



## ASIAN PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY

### The 16th Plenary Session

## GENERAL INFORMATION

**24-28 January 2026**  
**Manama, Kingdom of Bahrain**  
*(The Diplomat Radisson Blu Hotel)*

## **SECTION 1**

### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

#### **1. Date and Venue of the Meeting**

The 16th Plenary Session of the APA will take place at The Diplomat Radisson Blu Hotel, Kingdom of Bahrain from 24<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> January 2026.

All delegates should plan their visit according to the following program:

<b>Arrival of Delegates</b>	<b>24<sup>th</sup> January 2026</b>
<b>Meeting of the APA Executive Council</b>	<b>25<sup>th</sup> January 2026</b>
<b>Plenary Session</b>	
<b>Meeting of the Standing Committee on Economic and Sustainable Development</b>	<b>26<sup>th</sup> January 2026</b>
<b>Meeting of the Standing Committee on Social and Cultural Affairs</b>	
<b>Plenary Session (continued)</b>	
<b>Meeting of the Standing Committee on Political Affairs</b>	<b>27<sup>th</sup> January 2026</b>
<b>Meeting of the Standing Committee on Budget and Planning</b>	
<b>Departure of Delegates</b>	<b>28<sup>th</sup> January 2026</b>

#### **2. Official Language**

The official languages of the APA are English and Arabic and the working language is English (Article 16 of APA Charter).

Delegates who wish to speak in other languages are requested to provide their own interpreters. **There will be 4 (Four) additional booths that will be provided by the Host Parliament on a first come first served basis.**

#### **3. Documents**

All official documents shall be written in English. In addition, any delegate who wishes to distribute documents in the meeting are advised to have prior consultations with the APA Secretariat.

All amendments to the standing committees draft resolutions should be forwarded to the APA Secretariat in advance no later than **19<sup>th</sup> January 2026** for circulation before the meeting.

## **4. Registration**

Participants are kindly requested to fill out the Registration Form provided by the Host Parliament no later than **12<sup>th</sup> January 2026**.

## **5. Security and Identification Badges**

Identification Badges will be distributed to all delegates and accompanying persons upon registration. For security reason participants are requested to wear their identification badges throughout the meeting and official function specified in the Working Program. Admission to the venue of the meeting and official functions will be limited to those wearing identification badges.

Participants are kindly requested to ensure that they provide the correct spelling of each delegation member's name (First and last) and to clearly indicate the Head of Delegation in the registration form, as the badges will be **pre-printed** and there will be **no possibility** to edit them later.

## **6. Passport and Visa Regulations**

All participating delegates and accompanying persons must have valid passports and provide clear scan copies (PDF) of them **no later than 12<sup>th</sup> January 2026** to the host secretariat email addresses below for visa issuance. Once visas are ready, they will be sent to the participants.

[ipbahrain@nuwab.bh](mailto:ipbahrain@nuwab.bh)  
[m.bindaina@nuwab.bh](mailto:m.bindaina@nuwab.bh)  
[h.mattar@nuwab.bh](mailto:h.mattar@nuwab.bh)

## **7. Arrival and Departure**

Participants are kindly requested to indicate on the Registration Form the flight itinerary to enable the Host Secretariat to effectively perform their tasks. All changes of the flight schedules should be communicated in advance with the Host Secretariat.

The arrival and departure service will operate from **January 24<sup>th</sup> to January 28<sup>th</sup> 2026** at **Bahrain International Airport**. The Host Secretariat will assist the delegates through all formalities at their arrival and departure.

## **8. Flight arrangements and information**

In order to facilitate the expeditious arrangements of transportation from and to the airport, Delegation Secretaries are kindly requested to inform the Host Parliament Secretariat of any change in their delegates' flight schedule at least 24 hours in advance of the schedule.

## **9. Currency Exchange**

The Bahraini Dinar is the official currency of the Kingdom of Bahrain. The current

exchange rate is approximately 2.65 BD for 1 US dollar. Money can be exchanged at banks, exchange companies at Bahrain International Airport and at the legally authorized exchange stores throughout the country. All major credit cards are accepted at hotels, and shopping malls.

## **10. Weather**

The weather in Bahrain tends to be mostly sunny during January with average temperature between 18° C and 13° C.

## **11. Time**

a. Bahrain time zone: GMT + 3 Hours

## **12. Electricity**

Bahrain operates on 230 volts, 50Hz, plug type is G, which is the plug that has three rectangular pins in a triangular pattern.

## **13. Telephone Services**

- Telephone services are available at hotels. Pre-paid mobile telephone cards are available at local cellular shops.
- Dialing is as follows:
  - (a) Local calls: dial the number directly.
  - (b) International calls: dial the international direct dial access (00) + country code + number.
- To call Bahrain from abroad, dial the international direct dial access + country code (973) + number.

## **SECTION 2** **HOSPITALITY**

### **1. Accommodation**

According to the APA Charter, the Host Parliament will offer hospitality (accommodation, meals and transportation from and to the airport) from the 24<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> of January 2026 for:

- Official delegates of APA member parliaments as determined in the Article 8 of the APA Charter.
- Two representatives for each observer parliament.
- One representative for each observer organization.

Delegates who wish to stay additional nights will have to cover the expenses on their own. **For other guests (not hosted), the hotel's overnight stay is as follow:**

<b>The Diplomat Radisson Blu</b> <b>Rates &amp; Occupancy per Guestroom</b>	
Single (1 Person)	Double ( 2 persons)
50 BHD (Breakfast included)	55 BHD (Breakfast included)

All hosted delegates will stay at **The Diplomat Radisson Blu Hotel** located at **Road 1701, Manama, Bahrain** Tel: (+973) 1753 1666

**Any charges for room service, beverages, mini-bar items, laundry, telephone calls (local or overseas) will be also at the delegates' own expenses and the reservation should be guaranteed by credit card.** Delegates are required to check their own extra charges at the Hotel cashier and make their payments before departure.

For delegations wishing to stay at different hotels at their own expense, please find below a list of hotels located near the meeting venue.

<b>InterContinental Bahrain</b> <b>Rates &amp; Occupancy per Guestroom</b>	
Single (1 Person)	Double ( 2 persons)
79.250 BHD (Breakfast included)	89.500 BHD (Breakfast included)
<b>Golden Tulip Bahrain</b> <b>Rates &amp; Occupancy per Guestroom</b>	
Single (1 Person)	Double ( 2 persons)
35 BHD (Breakfast included)	45 BHD (Breakfast included)

<b>Crowne Plaza Manama</b>	
<b>Rates &amp; Occupancy per Guestroom</b>	
Single (1 Person)	Double ( 2 persons)
50 BHD (Breakfast included + 2 pieces of laundry)	55 BHD (Breakfast included + 2 pieces of laundry)
<b>Solymar Hotel &amp; Beach</b>	
<b>Rates &amp; Occupancy per Guestroom</b>	
Single (1 Person)	Double ( 2 persons)
57 BHD (Breakfast included)	64.500 BHD (Breakfast included)
<b>The Art Hotel &amp; Resort</b>	
<b>Rates &amp; Occupancy per Guestroom</b>	
Single (1 Person)	Double ( 2 persons)
57.050 BHD (Breakfast included)	63.300 BHD (Breakfast included)
<b>Ramada by Wyndham Bahrain</b>	
<b>Rates &amp; Occupancy per Guestroom</b>	
Single (1 Person)	Double ( 2 persons)
61.740 BHD (Breakfast included)	69.370 BHD (Breakfast included)

## 2. Transportation

Transportation shuttles to and from the airport will be provided by the Host Parliament.

All changes of the arrival and departure of the flight schedules should be communicated with the Host Parliament Secretariat immediately. **Delegates are responsible for their transportation other than events specified in the working program.**

## 3. Meals and Functions (Hosted Delegates)

Breakfast and meals (excluding alcoholic beverages) will be provided to all hosted delegates at the venues indicated in the Working Program. Delegates who choose to make alternative dining arrangements or opt out of the official lunch will be responsible for covering their own expenses.

## 4. Medical Service

Medical care will be at the expense of the participants. The delegates are personally responsible for any personal insurance against risks. First aid service will be provided at the hotel during the official days of the event.

## **5. Insurance**

Insurance for personal accident, medical emergencies, loss of luggage and currency and against any damage will be the responsibility of individual delegate.

## **SECTION 3**

### **MEETING FACILITIES**

#### **1. Registration and Information Desk**

All delegates are kindly requested to register at the registration desk at the Hotel upon their arrival.

Identification badges will be distributed upon registration to all delegates.

The registration and information desk will be set up in the hotel, from **24<sup>th</sup> of January 2026**. It will be open from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

#### **2. Secretariat Room**

The room for the APA and the Host Secretariat will be open from 24<sup>th</sup> January to 28<sup>th</sup> of January 2026 from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. The Internet facilities are available at the hotel free of charge.

Typing and photocopying services will be available at venue of the meeting in cooperation with the host parliament and APA General Secretariat.

#### **3. Bilateral Meetings**

A designated meeting room will be available for bilateral meetings. Should you wish to reserve the room, kindly send an email to the following address including the proposed timing and the delegations participating in the meeting. Please note that, due to the limited number of bilateral meeting rooms, reservations will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis:

[f.sayyar@nuwab.bh](mailto:f.sayyar@nuwab.bh)

## **SECTION 4**

### **CONTACT PERSONS**

<b>Parliamentary Group of the Kingdom of Bahrain</b>	<b>PERMANENT SECRETARIAT OF THE ASIAN PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY (APA)</b>
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Email: <a href="mailto:ipbahrain@nuwab.bh">ipbahrain@nuwab.bh</a> <a href="mailto:m.bindaina@nuwab.bh">m.bindaina@nuwab.bh</a> <a href="mailto:h.mattar@nuwab.bh">h.mattar@nuwab.bh</a>	Fax: +98(21) 33517408  E-mail: <a href="mailto:secretariat@asianparliament.org">secretariat@asianparliament.org</a> <b>Website: <a href="http://www.asianparliament.org">www.asianparliament.org</a></b>