



## How to Assemble Parliamentary Assemblies

*Bringing international parliamentary institutions  
to the next level*

**Brussels, 27-28 November 2018**

**Venue:** Vrije Universiteit Brussel (VUB), 5 Pleinlaan, 1050 Ixelles

**AGENDA (provisional, subject to change)**

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

**9:30 – 9:40** Setting the Agenda & Welcoming Remarks, Dr. Sharei

**9:45 – 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 (University of Padua)

- International IDEA, 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. Roger Nkodo Dang (President, PAP) (TBC)

- Parliamentary Assembly of the Mediterranean (PAM), Sergio Piazzini, Secretary General, PAM

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

*Partial list of distinguished politicians,  
practitioners and academic speakers:*

- **Jo Leinen**, (MEP, European Parliament)
- **Isra Sunthornvut** (Secretary-General, ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly)
- **Fernando Iglesias** (Chamber of Deputies, Argentina)
- **Sergio Piazzini** (Secretary-General, Parliamentary Assembly of the Mediterranean)
- **African Union**, PAP Representative
- **Anda Filip** (Director, Inter-Parliamentary Union)
- **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)
- **Paolo Vacca** (Secretary-General, Union of European Federalists)
- **Ken Godfrey** (Executive Director, European Partnership for Democracy)
- **Andreas Bummel** (Executive Director, Democracy Without Borders)
- **Shahr-yar Sharei** (Executive Director, CUNCR)

INCLUDING SPEAKERS OF

- The European Parliament: a success story to draw upon?  
Madeleine O. Hosli (Professor, United Nations University –  
UNU-CRIS)
- Q&A Session

**12:45 – 14:00 Lunch**

**15:30 – 17:00 Session 3: Panel & Case Study IPIs in regional & global governance**

- The European Union & Parliament: The functioning and design – an emerging supra state?
  - 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, Paolo Vacca, Secretary – General, Union of European Federalists
- Moderator** - Dr. Sharei

**17:30 – 19:30 Reception at the European Parliament (Wiertzstraat 60, 1047 Brussel) hosted by Jo Leinen, MEP, Germany**

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

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

Facilitators: International IDEA, 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)
- African Union (AU)
- Latin-American Parliament (PARLATINO) & Mercosur

In addition, the conference may also select other functional IPIs, such as, Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE), or others.

**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)
- [Insert presentation title] Sergio Piazzzi, Parliamentary Assembly of the Mediterranean (PAM)
- 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)

**Concluding remarks and distribution of certificates**

**13:15 – 16:00 Lunch & free format information exchange, international campaigning, coalition building**

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