

# **Asian Parliamentary Assembly**



## **The 14<sup>th</sup> Plenary Session**



**“Fostering regional cooperation for sustainable development in Asia”**

# **Program of Work**

**February 20-24, 2024**

**Baku, Azerbaijan**

**20 February, Tuesday**

Arrival of Participants

**21 February, Wednesday**

Venue: The Ritz-Carlton Hotel

Time reserved for bilateral meetings

13.00	Departure of Executive Council Meeting participants for The Ritz-Carlton Hotel
14.00-16.00	<p><b>APA Executive Council Meeting</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Adoption of the Agenda</li> <li>2. Election of the Bureau</li> <li>3. Report of the Chairperson of the First Executive Council Meeting</li> <li>4. Remarks by APA Secretary General</li> <li>5. Consideration of Draft Resolutions of Standing Committees on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Economic and Sustainable Development</li> <li>- Budget and Planning</li> <li>- Social and Cultural Affairs</li> <li>- Political Affairs</li> </ul> </li> <li>6. Confirmation of Nomination of Vice Presidents for 2024</li> <li>7. Consideration and Adoption of Draft Agenda of 14th APA Plenary</li> <li>8. Any other matters</li> <li>9. Closing</li> </ol> <p>Venue: “Kalbajar” Hall</p>

Time reserved for bilateral meetings

**22 February, Thursday**

08.45	Departure of participants for The Ritz-Carlton Hotel
09.40	Participants gather in the “Shusha” Meeting Hall

10.00-13.00	<p><b>Inaugural Ceremony</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- National Anthem</li> <li>- Opening speech by <b>H.E. Mohammad Reza Majidi</b>, APA Secretary-General on the work of the Organization</li> <li>- Speech by <b>H.E Mr. Numan Kurtulmuş</b>, APA President-in-Office, Speaker of the Grand National Assembly of Türkiye</li> <li>- Handover ceremony of the APA Presidency</li> <li>- Welcome Speech of <b>H.E. Ms. Sahiba Gafarova</b>, Speaker of the Milli Majlis of the Republic of Azerbaijan, as the APA President-in-Office newly assuming her duties</li> <li>- Statements by the Speakers of the Parliaments (in alphabetical order) on the “<b>Fostering regional cooperation for sustainable development in Asia</b>” theme (up to 7 mins.).</li> <li>- Photo Session</li> </ul> <p>Venue: “Shusha” Meeting Hall</p>
13.00-14.30	<p>Lunch</p> <p>Venue: “Tribeca” restaurant</p>
14.30-16.00	<p><b>Plenary Session</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Adoption of the Agenda</li> <li>- Election of the Bureau</li> <li>- Report of the Chairperson of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Executive Council</li> <li>- Report of the Secretary General on the work of the Organization</li> <li>- General Debate: Statements by Head of Delegations on “<b>Fostering regional cooperation for sustainable development in Asia</b>” (up to 7 mins.).</li> </ul> <p>Venue: “Shusha” Meeting Hall</p>
16.00-16.15	<p>Coffee Break</p>
16.15-18.00	<p><b>Plenary Session (Continued)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- General Debate: Statements by Head of Delegations on “<b>Fostering regional cooperation for sustainable development in Asia</b>”</li> </ul> <p>Venue: “Shusha” Meeting Hall</p>

16.15-17.15	<p><b>Standing Committee Meeting on Economic and Sustainable Development</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Draft Resolution on the Establishment of an Asian Energy Market</li> <li>2. Draft Resolution on Environmental Issue</li> <li>3. Draft Resolution on Financial Affairs: Ensuring Efforts for Economic Growth</li> <li>4. Draft Resolution on Poverty Eradication</li> <li>5. Draft Resolution on “The Role of APA Parliaments in Supporting the Implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals”</li> <li>6. Draft Resolution on Water and Sanitation in Asia for All</li> <li>7. Draft Resolution on Asian Climate Financial Initiative</li> </ol> <p>Venue: “Kalbajar” Meeting Hall</p>
17.30-18.30	<p><b>Standing Committee Meeting on Budget and Planning</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Draft Resolution on Planning APA Budget</li> </ol> <p>Venue: “Kalbajar” Meeting Hall</p>
18.40	Departure for the “Gulustan” Palace
19.30-21.00	<p><b>Official Dinner hosted by H.E. Ms. Sahiba Gafarova, Speaker of the Milli Majlis of the Republic of Azerbaijan and President of APA</b></p> <p>Venue: “Gulustan” Palace</p>

**23 February, Friday**

08.20	Departure of participants for The Ritz-Carlton Hotel
09.00-10.00	<p><b>Plenary Session (Continued)</b></p> <p>General Debate: Statements by Head of Delegations on “<b>Fostering regional cooperation for sustainable development in Asia</b>”</p> <p>Venue: “Shusha” Meeting Hall</p>

09.00-10.00	<p><b>Standing Committee Meeting on Social and Cultural Affairs</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Draft Resolution on Measures to Promote Cultural Diversity and Protect Cultural Heritage in Asia</li> <li>2. Draft Resolution on Asian Integration through Information and Communication Technology</li> <li>3. Draft Resolution on Collaboration on Health Equity in Asia</li> <li>4. Draft Resolution on Asian Parliamentarians Against Corruption</li> <li>5. Draft Resolution on APA Women Parliamentarians</li> <li>6. Draft Resolution on Promoting Dialogue and Harmony among Followers of World Religions</li> <li>7. Draft Resolution on Legal and Legislative Cooperation in Combating the Smuggling of Cultural Items in Asia</li> <li>8. Draft Resolution on Effective Cooperation in Combating Illicit Drug Trafficking in Asia</li> <li>9. Draft Resolution on the Promotion of Quality Child and Youth Development for Sustainable Society in Asia</li> <li>10. Draft Resolution on Ageing Society in Asia</li> <li>11. Draft Resolution on Human Development in Asia</li> <li>12. Draft Resolution on Tourism Cooperation in Asia</li> <li>13. Draft Resolution on the Commission on Women (Deferred)</li> </ol> <p>Venue: “Kalbajar” Meeting Hall</p>
10.15-11.15	<p><b>Standing Committee Meeting on Political Affairs</b></p> <p>Draft Resolution on Asian Parliaments’ Unwavering Support for the Palestinian People</p> <p>Venue: “Shusha” Meeting Hall</p>
10.15-11.15	<p><b>Meeting of the Drafting Committee on Baku Declaration</b></p> <p>Venue: “Kalbajar” Meeting Hall</p>
11.15-11.30	<p>Coffee Break</p>
11.30-13.00	<p><b>Preparation of Final Report by the APA Secretariat</b></p> <p>Venue: “Lachin” Meeting Hall</p>
12.30-14.30	<p>Lunch</p>

	Venue: “Tribeca” restaurant
14.30-15.30	<p><b>Plenary Session - Closing Ceremony</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Presentation and adoption of the Reports by the Chairpersons of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Standing Committee on Economic and Sustainable Development</li> <li>• Standing Committee on Budget and Planning</li> <li>• Standing Committee on Social and Cultural Affairs</li> <li>• Standing Committee on Political Affairs</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Confirmation of the APA Vice- Presidents for 2024</li> <li>- Adoption of the APA Observer status of ASGAP</li> <li>- Adoption of the Report of 14th Plenary Session</li> <li>- Any other matter</li> <li>- Closing</li> </ul> <p>Venue: “Shusha” Meeting Hall</p>
15.30	Departure for the hotels, free time

**24 February, Saturday**

Departure of Participants