



Summary of agenda and key decisions from the spring session

Tashkent (6-9 April 2025)

1. Orders of the Day

The spring session was attended by **100 Secretaries General** and Deputy Secretaries General from **83 different parliaments**, **15 new members** joined the Association.

The agenda for the Tashkent session included the following two general debates:

- Training and development of parliamentary staff
- Parliaments' management of social media

There were four themes on the agenda; 'In the news and innovations at parliament', 'Accessibility of parliament for disabled people', 'The use of precedents to preserve parliamentary memory' and 'Meeting the expectations of young parliamentarians' which inspired communications from many members of the Association. The speaking notes and PowerPoint Presentations are published on our website here: <https://asgp.co/meetings/tashkent-uzbekistan-april-2025/>

A report on the proceedings will shortly be available in the '[ASGP Review: Constitutional and parliamentary information](#)' section of our website.

2. Elections

Mr Xolile George (South Africa) and Mr Talip Uzun (Grand National Assembly of Türkiye) were elected as ordinary members of the Executive Committee.

You can [view the full membership of the ASGP Executive Committee on the website here](#).

At the next meeting in October 2025, applications will be open for **2 ordinary members of the Executive Committee**.

3. Collaboration with the IPU

Ms Laurence Marzal presented the draft ASGP-IPU toolkit on 'Welcoming new Members of parliament' to the Association.

It is published on the website here: [ENGLISH-WELCOMING-NEW-PARLIAMENTARIANS-final-text-0425.pdf](#)

If any Members would like to offer feedback on the contents, please email Laurence Marzal directly at lm@ipu.org by 11 July 2025.

4. Draft agenda for the Geneva session (October 2025)

The dates for the 151st session of the IPU are 19 to 23 October 2025, the exact dates of the ASGP conference are yet to be confirmed.

The themes and general debate topics for the next session, proposed by the Executive Committee in Tashkent, are as follows:

General debates

1) How does your parliament provide factual information to parliamentarians to support evidence-based decision-making?

- Do you have a library or specialist team in parliament which advises Members on statistics, fact or policy?
- Does your parliament work in partnership with external bodies (media, fact-checkers, academic institutions) to address misinformation?
- How do you decide what information to provide to parliamentarians? Is information provided in response to demand from Members or does each piece of legislation have a standard package of accompanying information?
- What proactive measures has your parliament taken to combat misinformation that could affect parliamentary debate or public confidence?

2) What measures have been put in place to mitigate the risk of a future event preventing your parliament from sitting?

- What types of risks (institutional, human, technological, etc.) are currently considered a priority within your parliament?
- What measures or procedures have been implemented to prevent or manage these risks?
- Has your parliament designated a specific body or individual responsible for risk management?
- What good practices have emerged from recent risk-mitigation situations within your parliament?

Themes

- 1) Ensuring the safety of MPs and parliamentary staff
- 2) Preparing for the retirement of long-serving staff
- 3) In the news and innovations at Parliament

It is also possible to present a communication on a topic outside of the 3 themes proposed by the Executive Committee.