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Summary of agenda and key decisions from the autumn session

Arusha (6 to 9 October 2026)

1. Orders of the Day

The autumn session brought together 87 Secretaries General and Deputy Secretaries General from 75 different parliaments. 27 new members joined the Association.

The agenda of the Arusha session included three general debates:

- How is Parliament funded, and what are the processes for allocating and approving the budget? (informal discussion groups);
- Training for Members of Parliament and parliamentary staff (informal discussion groups);
- Unicameral or bicameral parliament: what are the advantages and disadvantages? Please share concrete experiences from your parliaments

It also included three themes “In the news and innovations in parliament”, “Mechanisms for international and regional cooperation among Parliaments” and “Best practices for the recruitment of parliamentary staff which were the subject of 21 communications presented by members of the Association.

The related texts and PowerPoints are published on our website here: [Arusha, Tanzania \(October 2026\) - Welcome to ASGP | ASGP](#)

The minutes will be available shortly on the website here: [Documents Archive - Welcome to ASGP | ASGP - Welcome to ASGP | ASGP](#)

2. Modification of the ASGP Rules

In Istanbul, the Association agreed to increase membership fees by 25% in order to finance interpretation at all meetings in Arabic and Spanish, in addition to English and French. Consequently, during the Arusha session, the Association amended Article 29 of the ASGP Rules to establish Arabic and Spanish as working languages of the ASGP. Technical amendments to Articles 1 and 11 were also made. [The details of the amendments adopted are available on the ASGP website here.](#)

3. Elections

At the next session, elections will be held to fill the two positions of ordinary member on the Executive Committee that are currently vacant.

The composition of the Executive Committee is available on the website here:

[Members Archive - Welcome to ASGP](#) | [ASGP - Welcome to ASGP](#) | [ASGP](#)

4. Draft agenda for the spring session in Geneva (May 2027)

The 154th session of the ASGP will take place in Geneva from 10 to 14 May 2027. The ASGP will meet for 3 days from **Wednesday 12 to Friday 14 May 2027**.

The following themes and general debates are proposed for this session:

Themes

- 1) **Presentation of concrete examples of the use of artificial intelligence within Parliaments** [*Communications on this topic are limited to 7-minutes and should be a practical explanation of how you are using AI in your parliament now.*]
- 2) **Managing written questions and motions in parliament**
- 3) **In the news and innovations at parliament**

It is always possible to present a communication that does not fall within the proposed themes, subject to its acceptance by the Executive Committee.

General debates

(1) General Debate with small group discussion: How can parliamentary administrations strengthen public trust in an era of misinformation and rapidly changing media?

- What role should parliamentary administrations play in providing the public with timely, accurate and accessible information?
- How should parliaments respond to misinformation and disinformation concerning parliamentary work and decisions?
- How can parliaments work effectively with traditional media, social networks and digital platforms while preserving their institutional neutrality?
- How can parliamentary communication distinguish institutional information from political communication?

(2) General Debate with small group discussion: Expectations and motivations of younger generations joining parliamentary administrations

- What are the main motivations of younger generations who choose to join parliamentary administrations? What are their expectations regarding working conditions, remuneration and career prospects?

- Do parliamentary administrations encounter particular difficulties in attracting and recruiting young staff members? What initiatives have been put in place to make them more attractive?
- How are parliamentary administrations adapting to the expectations of younger generations, particularly with regard to work-life balance, flexibility and the use of new technologies?
- What training, support and professional development arrangements are implemented to promote the integration and retention of young staff members?
- How do parliamentary administrations promote cooperation between generations and the transfer of knowledge and skills, while encouraging the new ideas and innovations brought by young staff members?
- How do we help younger colleague understand the importance of political impartiality and what it means?

(3) Open general debate: Codes of conduct applicable to parliamentarians

- Is there, within your Parliament, a code of conduct or a set of ethical rules applicable to parliamentarians? What are the main obligations and how were they developed?
- Which bodies are responsible for ensuring compliance with these rules? What role does the parliamentary administration play in implementation and monitoring?
- What arrangements are provided for preventing conflicts of interest and ensuring the transparency of parliamentarians' activities, particularly with regard to declarations of interests, gifts and benefits received?
- What procedures are implemented in the event of a breach of the rules? What sanctions may be imposed and by which authorities?
- What training is offered to parliamentarians to promote compliance with the rules? What difficulties are encountered in their application?