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DAY 4: Thursday, 8 October 2026

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Highlights of the day		
11:30 – Parity debate on digital violence in politics <i>Zanzibar Hall</i>		14:30 – Hearing with the candidates for the position of IPU President <i>Zanzibar Hall</i>
Time	Meeting	Place
09:00 – 10:00	Gender Partnership Group (closed session)	Oldonyolengai Hall, ground floor, Kilimanjaro Wing
09:00 – 11:00	Committee on Middle East Questions (closed session)	Tausi Hall, mezzanine, Serengeti Wing
09:00 – 11:00	Standing Committee on United Nations Affairs - Panel discussion on <i>The UN machinery for conflict prevention and resolution: How does it work?</i> - Elections to the Bureau of the Standing Committee	Zanzibar Hall
09:00 – 13:00	Assembly - Debate on the emergency item - Continuation of the General Debate	Lake Nyasa Hall, Lake Nyasa Building
09:30 – 11:00	Bureau of Women Parliamentarians (closed session)	Room K105, first floor, Kilimanjaro Wing
09:30 – 13:00	Standing Committee on Sustainable Development - Panel discussion on <i>Artificial intelligence and the future of work</i> - Preparations for the Parliamentary Meeting at the United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP31) in Türkiye - Elections to the Bureau of the Standing Committee	Kololo Hall, sixth floor, Ngorongoro Wing
10:00 – 12:30	ASGP meeting	Mbayuwayu Hall, seventh floor, Ngorongoro Wing
10:00 – 13:00	Executive Committee (closed session)	Oldonyolengai Hall, ground floor, Kilimanjaro Wing
11:30 – 13:00	Parity debate on digital violence in politics	Zanzibar Hall
11:30 – 13:30	Bureau of the Standing Committee on Democracy and Human Rights (closed session)	Room K105, first floor, Kilimanjaro Wing
14:30 – 16:30	Hearing with the candidates for the position of IPU President	Zanzibar Hall
14:30 – 17:30	ASGP meeting	Mbayuwayu Hall, seventh floor, Ngorongoro Wing
14:30 – 18:00	Assembly - Conclusion of the General Debate - Special accountability segment on the implementation of IPU resolutions and other decisions	Lake Nyasa Hall, Lake Nyasa Building
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14:30 – 18:00	Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians (closed session)	Room K105, first floor, Kilimanjaro Wing
14:30 – 18:30	Drafting committee on the emergency item (closed session) Geopolitical groups are kindly reminded to submit <u>two names per group</u> to participate in the drafting committee by 12:00 noon on 8 October 2026.	Oldonyolengai Hall, ground floor, Kilimanjaro Wing
17:00 – 18:30	Standing Committee on Democracy and Human Rights - Adoption of the draft resolution - Elections to the Bureau of the Standing Committee	Zanzibar Hall

GOVERNING COUNCIL – 9 OCTOBER 2026

The meeting of the Governing Council on **9 October 2026** will start at **09:00 sharp** in view of the Council's busy agenda, including the election of the IPU President.

Members are kindly invited to be seated in good time.

CULTURAL EVENING

Thursday, 8 October 2026

Cultural Heritage Centre
19:30 – 22:30

No is registration required.

Shuttles to the Cultural Heritage Centre will depart from the AICC at 19:00.

Shuttles will leave the Cultural Heritage Centre at 22:30 and return to all official hotels.

OTHER EVENTS*

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

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

Thu 8 Oct
13:00 – 14:30

Joint side event on reproductive, maternal, newborn, child and adolescent health

Organized by the Office of the AU Champion for Maternal and Child Health and co-hosted by PMNCH and Africa CDC.

Simba Hall, ground floor, Kilimanjaro Wing

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Interviews

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