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31 August to 2 September 2015

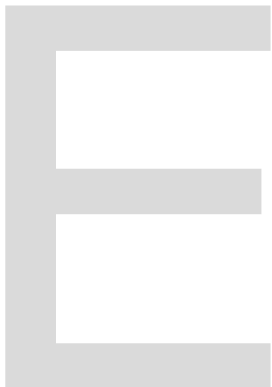


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Draft Programme

Monday, 31 August 2015

- 10.00-10.45 Opening ceremony in the presence of: General Assembly Hall (level 2)
- Mr. Saber Chowdhury, IPU President
 - Mr. Ban Ki-moon, United Nations Secretary-General
 - Mr. Sam K. Kutesa, President of UN General Assembly
- Keynote address by Mr. Forest Whitaker, artist, humanist and UNESCO Special Envoy for Peace and Reconciliation
- 11.00-13.00 Plenary sitting I General Assembly Hall
Presentation of reports:
- Implementation of major recommendations of previous Speakers' Conferences and the growing parliamentary dimension to international cooperation*
- Rapporteur: Ms. Rebecca Kadaga, Speaker of the Parliament of Uganda
- Mainstreaming gender equality into the work of parliaments*
- Co-Rapporteurs:
- Ms. Santi Bai Hanoomanjee, Speaker of the National Assembly of Mauritius
 - Mr. Norbert Lammert, Speaker of the Bundestag, Germany
- General debate: *Placing democracy at the service of peace and sustainable development: Building the world the people want*
- 14.30 Group Photo (Speakers of Parliament only) General Assembly Hall
- 15.00-18.00 Plenary sitting II General Assembly Hall
Presentation of reports:
- Parliamentary involvement in the shaping and implementation of the new Sustainable Development Goals*
- Rapporteur: Mr. Saber Chowdhury, President of the IPU
- Challenges facing parliaments today*
- Rapporteur: Mr. David Carter, Speaker of the Parliament of New Zealand
- Address by Ms. Helen Clark, Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
- Continuation of general debate
- 18.30 Cocktail reception hosted by the IPU President UN Visitors' Lobby (level 1)



Tuesday, 1 September 2015

10.00-13.00	Plenary sitting III Address by Ms. Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka, Executive Director of UN Women	Trusteeship Chamber (level 2)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Continuation of general debate	
	Panel discussion: <i>Parliamentary oversight: Challenges and opportunities</i>	Conference Room 4 (level B)
15.00-18.00	Plenary sitting IV	Trusteeship Chamber (level 2)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Continuation of general debate	
	Panel discussion: <i>Translating the SDGs into action</i>	Conference Room 4 (level B)

Wednesday, 2 September 2015

10.00-13.00 15.00-18.00	Plenary sittings V and VI	General Assembly Hall (level 2)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Continuation and conclusion of general debatePresentation of reports from the panel discussions<ul style="list-style-type: none"><i>Parliamentary oversight: Challenges and opportunities</i><i>Translating the SDGs into action</i>Adoption of the DeclarationRemarks by the IPU President, Mr. Saber Chowdhury, and the incoming President of the UN General Assembly, Mr. M. Lykketoft (former Speaker of the Parliament of Denmark)Closing of the Fourth World Conference of Speakers of Parliament	