

Asian Parliamentary Assembly



The 15th Plenary Session



**“Role of parliamentary diplomacy in strengthening
multilateral cooperation in Asia”**

Program of Work

February 17-21, 2025

Baku, Azerbaijan

17 February, Monday

Arrival of Participants

18 February, Tuesday

Venue: Milli Majlis of the Republic of Azerbaijan

09.30-18.00 Time reserved for bilateral meetings

Venue: Meeting Rooms of the Milli Majlis

09.30	Departure for the Milli Majlis of the Republic of Azerbaijan
10.00-11.30 APA Executive Council Meeting	APA Executive Council Meeting <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Adoption of the Agenda 2. Election of the Bureau 3. Remarks by Chairperson H.E. Mr. Rizvan Nabiye (Head of the delegation of Azerbaijan to the APA) 4. Report by APA Secretary General 5. Nomination of APA President for 2026-7 6. Nomination of Vice Presidents for 2025 7. Request of Sultanate of Oman for APA full membership 8. Request of the Republic of Belarus for APA observer status 9. Consideration of Draft Resolutions of Standing Committees on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Social and Cultural Affairs ● Budget and Planning ● Economic and Sustainable Development ● Political Affairs 10. Report on the Committee on Palestine 11. Report on activities of Working Group on Statutory Documents 12. Report on the Bureau Sessions 13. Draft Agenda of 15th APA Plenary 14. Any other matters <i>Venue: Milli Majlis of the Republic of Azerbaijan, “Khazar” Meeting Hall, 15th floor</i>
11.30-12.00 Coffee Break <i>Venue: Foyer in front of Panno, 2nd floor</i>	
12.00-13.30 APA Executive Council Meeting – continued	
13.30-15.00 Lunch <i>Venue: “Kharibulbul” Hall, 1st floor</i>	
15.00-17.00 APA Executive Council Meeting – continued	
19.30-21.00 Dinner for participants of the APA Executive Council <i>Venue: Fairmont Baku Hotel, “Le Bistro” Restaurant</i>	

19 February, Wednesday

09.15	Departure for the Milli Majlis of the Republic of Azerbaijan
09.40	Participants gather in the “Plenary Meeting Hall”
10.00-13.00	<p>Inaugural Ceremony</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - National Anthem - Speech of H.E. Ms. Sahiba Gafarova, President of the APA, Speaker of the Milli Majlis of the Republic of Azerbaijan - Speech by H.E. Mr. Mohammad Reza Majidi, APA Secretary-General - Statements by the Speakers and Vice-Speakers of the Parliaments on the “Role of parliamentary diplomacy in strengthening multilateral cooperation in Asia” (up to 5 mins.) <p><i>Venue: “Plenary Meeting Hall”, 1st floor</i></p>
13.00-14.30	<p>Lunch</p> <p><i>Venue: “Kharibulbul” Hall, 1st floor (for MPs and international organizations)</i></p> <p><i>Foyer in front of Panno, 2nd floor (for Secretaries and Staff)</i></p>
13.00	Joint departure of Speakers and Deputy Speakers for the National Flag Square
13.15-14.45	<p>Lunch for the Speakers and Deputy Speakers</p> <p><i>Venue: National Flag Square</i></p>
14.30-16.00	<p>Plenary Session</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Adoption of the Agenda - Election of the Bureau - The Chairperson of the Executive Council, H.E.Mr. Rizvan Nabiyev (Head of the delegation of Azerbaijan to the APA) will present the Report to the Plenary for its endorsement. - Report by H.E. Mr. Mohammad Reza Majidi, APA Secretary-General on the work of the Organization - Adoption of the full membership of the Sultanate of Oman - Adoption of the Observer status of Republic of Belarus - General Debate: Statements by Head of Delegations on “Role of parliamentary diplomacy in strengthening multilateral cooperation in Asia” <p><i>Venue: “Plenary Meeting Hall”, 1st floor</i></p>

14.30-18.30	Time reserved for bilateral meetings <i>Venue: Meeting Rooms of the Milli Majlis</i>
16.00-16.15	Coffee Break <i>Venue: Foyer in front of Panno, 2nd floor</i>
16.15-18.00	Plenary Session (Continued) General Debate: Statements by Head of Delegations on “Role of parliamentary diplomacy in strengthening multilateral cooperation in Asia” <i>Venue: “Plenary Meeting Hall”, 1st floor</i>
16.15-17.15	Meeting of the Standing Committee on Social and Cultural Affairs 1. Draft Resolution on Measures to Promote Cultural Diversity and Protect Cultural Heritage in Asia 2. Draft Resolution on Asian Integration through Information and Communication Technology 3. Draft Resolution on Collaboration on Health Equity in Asia 4. Draft Resolution on Asian Parliamentarians Against Corruption 5. Draft Resolution on APA Women Parliamentarians 6. Draft Resolution on Promoting Dialogue and Harmony among Followers of World Religions 7. Draft Resolution on Legal and Legislative Cooperation in Combating the Smuggling of Cultural Items in Asia 8. Draft Resolution on Effective Cooperation in Combating Illicit Drug Trafficking in Asia 9. Draft Resolution on the Promotion of Quality Child and Youth Development for Sustainable Society in Asia 10. Draft Resolution on Ageing Society in Asia 11. Draft Resolution on Human Development in Asia 12. Draft Resolution on Tourism Cooperation in Asia 13. Draft Resolution on the Commission on Women (Deferred) 14. Draft Resolution on Asian Parliamentarians in support of a more just multipolar world order reflecting its cultural and civilizational diversity <i>Venue: “Khazar” Meeting Hall, 15th floor</i>
17.30-18.30	Meeting of the Standing Committee on Budget and Planning 1. Draft Resolution on Planning APA Budget <i>Venue: “Khazar” Meeting Hall, 15th floor</i>
18.40	Departure for the “Gulustan” Palace

19.30-21.00	Official Dinner hosted by H.E. Ms. Sahiba Gafarova, Speaker of the Milli Majlis of the Republic of Azerbaijan and President of APA <i>Venue: "Gulustan" Palace</i>
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20 February, Thursday

08.20	Departure for the Milli Majlis of the Republic of Azerbaijan
09.00-18.00	Time reserved for bilateral meetings <i>Venue: Meeting Rooms of the Milli Majlis</i>
09.00-10.00	Plenary Session (Continued) General Debate: Statements by Head of Delegations on "Role of parliamentary diplomacy in strengthening multilateral cooperation in Asia" <i>Venue: "Plenary Meeting Hall", 1st floor</i>
09.00-10.00	Meeting of the Standing Committee on Economic and Sustainable Development 1. Draft Resolution on the Establishment of an Asian Energy Market 2. Draft Resolution on Environmental Issue 3. Draft Resolution on Financial Affairs: Ensuring Efforts for Economic Growth 4. Draft Resolution on Poverty Eradication 5. Draft Resolution on "The Role of APA Parliaments in Supporting the Implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals" 6. Draft Resolution on Water and Sanitation in Asia for All 7. Draft Resolution on Asian Climate Financial Initiative <i>Venue: "Khazar" Meeting Hall, 15th floor</i>
10.15-11.15	Meeting of the Standing Committee on Political Affairs 1. Draft Resolution on Good Governance 2. Draft Resolution on the Rule of Law and Judicial Empowerment 3. Draft Resolution on Good Parliamentary Practices 4. Draft Resolution on Building Prosperity in Asia through Friendship and Cooperation 5. Draft Resolution on Asian Parliaments and Governments Together for Prosperity in Asia 6. Draft Resolution on Harmonious Development through Democracy

	<p>7. Draft Resolution on Asian Parliaments' Unwavering Support for the Palestinian People</p> <p>8. Draft Resolution on Enhancing Cooperation among the Members of the Asian Parliamentary Assembly to Protect and Promote Multilateralism</p> <p><i>Venue: "Khazar" Meeting Hall, 15th floor</i></p>
11.15-11.30	<p>Coffee Break</p> <p><i>Venue: Foyer in front of Panno, 2nd floor</i></p>
11.30-12.30	<p>Meeting of the Drafting Committee on Baku Declaration</p> <p><i>Venue: "Khazar" Meeting Hall, 15th floor</i></p>
12.30-13.30	<p>Preparation of Final Report by the APA Secretariat</p> <p><i>Venue: Room of the APA Secretariat, 2nd floor</i></p>
12.30-14.30	<p>Lunch</p> <p><i>Venue: "Kharibulbul" Hall, 1st floor (for MPs and international organizations)</i></p> <p><i>Foyer in front of Panno, 2nd floor (for Secretaries and Staff)</i></p>
14.30-15.30	<p>Closing Ceremony of the 15th Plenary Session of APA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Presentation and adoption of the Reports by the Chairpersons of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Standing Committee on Social and Cultural Affairs • Standing Committee on Budget and Planning • Standing Committee on Economic and Sustainable Development • Standing Committee on Political Affairs - Confirmation of the APA Vice- Presidents for 2025 - Nomination of APA President for 2026-7 - Adoption of the amendments to the APA Charter and Rule of Procedure recommended by the Executive Council - Any other matter - Closing <p><i>Venue: "Plenary Meeting Hall", 1st floor</i></p>
15.30	<p>Departure for the hotels, free time</p>
19.30-21.00	<p>Dinner</p> <p><i>Venue: Fairmont Baku Hotel, "Nizami" Hall</i></p>

21 February, Friday

Departure of Participants