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How to Assemble Parliamentary Assemblies

*Bringing international parliamentary institutions
to the next level*

Brussels, 27-28 November 2018

AGENDA (provisional, subject to change)

Tuesday, 27 November 2018 (9:30– 16:30)

Session 1: Parliamentary Assemblies: The State of the Art

- Setting the Agenda & Welcoming Remarks
- Introduction: Evolution of International Parliamentary Institutions and their categorization, Andrea Cofelice (University of Padua)

Case Studies (Part I)

- Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), Isra Sunthornvut (Secretary-General, ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly)
- African Union and the Pan-African Parliament (PAP), Hon. Roger Nkodo Dang (President, PAP) (invited)

Session 2: Getting into the Machinery

- Institutional configurations of IPIs including the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (TBD)
- The European Parliament: a success story to draw upon? Madeleine O. Hosli (Professor, United Nations University – UNU-CRIS)

Panel discussion: IPIs in regional & global governance

Reception at the European Parliament hosted by Jo Leinen, MEP, Germany until 19:30

Partial list of distinguished politicians, practitioners and academic speakers:

- **Fernando Iglesias** (Chamber of Deputies, Argentina)
- **Jo Leinen**, (MEP, European Parliament)
- **Isra Sunthornvut** (Secretary-General, ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly)
- **Cristina Castagnoli** (Head of Unit, Democracy and Election Actions, European Parliament)
- **African Union**, PAP Representative
- **Madeleine O. Hosli** (Professor, United Nations University - CRIS)
- **Niels Blokker** (Professor, Leiden University)
- **Chiara Steindler** (PhD, James Madison University)
- **Andrea Cofelice** (PhD, University of Padua)
- **Andrew Bradley** (Director, Office of International IDEA to the European Union)
- **Ken Godfrey** (Executive Director, European Partnership for Democracy)
- **Andreas Bummel** (Executive Director, Democracy Without Borders)
- **Shahr-yar Sharei** (Executive Director, Center for United Nations Constitutional Research)

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Session 3: Other Regional, Functional, and Global IPIs

Case Studies (Part II)

- Latin America: Parlamento Latino Americano (PARLATINO), Mercosur, Organization of American States (OAS), Fernando Iglesias (Chamber of Deputies, Argentina)
- The Inter-Parliamentary Union (TBD)

Session 4: The way forward for parliamentary assemblies

- The need and potential benefit of new global parliamentary assemblies including at the WTO, the UN, or the IMF, Andreas Bummel (Executive Director, Democracy Without Borders)

Workshop: Laboratory for Parliamentary Assemblies

Simultaneous workshops on regional and functional parliamentary assemblies with the intent of developing high-level objectives and pathway for respective IPIs institutional development. Recommended workshop sessions are:

Regional IPIs:

1. Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN)
2. African Union (AU)
3. Latin-American Parliament (PARLATINO)

Functional IPIs:

4. Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) and conference may select others

Concluding remarks and distribution of certificates



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