



# **ASIAN PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY (APA)**

## **Standing Committee on Social and Cultural Affairs**

### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

**24 – 27 September 2026**

**Dushanbe, Republic of Tajikistan**

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

The Meeting of the Standing Committee on Social and Cultural Affairs of the Asian Parliamentary Assembly (APA) will be held in Dushanbe, Republic of Tajikistan, at the Majlisi namoyandagon Majlisi Oli (Parliament) of the Republic of Tajikistan.

According to the Programme of Events, the arrival of delegations is scheduled for 24 September 2026. The substantive sessions of the Meeting will take place on 25–26 September 2026. The departure of delegations is scheduled for 26–27 September 2026.

## **2. Working Languages and Interpretation**

The working languages of the Meeting shall be English, Russian and Tajik.

Simultaneous interpretation in the above-mentioned languages will be provided during all official sessions and events.

## **3. Documents**

All official documents submitted for consideration during the Meeting shall be prepared in English.

Delegations intending to circulate documents are kindly requested to coordinate such documents in advance with the APA Secretariat. Amendments to draft resolutions of the Standing Committee should be submitted to the APA Secretariat within the prescribed deadlines to facilitate timely distribution among participants.

## **4. Registration**

Participants are requested to complete the registration forms and submit them to the APA Secretariat and the Host Parliament within the established deadlines.

Detailed information regarding the registration procedure will be communicated through official APA channels.

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

Each participant will be issued an official identification badge granting access to the Meeting venue and related events.

Badges will be distributed upon arrival in Dushanbe. Participants are kindly requested to wear their badges at all times while attending official functions.

## **6. Visa Requirements**

Participants are advised to contact the Embassy or Consulate of the Republic of Tajikistan accredited to their respective countries regarding visa requirements.

For visa issuance, participants may be required to present an official invitation letter. Passports must be valid for at least six (6) months from the date of entry into the Republic of Tajikistan.

## **7. Arrival and Departure**

Representatives of the Host Parliament will meet and assist participants upon arrival and departure.

Local transportation, including airport transfers, will be arranged by the Host Parliament. To facilitate these arrangements, delegations are kindly requested to submit their travel itineraries in advance and to communicate any changes no later than twenty-four (24) hours prior to arrival.

## **8. Accommodation and Hospitality**

Accommodation for participants will be arranged in designated hotels in Dushanbe. Detailed information regarding accommodation will be communicated in due course.

The Majlisi namoyandagon Majlisi Oli (Parliament) of the Republic of Tajikistan will cover accommodation expenses for official delegations under the “2+1” formula (two parliamentarians and one accompanying official). Any additional expenses incurred at the hotel shall be borne by the participants concerned.

Meals and refreshments during the official programme will be provided by the Host Parliament.

## **9. Currency**

The national currency of the Republic of Tajikistan is the Tajik Somoni (TJS).

Currency exchange services are available at banks and authorized exchange offices throughout Dushanbe.

## **10. Climate and Time Zone**

September in Dushanbe is generally characterized by warm and pleasant weather, with temperatures ranging between 20°C and 30°C.

Time Zone: UTC +5

## **11. Contact Information**

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## **12. Cultural Programme**

A cultural programme will be organized for participants and accompanying persons within the framework of the Meeting.

The programme will provide an opportunity to become acquainted with the rich history, cultural heritage, traditions and notable landmarks of the

Republic of Tajikistan, while promoting cultural exchange, friendship and mutual understanding among the peoples of the APA Member Parliaments.

### **13. Official Reception**

An official reception will be hosted on behalf of the Chairman of the Majlisi Namoyandagon of the Majlisi Oli of the Republic of Tajikistan.

### **14. Expected Outcomes**

The Meeting of the APA Standing Committee on Social and Cultural Affairs is expected to further advance the objectives of the Asian Parliamentary Assembly by fostering dialogue, strengthening parliamentary cooperation, and promoting shared values among Member Parliaments.