



153rd ASSEMBLY GUIDEBOOK

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OFFICIAL OPENING AND MEETING PLACES

The inaugural ceremony of the 153rd Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union will take place on Monday, 5 October 2026 at 18:30 in the Simba Hall, Arusha International Conference Centre (AICC), in the presence of Ms. Samia Suluhu Hassan, President of the United Republic of Tanzania.

For admission to the inaugural ceremony and all other official events held during the Assembly, participants are kindly requested to wear their identity badges.

The plenary sittings of the Assembly and its Standing Committees, as well as the meetings of the Governing Council, the Executive Committee, the Forum of Women Parliamentarians, the Forum of Young Parliamentarians, the Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians, and the Association of Secretaries General of Parliaments (ASGP) will also be held at the AICC.

OFFICIAL RECEPTIONS AND OTHER EVENTS

Saturday, 3 October 2026

Dinner for the Executive Committee (hosted by Mr. Mussa Azzan Zungu, Speaker of the National Assembly of the United Republic of Tanzania)

Venue : Gran Melia Hotel
Time : 19:30

Monday, 5 October 2026

Inaugural ceremony and reception

Venue : Simba Hall, AICC
Time : 18:30 – 20:30

Tuesday, 6 October 2026

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

Venue : Piazza area, AICC
Time : 13:15 – 14:30

Tuesday, 6 October 2026

Young parliamentarians “Jambo” dinner

Venue : Mount Meru Hotel
Time : 19:30 – 22:00

Wednesday, 7 October 2026

Dinner for women parliamentarians

Venue : Tembo Club, Arusha
Time : 19:30

Thursday, 8 October 2026

Cultural evening

Venue : Cultural Heritage Centre, Arusha
Time : 19:30 – 22:00

General timetable of the 153rd Assembly and related meetings

Monday, 5 October 2026 – Friday, 9 October 2026

Arusha, United Republic of Tanzania

Saturday

3 October 2026

09:00 – 18:00	Opening of the registration desk <i>Arusha International Conference Centre</i>
✦ 10:00 – 13:00	Executive Committee (<i>closed session</i>) <i>Oldonyolengai Hall, ground floor, Kilimanjaro Wing</i>
✦ 15:00 – 18:00	Executive Committee (<i>closed session</i>) <i>Oldonyolengai Hall, ground floor, Kilimanjaro Wing</i>

Sunday

4 October 2026

✦ 09:00 – 10:00	Gender Partnership Group (<i>closed session</i>) <i>Oldonyolengai Hall, ground floor, Kilimanjaro Wing</i>
✦ 09:30 – 13:00	Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians (<i>closed session</i>) <i>Room K105, first floor, Kilimanjaro Wing</i>
✦ 10:00 – 13:00	Executive Committee (<i>closed session</i>) <i>Oldonyolengai Hall, ground floor, Kilimanjaro Wing</i>
✦ 14:30 – 18:00	Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians (<i>closed session</i>) <i>Room K105, first floor, Kilimanjaro Wing</i>
✦ 14:30 – 19:00	Twelve Plus Group meeting (<i>closed session</i>) <i>Zanzibar Hall</i>
✦ 15:00 – 17:00	Arab Group meeting (<i>closed session</i>) <i>Mbayuwayu Hall, seventh floor, Ngorongoro Wing</i>
✦ 15:30 – 18:30	Group of Latin America and the Caribbean meeting (<i>closed session</i>) <i>Oldonyolengai Hall, ground floor, Kilimanjaro Wing</i>
✦ 17:00 – 20:00	African Group meeting (<i>closed session</i>) <i>Kololo Hall, sixth floor, Ngorongoro Wing</i>

Monday

5 October 2026

✦ 08:15 – 09:45	Bureau of Women Parliamentarians (<i>closed session</i>) <i>Oldonyolengai Hall, ground floor, Kilimanjaro Wing</i>
✦ 09:00 – 10:30	Committee on Health – dialogue with technical partners (<i>closed session</i>) <i>Room K105, first floor, Kilimanjaro Wing</i>
▲ 09:30 – 10:30	Meeting of Advisers and Secretaries to delegations <i>Mbayuwayu Hall, seventh floor, Ngorongoro Wing</i>
✦ 09:30 – 11:00	Asia-Pacific Group meeting (<i>closed session</i>) <i>Kololo Hall, sixth floor, Ngorongoro Wing</i>
■ 10:00 – 12:30	Forum of Women Parliamentarians <i>Zanzibar Hall</i>

✱	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) <i>Oldonyolengai Hall, ground floor, Kilimanjaro Wing</i>
✱	12:30 – 14:00	Informal consultation on <i>Pathways to peaceful coexistence in the Middle East</i> (closed session) <i>Oldonyolengai Hall, ground floor, Kilimanjaro Wing</i>
✱	14:30 – 17:00	Committee on Health (closed session) <i>Tausi Hall, mezzanine, Serengeti Wing</i>
✱	14:30 – 17:30	High-Level Advisory Group on Countering Terrorism and Violent Extremism (closed session) <i>Oldonyolengai Hall, ground floor, Kilimanjaro Wing</i>
■	14:30 – 18:00	Forum of Women Parliamentarians <i>Zanzibar Hall</i>
✱	14:30 – 18:00	Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians (closed session) <i>Room K105, first floor, Kilimanjaro Wing</i>
▲	15:00 – 16:30	Briefing on IPU Assemblies for members of parliament attending for the first time <i>Kololo Hall, sixth floor, Ngorongoro Wing</i>
▲	18:30 – 20:30	Inaugural ceremony <i>Simba Hall, ground floor, Kilimanjaro Wing</i>

Tuesday

6 October 2026

✱	08:00 – 09:00	Assembly Steering Committee (closed session)
●	09:00 – 11:00	Governing Council <i>Lake Nyasa Hall, Lake Nyasa Building</i>
■	09:00 – 13:00	Standing Committee on Democracy and Human Rights - Debate on the draft resolution on <i>Inclusive social development for all: Parliamentary strategies to promote the rights and empowerment of people living with disabilities</i> - Beginning of drafting in plenary <i>Kololo Hall, sixth floor, Ngorongoro Wing</i>
■	09:00 – 13:00	Standing Committee on Peace and International Security - Panel discussion on <i>The role of parliaments in securing peace in the age of military artificial intelligence</i> - Panel discussion on <i>Shaping peaceful futures: Parliamentary diplomacy, mediation and dialogue for lasting peace</i> <i>Zanzibar Hall</i>
✱	09:30 – 11:00	Bureau of Young Parliamentarians (closed session) <i>Room K105, first floor, Kilimanjaro Wing</i>

▲	10:30 – 12:00	Panel discussion on <i>The Role of Parliamentarians in the Abolition of the Death Penalty</i> <i>Mbayuwayu Hall, seventh floor, Ngorongoro Wing</i>
●	11:00 – 13:00	Assembly: Start of the General Debate on the theme <i>Enhancing good governance and empowering communities through inclusivity, trust and opportunities for all</i> <i>Lake Nyasa Hall, Lake Nyasa Building</i>
▲	11:30 – 13:00	Workshop on <i>Strengthening parliamentary responses to terrorism: Introducing the IPU reference framework</i> <i>Oldonyolengai Hall, ground floor, Kilimanjaro Wing</i>
✖	11:30 – 13:00	Bureau of the Standing Committee on United Nations Affairs (<i>closed session</i>) <i>Tausi Hall, mezzanine, Serengeti Wing</i>
✖	11:30 – 13:00	Bureau of the Standing Committee on Sustainable Development (<i>closed session</i>) <i>Room K105, first floor, Kilimanjaro Wing</i>
✖	14:00 – 17:00	Task Force on the peaceful resolution of the war in Ukraine (<i>closed session</i>) <i>Oldonyolengai Hall, ground floor, Kilimanjaro Wing</i>
■	14:00 – 17:30	Forum of Young Parliamentarians <i>Zanzibar Hall</i>
▲	14:30 – 16:00	Workshop on <i>Critical minerals for shared prosperity: Strengthening parliamentary oversight</i> <i>Mbayuwayu Hall, seventh floor, Ngorongoro Wing</i>
✖	14:30 – 17:00	Committee on Middle East Questions (<i>closed session</i>) <i>Tausi Hall, mezzanine, Serengeti Wing</i>
■	14:30 – 17:30	Standing Committee on Democracy and Human Rights - Drafting in plenary of the draft resolution <i>Kololo Hall, sixth floor, Ngorongoro Wing</i>
✖	14:30 – 18:00	Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians (<i>closed session</i>) <i>Room K105, first floor, Kilimanjaro Wing</i>
●	14:30 – 18:30	Assembly: General Debate <i>Lake Nyasa Hall, Lake Nyasa Building</i>
✖	17:00 – 18:30	Bureau of the Standing Committee on Peace and International Security (<i>closed session</i>) <i>Oldonyolengai Hall, ground floor, Kilimanjaro Wing</i>

Wednesday

7 October 2026

●	09:00 – 13:00	Assembly - Continuation of the General Debate <i>Lake Nyasa Hall, Lake Nyasa Building</i>
▲	09:30 – 11:00	Workshop on <i>Mental health across generations: Coping with digital overload, economic pressure and uncertainty</i> <i>Oldonyolengai Hall, ground floor, Kilimanjaro Wing</i>
■	09:30 – 11:30	Standing Committee on United Nations Affairs - Panel discussion on <i>The UN country team in the United Republic of Tanzania as the reflection of a reformed UN system</i> - Adoption of a motion entitled <i>Towards a more effective and representative United Nations: Consideration of a motion calling for a conference to review the Charter of the United Nations</i> <i>Zanzibar Hall</i>
■	09:30 – 12:30	Standing Committee on Democracy and Human Rights - Completion of drafting in plenary of the draft resolution <i>Kololo Hall, sixth floor, Ngorongoro Wing</i>
✖	09:30 – 12:30	Working Group on Science and Technology (closed session) <i>Tausi Hall, mezzanine, Serengeti Wing</i>
✖	09:30 – 13:00	Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians (closed session) <i>Room K105, first floor, Kilimanjaro Wing</i>
▲	11:00 – 12:30	ASGP meeting <i>Mbayuwayu Hall, seventh floor, Ngorongoro Wing</i>
▲	11:30 – 13:00	Panel discussion on <i>Beyond commitments for peace: The role of parliaments in the enforcement of international humanitarian law and international human rights law</i> <i>Oldonyolengai Hall, ground floor, Kilimanjaro Wing</i>
▲	14:00 – 15:30	Workshop on <i>Promoting ethical AI serving child rights</i> <i>Oldonyolengai Hall, ground floor, Kilimanjaro Wing</i>
✖	14:00 – 17:00	Committee to Promote Respect for International Humanitarian Law (closed session) <i>Tausi Hall, mezzanine, Serengeti Wing</i>
▲	14:30 – 16:00	Workshop on <i>What's on our plates? Delivering healthy food in a changing climate</i> <i>Room K105, first floor, Kilimanjaro Wing</i>
▲	14:30 – 17:30	ASGP meeting <i>Mbayuwayu Hall, seventh floor, Ngorongoro Wing</i>
■	14:30 – 17:30	Standing Committee on Sustainable Development - Debate on the theme of the next resolution entitled <i>Parliamentary leadership to protect mountain and ocean ecosystems and achieve the 30% conservation goal by 2030</i> <i>Kololo Hall, sixth floor, Ngorongoro Wing</i>

Thursday

8 October 2026

■	14:30 – 17:30	Standing Committee on Peace and International Security - Expert hearing on the theme of the next resolution entitled <i>Strengthening maritime security and protecting critical infrastructure in times of conflict: The role of parliaments in safeguarding international navigation and global economic stability</i> - Elections to the Bureau of the Standing Committee Zanzibar Hall
●	14:30 – 18:30	Assembly - Continuation of the General Debate - Cremer Passy Prize - Vote on the emergency item Lake Nyasa Hall, Lake Nyasa Building
✱	16:00 – 17:00	Eurasia Group meeting (<i>closed session</i>) Oldonyolengai Hall, ground floor, Kilimanjaro Wing

✱	09:00 – 10:00	Gender Partnership Group (<i>closed session</i>) Oldonyolengai Hall, ground floor, Kilimanjaro Wing
✱	09:00 – 11:00	Committee on Middle East Questions (<i>closed session</i>) 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 (<i>closed session</i>) 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 (<i>closed session</i>) 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 (<i>closed session</i>) Room K105, first floor, Kilimanjaro Wing

▲	14:30 – 16:30	Hearing with the candidates for the position of IPU President <i>Zanzibar Hall</i>
▲	14:30 – 17:30	ASGP meeting <i>Mbayuwayu Hall, seventh floor, Ngorongoro Wing</i>
●	14:30 – 18:00	Assembly - Conclusion of the General Debate - Special accountability segment on the implementation of IPU resolutions and other decisions <i>Lake Nyasa Hall, Lake Nyasa Building</i>
✳	14:30 – 18:00	Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians (<i>closed session</i>) <i>Room K105, first floor, Kilimanjaro Wing</i>
✳	14:30 – 18:30	Possible drafting committee on the emergency item (<i>closed session</i>) <i>Oldonyolengai Hall, ground floor, Kilimanjaro Wing</i>
■	17:00 – 18:30	Standing Committee on Democracy and Human Rights - Adoption of the draft resolution - Elections to the Bureau of the Standing Committee <i>Zanzibar Hall</i>

Friday

9 October 2026

●	09:00 – 13:00	Governing Council - Election of the President of the Inter-Parliamentary Union - Decisions on the human rights of MPs - Reports of specialized meetings <i>Lake Nyasa Hall, Lake Nyasa Building</i>
▲	10:00 – 12:30	ASGP meeting <i>Mbayuwayu Hall, seventh floor, Ngorongoro Wing</i>
▲	14:30 – 16:30	Joint IPU–ASGP session: <i>How parliaments respond to pressure: An open discussion with MPs and Secretaries General</i> <i>Mbayuwayu Hall, seventh floor, Ngorongoro Wing</i>
●	14:30 –	Governing Council <i>Lake Nyasa Hall, Lake Nyasa Building</i>
●	At the end of the Governing Council	Assembly - Adoption of resolutions - Reports of the Standing Committees - Outcome document of the General Debate - Adoption of amendments to the Statutes - Closing sitting <i>Lake Nyasa Hall, Lake Nyasa Building</i>

SEATING ARRANGEMENTS IN MEETING ROOMS

The seating plan will be prepared on the eve of the Assembly (5 October) and will be displayed outside the main plenary hall and shared on the WhatsApp group. Delegations will be seated in *English alphabetical order*. The first and last seats of each delegation are marked by a country nameplate.

Due to the increasing number of parliamentary delegations attending IPU Assemblies, permanent observers are informed that not all observer nameplates will be placed in the Hall. Every effort will be made to reserve seats at the back of the room for parliamentary organizations and assemblies. When a permanent observer is registered to take the floor in the General Debate, they will be invited to go to the “next speaker” seat at the front of the Hall, just prior to delivering their speech.

For the Forum of Women Parliamentarians, Forum of Young Parliamentarians and Standing Committee plenary sessions, delegates are invited to collect their country nameplate when entering the room and place it in front of them, clearly visible.

AGENDA OF THE ASSEMBLY

1. Election of the President of the 153rd Assembly
2. Consideration of requests for the inclusion of an emergency item in the Assembly agenda
3. General Debate on the theme *Enhancing good governance and empowering communities through inclusivity, trust and opportunities for all*
4. Special accountability segment on the implementation of IPU resolutions and other decisions
5. *Inclusive social development for all: Parliamentary strategies to promote the rights and empowerment of people living with disabilities*
(Standing Committee on Democracy and Human Rights)
6. Reports of the Standing Committees
7. Approval of the subject item for the Standing Committee on Democracy and Human Rights at the 155th IPU Assembly and appointment of the co-Rapporteurs
8. Amendments to the IPU Statutes and Rules

AGENDAS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES

Standing Committee on Peace and International Security

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Approval of the summary record of the Committee's session held at the 152nd IPU Assembly in Istanbul (April 2026)
3. Panel discussion on *The role of parliaments in securing peace in the age of military artificial intelligence*
4. Panel discussion on *Shaping peaceful futures: Parliamentary diplomacy, mediation and dialogue for lasting peace*
5. Expert hearing on the theme of the Committee's next resolution, entitled *Strengthening maritime security and protecting critical infrastructure in times of conflict: The role of parliaments in safeguarding international navigation and global economic stability*
6. Elections to the Bureau of the Standing Committee
7. Any other business

Standing Committee on Sustainable Development

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Approval of the summary record of the Committee's session held at the 152nd IPU Assembly in Istanbul (April 2026)
3. Debate on the theme of the Committee's next resolution, entitled *Parliamentary leadership to protect mountain and ocean ecosystems and achieve the 30% conservation goal by 2030*
4. Panel discussion on the theme *Artificial intelligence and the future of work*
5. Preparations for the Parliamentary Meeting at the United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP31) in Türkiye
6. Elections to the Bureau of the Standing Committee
7. Any other business

Standing Committee on Democracy and Human Rights

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Approval of the summary record of the Committee's session held at the 152nd IPU Assembly in Istanbul (April 2026)
3. Preparation of a resolution entitled *Inclusive social development for all: Parliamentary strategies to promote the rights and empowerment of people living with disabilities*
 - (a) Presentation of the draft resolution and explanatory memorandum by the co-Rapporteurs
 - (b) Debate on the draft resolution
 - (c) Drafting and adoption of the draft resolution in plenary
 - (d) Appointment of a Rapporteur to the 153rd IPU Assembly
4. Preparations for future Assemblies
 - (a) Subject of the next resolution to be prepared by the Committee
 - (b) Other items for the Committee's agenda at the 154th IPU Assembly
5. Elections to the Bureau of the Standing Committee
6. Any other business

Standing Committee on United Nations Affairs

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Approval of the summary record of the Committee's session held at the 152nd IPU Assembly in Istanbul (April 2026)
3. The UN Country Team in the United Republic of Tanzania as the reflection of a reformed UN system
4. Towards a more effective and representative United Nations: Consideration of a motion calling for a conference to review the Charter of the United Nations
5. The UN machinery for conflict prevention and resolution: How does it work?
6. Elections to the Bureau of the Standing Committee
7. Any other business

REGISTRATION OF SPEAKERS AND SPEAKING TIME FOR THE GENERAL DEBATE

In keeping with Assembly Rule 22.1, two representatives of each delegation may speak during the General Debate. In this case, they shall share the speaking time as they deem fit. An additional MP from each delegation may address the General Debate, provided he/she is a young parliamentarian (below 40 years of age).

As per usual practice, in order to take the floor in the General Debate, Member Parliaments may register their speaker(s) in advance through the online registration system, which will close on 4 October 2026. Member Parliaments may also register on the spot at the speakers' registration desk outside the Plenary Hall.

Venue	Speakers' Registration Desk, near to the entrance of the Plenary Hall, Lake Nyasa (at the AICC)	
Opening hours	- Monday, 5 October 2026 from 11:00 to 17:00 - Tuesday, 6 October 2026 from 09:00 to 13:00 and from 14:00 to 18:30	
Officer-in-charge	Mr. Ed Cooper	
Number of speakers	- IPU Member Parliaments and Associate Members: up to three speakers <i>A third speaker can be registered only if they are a young member of parliament (below 40 years of age)</i> - Observers: one speaker	
Speaking time	Speaking time will be determined based on the number of registered speakers and the following general guidelines:	
List A	High-level segment (Presiding Officers)	7 minutes
List B	First speakers from delegations	6 minutes for IPU Member Parliaments and Associate Members 3 minutes for permanent observers
List C	Second speakers from delegations	Time remaining (up to a total of 7 minutes for two speakers)
List D	Young parliamentarians (below 40 years of age)	2 minutes
Final order of speakers	The order of speakers will be determined by a public drawing of lots at 17:00 on 5 October 2026. The Steering Committee may decide, in view of the number of registered speakers, to reduce the allotted speaking time.	
Distribution of speeches	Delegations are invited to submit the texts of official speeches to speeches@ipu.org. As far as possible, the texts of official statements delivered in the General Debate will be published on the Assembly webpage and will be part of the records of the Assembly. Due to technical limitations, only speeches in English, French and Spanish will be posted. Please note that the IPU Secretariat is not in a position to translate the texts of speeches.	
Where to find the list?	The list of speakers will be available at the Documents Distribution Service (Ngorongoro lobby), as well as on the 153rd Assembly webpage and App.	
Can we register after the drawing of lots?	Speakers registering after the drawing of lots will be added to the list (in their respective categories) in the order in which they have registered, until the Assembly closes the list of speakers. A revised list containing such additions will be issued at the end of each day.	
How to change the order?	Delegates may exchange their place on the list with other speakers. In the event of any such changes, please inform Mr. Ed Cooper, IPU Secretariat. Any bilateral arrangements which may be made by delegations to exchange places in the list of speakers will not lead to a renumbering of the position held by speakers in the list.	
Timekeeping	A green light will shine when the speaker commences; when the speaker has only one minute remaining, an orange light will shine; when the speaking time has been used up, a red light will flash. Second speakers from a delegation may find it useful to consult the timekeepers to ascertain the precise amount of time available to them for their statements.	

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Registration Desk

Registration and badge collection will begin on Saturday, 3 October 2026 at 09:00 at the entrance of the AICC. Please bring a paper or electronic copy of your confirmed delegation list, along with the email confirmation messages received from the IPU.

The Registration Desk will be open as follows:

- 09:00 to 18:00 on Saturday, 3 October 2026
- 08:00 to 18:30 from Sunday, 4 October to Friday, 9 October 2026

Queues will be organized by **alphabetical groups (e.g. A–D)** according to the name of the country. Delegates are kindly requested to join the queue corresponding to their alphabetical group. Associate Members and permanent observers will have their own queue.

All participants must register with the Registration Desk, which will distribute the identity badges. Delegates may also collect documents and other communications from their pigeonholes.

The provisional list of delegates will be available for consultation on the IPU website and App. A hard copy can be obtained, upon request, from the Documents Distribution Service. In the afternoon of Tuesday, 6 October 2026, delegation coordinators and secretaries are kindly requested to collect from the Registration Service a document containing information relating to their delegation. Any modifications should be signed by the head of the delegation and given to Ms. K. Tatam at the Registration Desk no later than 8 October 2026 at 12 noon.

As part of the IPU's paper-smart policy, the list of participants is no longer a bilingual document. The information in the list will appear in the language of registration and a bilingual glossary of terms will be included.

The colour of the identity badges corresponds to the following categories of participants:

	Registration category	Colour
1	Presidents/Speakers of Parliament Members of Parliament	Dark blue (plus pin or other distinctive mark) Dark blue
2	Secretaries and advisers	Dark green
3	Permanent observers	Yellow
4	ASGP	Red
5	Members of the Tanzanian Parliament who are not members of the delegation	Pink
6	Diplomatic corps	Black
7	Special guests	Pale orange
8	Accompanying persons	Dark orange
9	Media accompanying delegations	Dark orange
10	IPU Secretariat	Pale blue
11	Public	White
12	Press/media	Turquoise
13	Host Parliament Secretariat	Purple
14	Host Organizing Committee (not members of the Tanzanian delegation)	Beige
15	Protocol (staff from the Host Parliament)	Green
16	Security (Member Parliaments)	Brown
17	Security (Host Parliament)	Brown
18	Service providers	Dark mauve

For security reasons, admission to the Assembly facilities and to all programme activities will be limited to persons wearing Assembly badges received at the time of registration. All participants are therefore requested to wear their Assembly badges at all times. Please allow security staff to verify badges before entering the Assembly premises.

Lost badges must be reported immediately to the IPU Registration Team at the Registration Desk. Replacement badges will be issued on a case-by-case basis, subject to security considerations.

Table of votes at the Assembly

In conformity with Rule 29 of the Assembly Rules, the table indicating the number of votes to which delegations taking part in the session are entitled will be distributed at the opening of the Assembly. Delegates are reminded that votes are allocated in accordance with the provisions of Article 15 of the Statutes, which stipulates as follows:

ARTICLE 15

1. Only delegates present in person shall have the right to vote.
2. The number of votes to which each Member Parliament of the IPU is entitled shall be calculated on the following basis:
 - (a) Each Member Parliament of the IPU shall have a minimum of ten votes;
 - (b) Each Member Parliament of the IPU shall have the following additional number of votes in relation to the population of its country:

From	1	to	5	million	1	vote
				inhabitants:		
From over	5	to	10	" "	2	votes
" " "	10	to	20	" "	3	"
" " "	20	to	30	" "	4	"
" " "	30	to	40	" "	5	"
" " "	40	to	50	" "	6	"
" " "	50	to	60	" "	7	"
" " "	60	to	80	" "	8	"
" " "	80	to	100	" "	9	"
" " "	100	to	150	" "	10	"
" " "	150	to	200	" "	11	"
" " "	200	to	300	" "	12	"
From over	"		300	" "	13	"

- (c) Any delegation composed exclusively of parliamentarians of the same sex shall have a minimum of eight votes (instead of the 10 for mixed delegations) at the Assembly of the IPU. For delegations entitled to a certain number of additional votes, the overall calculation will be made on the basis of eight votes instead of 10.
3. A delegation may split its votes so as to express the diverse views of its members. No single delegate may record more than 10 votes.

Assembly documents

The Secretary General has overall responsibility for authorizing the circulation of all official documents for the session.

Before the opening of each session, all meeting documents will be made available to delegates. In keeping with the decision by the IPU governing bodies to reduce the carbon footprint of the Organization and continue to reduce paper waste, only a limited number of documentation sets will be printed for the various sessions of the Assembly.

Delegates who wish to obtain additional copies of documents posted on the IPU website may use the print-on-demand service available at the typing pool and print-on-demand service for delegates, located in the Kilimanjaro ground floor walkway. All documents on the 153rd Assembly webpage are also posted on the Assembly App.

The Assembly Journal, providing the latest updates on the programme of meetings and other information, is available in meeting rooms and at the Registration Desk, as well as on the 153rd Assembly webpage and the Assembly App.

Distribution of messages and non-official documentation

The transmission of messages through the Registration Desk is a service made available to delegations with a view to facilitating communications on matters relating to the Assembly and its proceedings.

Delegations that wish to share information on any question other than those related to the working of the sessions may do so, under their own responsibility, by leaving documentation on tables set aside for this purpose (in front of the Ngorongoro Wing).

Results of the Assembly and related meetings

All delegations will receive one printed copy of the Results of the 153rd Assembly. The Assembly Results brochure will also be made available on the [event webpage](#).

Summary records of the debates

The Summary Records of the Governing Council, of the Assembly and of the four Standing Committees will be prepared by the Secretariat and posted on the website no later than 30 days before the following Assembly.

Submission and control of documents

Delegations wishing to submit documents relating to the agenda of the Assembly and of the Governing Council, or transmit any information to the Secretariat of the Assembly (change in their Executive Bureau, contact details, etc.), are requested to do so at this service, located on the Mezzanine, Kilimanjaro Wing. The person in charge of this service is Ms. E. Vulpillière Puis.

Distribution of documents

As usual, a limited number of copies of working documents will be available to delegates in the various meeting rooms. Additional copies can be obtained from the Documents Distribution Service, located in the Ngorongoro lobby. The person in charge of this service is Mr. R. Farzaam.

Simultaneous interpretation

The IPU Secretariat will provide simultaneous interpretation in the IPU Assembly's working languages (Arabic, English, French and Spanish) at the meetings of all statutory bodies.

In the Plenary Hall, four interpretation booths have been reserved for Chinese, Japanese, Portuguese and Russian. These booths are provided free of charge and may be used by the interpretation teams for these languages.

Delegations are informed that no other meeting rooms will be equipped with booths, as the sessions there will be serviced by off-site interpreters. Therefore, if a national parliament wishes to recruit remote simultaneous interpreters (RSI) for these rooms, they should make sure that the interpreters are familiar with interpreting via Zoom. For more details, please contact Conference Services (conf.services@ipu.org).

Delegates may deliver their speech in another language, provided that they arrange for it to be interpreted into one of the IPU's official languages (English or French) by a person designated by them, who will be given access to an interpretation booth or interpretation channel. To allow for all necessary arrangements to be made in good time, delegations should contact, well in advance, the Conference Services team (conf.services@ipu.org) or the English booth interpreters assigned to the meeting at which the speech will be delivered. Moreover, eight copies of a translation of the speech into one of the IPU's official languages should be given to the English booth for distribution to the other interpreters.

Publications

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

MP interviews

As part of the IPU campaign *Bring human rights into focus*, the IPU Secretariat is interested in interviewing MPs to hear what action they are taking to promote human rights.

Media, photos and video

For media enquiries or video clips, please contact press@ipu.org.

For photos of the Assembly, download directly from our Flickr account (www.flickr.com/photos/inter-parliamentary-union/albums).

Social media

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Ensuring a safe and respectful Assembly

The IPU is committed to protecting and promoting the freedom of opinion and expression in its meetings; however, abusive language, expressions of intolerance and incitement to discrimination, hostility or violence are unacceptable. Speakers shall refrain from such conduct. The presiding officer of the meeting may take any action deemed necessary to call to order anyone who disrupts the proceedings in this way.

The IPU is also committed to ensuring a working environment for the Assembly that is free of sexism and sexual harassment. All those working for or on behalf of the IPU, as well as delegates and other attendees, are expected to conduct themselves in a professional and respectful manner, and to follow the provisions of the IPU's [Policy to prevent and address harassment, including sexual harassment, at IPU Assemblies and other IPU events](#).

If you experience or witness any form of harassment, reach out to the focal points: Kareen Jabre, Director of Programmes and/or Andrée Lorber, Director of Support Services.

Write to: speakout@ipu.org.

Informal and bilateral meeting rooms

On the Assembly premises, there are two meeting rooms available for geopolitical and other group meetings, as well as several bilateral meeting rooms.

Reservations of the bilateral meeting rooms are handled by the Bilateral Meeting Rooms Desk, located in front of the main stands area in the AICC. All reservations are made on a first-come, first-served basis.

Typing pool, photocopying and print-on-demand service

The typing pool, photocopying and print-on-demand service for delegates (Kilimanjaro ground floor walkway) is open from 4 to 9 October 2026. Delegates may request additional copies of any documents posted on the IPU website.

Internet and Wi-Fi access

An internet café will be available from 5 to 9 October 2026, from 08:30 to 18:30, on the Kilimanjaro ground floor walkway. Wi-Fi access is also available throughout the building (network: **153-Public**; password: **AICCARusha**).

First aid post

A first aid post will be available at the AICC, located on the ground floor of the Kilimanjaro Wing.

No-smoking policy

There is a no-smoking policy in effect throughout the AICC. Delegates wishing to smoke should do so outside in the designated areas.

Coffee bars and restaurant

Assembly participants will have access to the catering tents in the Piazza area and in front of Lake Nyasa Hall, where hot meals are available. There will also be coffee and tea available around the AICC.

MEMBERSHIP OF STATUTORY BODIES

Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union

President

The Assembly will elect its President at the opening of its proceedings on Tuesday, 6 October 2026 at 11:00.

Steering Committee

Under Assembly Rule 9, the Steering Committee is composed of the President of the Assembly, the President of the IPU, the Vice-President of the IPU, the Presidents of the Standing Committees, the President of the Bureau of Women Parliamentarians, and the President of the Bureau of Young Parliamentarians, or their representatives. The Steering Committee is assisted by the IPU Secretary General.

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Secretary:	Ms. Laurence Marzal

Standing Committee on Sustainable Development

President:	Ms. M. Al Suwaidi (United Arab Emirates)
Vice-President:	Mr. C. Rendón (Mexico)
Secretary:	Ms. Aleksandra Blagojevic

Standing Committee on Democracy and Human Rights

President:	Vacancy
Acting President:	Ms. D. O'Neill (Australia)
Vice-President:	Vacancy
Secretary:	Mr. Andy Richardson

Standing Committee on United Nations Affairs

President:	Ms. V. Centeno (Ecuador)
Vice-President:	Mr. F. Al-Nouiri (Libya)
Secretary:	Ms. Paddy Torsney

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