How to Assemble Parliamentary Assemblies

Bringing international parliamentary institutions
to the next level

Brussels, 27-28 November 2018

Venue: Vrije Universiteit Brussel (VUB), Karel van Miert Building, Rome and Lisbon conference room, Boulevard de la Plaine 5, Ixelles

AGENDA

Tuesday, 27th of November 2018 (9:15–16:00)

9:15 - 9:35 Setting the Agenda & Welcoming Remarks, Dr. Sharei, Center for UN Constitutional Research

9:40 - 11:00 Session 1: Panel & Case Study

Parliamentary Assemblies: The State of the Art
- Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), Isra Sunthornvut (Secretary-General, ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly)
- Evolution of International Parliamentary Institutions and their categorization, Andrea Cofelice (Centre for Studies on Federalism, Turin, Italy)
- The Role and Importance of Parliamentary Assemblies for Democracy, Andrew Bradley (Director, Office of International IDEA to the European Union)

Moderator: Fernando Iglesias, Chamber of Deputies, Argentina

11:00 – 11:15 – Coffee Break

11:15 – 12:30 Session 2: Panel & Case Study

Getting into the Machinery
- African Union and the Pan-African Parliament (PAP), Hon. Haïdara Aïchata Cissé (Vice-President, PAP)
- The role of international parliaments in addressing global and regional challenges – the experience of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Mediterranean (PAM), Sergio Piazzi (Secretary General, PAM)
- Latin America: Parlamento Latino Americano (PARLATINO), Mercosur, Organization of American States (OAS), Fernando Iglesias (Chamber of Deputies, Argentina)

Moderator: Andreas Bummel, DWB

List of politicians, practitioners and academic speakers:

- Jo Leinen, (MEP, European Parliament)
- Isra Sunthornvut (Secretary-General, ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly)
- Haïdara Aïchata Cissé (Vice-President, Pan-African Parliament, African Union)
- Sergio Piazzi (Secretary-General, Parliamentary Assembly of the Mediterranean)
- Fernando Iglesias (Chamber of Deputies, Argentina, Mercosur)
- Anda Filip (Director, Member Parliaments and External Relations at the IPU)
- Ivone Soares, (MP Mozambique, PAP)
- Madeleine O. Hosli (Director, United Nations University - CRIS)
- Niels Blokker (Professor, Leiden University)
- Andrea Cofelice (PhD, Centre for Studies on Federalism, Italy)
- Andrew Bradley (Director, Office of International IDEA to the European Union)
- Paolo Vacca (Secretary-General, Union of European Federalists)
- Andreas Bummel (Executive Director, Democracy Without Borders)
- Shahr-yar Sharei (Executive Director, CUNCR)

INCLUDING SPEAKERS OF
12:30 – 13:30 Lunch

14:00 – 16:00 Session 3: Panel & Case Study IPIs in regional & global governance

**Venue:** European Parliament (Rue Wiertz 60, 1047)

- Experiences from the European Union, Madeleine O. Hosli (*Professor*, United Nations University – CRIS and Leiden University) and Reinhilde Bouckaert (*Researcher*, UNU-CRIS)
- The Inter-Parliamentary Union: Efforts to bridge the democracy gap in international relations and provide a parliamentary dimension to the work of the United Nations, Anda Filip (*Director for Member Parliaments and External Relations*, IPU)
- The role of people and civil society in the formation and evolution of IPIs - the European experience, Paolo Vacca (*Secretary-General*, Union of European Federalists)

**Moderator:** Dr. Sharei, CUNCR

16:00 – 17:00 – Organized tour of the European Parliament, Mathias Eberlen, Policy Advisor, European Parliament

17:00 – 19:00 Reception at the European Parliament (Rue Wiertz 60, 1047) hosted by Jo Leinen, MEP, Germany

**Wednesday, 28th of November 2018** (9:30 – 16:00)

**Venue:** Vrije Universiteit Brussel (VUB), Karel van Miert Building, Rome and Lisbon conference room, Boulevard de la Plaine 5, Ixelles

9:30 – 11:15 Session 4: Workshop: Laboratory for Parliamentary Assemblies

Workshop on regional and functional parliamentary assemblies with the intent of developing high-level objectives and pathway for respective IPIs institutional development.

**Facilitators:** International IDEA, UEF, Democracy and Election Actions-European Parliament, European Partnership for Democracy, Center for United Nations Constitutional Research (CUNCR)

- Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN)
- Parliamentary Assembly of the Mediterranean (PAM)
- Pan-African Parliament, African Union (AU)
- Latin-American Parliament (PARLATINO) & Mercosur

In addition, the conference may also select other functional IPIs, such as Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), or others.

**Moderator:**

11:30 – 13:00 Session 5: Panel and Case Studies: The rise and development of IPIs and the emerging parliamentary assemblies

- The rise and the development of international parliamentary assemblies in an era of globalization and nationalism, Niels Blokker, Professor, Leiden University
- The proposal for a United Nations Parliamentary Assembly, Andreas Bummel, Executive Director, Democracy Without Borders
- The OECD Global Parliamentary Network – connecting world-class data and analysis to legislators’ work, Silvia Terrón, Coordinator of OECD Global Parliamentary Network.

**Moderator:** Ivone Soares, MP Mozambique, PAP

Concluding remarks and distribution of certificates

13:15 – 16:00 Lunch & free-format information exchange, networking and coalition-building

**Venue:** Chalet Robinson, Sentier de l’Embarcadère 1, Bois de la Cambre, 1000 Bruxelles

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