadership in diplomacy and peacebuilding</i> - Hearing with the candidates for the position of IPU President - Report on the discussion on the draft resolution on the agenda of the 153rd Assembly	Zanzibar Hall
14:30 – 18:00	Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians (closed session)	Room K105, first floor, Kilimanjaro Wing
15:00 – 16:30	Briefing on IPU Assemblies for members of parliament attending for the first time	Kololo Hall, sixth floor, Ngorongoro Wing
18:30 – 21:10	Inaugural ceremony <i>Members of the IPU Executive Committee, Speakers of Parliaments and Heads of Delegations (all holders of gold and silver lapel pins) will assemble in VIP rooms at 18:30 for a meet and greet with national dignitaries. National protocol officers will accompany these participants to the group photo and then to their assigned seats in the Simba Hall. Each delegation will be entitled to three other seats in the Simba Hall. All participants will need to be seated by 18:30 at the latest. Please note that the Simba Hall will be closed off at 18:45. Any remaining delegates will follow the inaugural ceremony from the Nyasa Hall. Please wear badges and, if issued, lapel pins at all times.</i>	Simba Hall, ground floor, Kilimanjaro Wing

EMERGENCY ITEM SUBMISSION DEADLINE

Please be reminded that, under **Assembly Rule 11.1**, requests for the inclusion of an emergency item in the Assembly agenda must be submitted to the IPU Secretariat at least 48 hours in advance of the vote on the emergency item.

The deadline for submission of such requests during the 153rd IPU Assembly is **Monday, 5 October 2026 at 17:00**.

Requests submitted after this deadline will not be accepted.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Speakers list:

At 17:00 on Monday 5 October 2026, the Secretariat will conduct a public drawing of lots (at the Speakers' Registration Desk), in order to determine the order of speakers in the General Debate.

The list of speakers will be available at the Documents Distribution Service (Ngorongoro lobby), as well as on the 153rd Assembly webpage and App.

SOCIAL EVENTS

Monday, 5 October 2026

Inaugural ceremony and reception

Simba Hall, AICC

18:30 – 23:00

Tuesday, 6 October 2026

Lunch for Speakers and heads of delegations (by invitation only)

Piazza area, AICC

13:15 – 14:30

Young parliamentarians “Jambo” dinner*

Mount Meru Hotel

19:30 – 22:00

Wednesday, 7 October 2026

Dinner for women parliamentarians*

Tembo Club

19:30

Thursday, 8 October 2026

Cultural evening

Cultural Heritage Centre

19:30 – 22:30

* A shuttle service will be available to take invited delegates to the dinners.

The service will depart from official hotels at 19:00.

PRIORITY THEME

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OTHER EVENTS*

* Events not part of the official programme, under the sole responsibility of the sponsoring organizers.

Tue 6 Oct
9.00 – 10.30

Parliamentary leadership on health taxes for a healthier and prosperous future: Country experiences and lessons learned. Organized by the IPU and WHO.

Tausi Hall, mezzanine, Serengeti Wing

Wed 7 Oct
13:00 – 14:30

For peace, equality and sustainable development in a changing world: Mobilizing parliamentary action for sustainable financing of women's, children's and adolescents' health. Organized by PMNCH.

Lake Duluti Room, third floor, Serengeti Wing

Thu 8 Oct
12.00 – 14.00

Bread unites the world: Parliamentary action for food security in an age of conflict and climate disruption. Organized by the Twelve Plus Group and the delegation of Ukraine.

Tausi Hall, mezzanine, Serengeti Wing

COMMUNICATIONS AND PRESS

Publications

The latest IPU publications and products are available on the IPU communications stand in front of the Ngorongoro wing.

Interviews

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