

The Meeting of the
Executive Council
September 9-11, 2007
Tehran, Iran

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Welcome

Thank you for accepting our invitation to the meeting of the APA Executive Council, and welcome to Tehran. We wish you a pleasant and productive time in Tehran.

As you are aware by now, we have planned an extensive agenda for this meeting. We at the Secretariat have taken several measures for our meetings to achieve their goals. Your cooperation is critical and highly appreciated.

In this package you may find almost all documents and guidelines you might need throughout the meeting. We have also set up an on-site secretariat to serve you on possible additional queries.

We would be grateful if you could fill out the three following forms (pages 9 and 10, and 12):

Working Group Registration Form,
Comments Submission Form, and
Registration Form for making statements at the Opening Session,
and **submit them to our staff before the Opening Session**. This would help us to make plans for the rest of the meeting.

Once again, we wish you a wonderful stay in Tehran.

APA Secretariat

Agenda

- 1- Program Announcement
- 2- Welcome Speech and Report by the Secretary-General
- 3- Opening Statement by the Vice President of the Islamic Consultative Assembly
- 4- Adopting the Agenda for the meeting of the Executive Council
- 5- General Debate: Statements by Heads of Delegations
- 6- Assigning a Committee to prepare the agenda for the Second Session of APA Plenary and the Joint Conference with Foreign Ministers
- 7- Establishing 8 working groups to discuss comments on the Charter, APA Draft Rules of Procedure, Draft Friendship Pact, establishment of an Asian Monetary Fund, and 5 provisional draft plans of action on:

- Protecting and Respecting Cultural Diversity in Asia
- Challenges and Opportunities of Globalization in Asia
- Combating Corruption and Promoting Good Governance in Asia
- Integrated Energy Market in Asia
- Alleviating Poverty in Asia

and drafting the Recommendation Statement on the proposed plans of action.

- 8- Adopting the Draft Agenda for the APA Plenary and Joint Conference with Foreign Ministers
- 9- Adopting Draft Rules of Procedure
- 10-Adopting Draft Plans of Action
- 11-Concluding on proposed plans of action
- 12-Other Matters

Program of Work

<p>Sunday, September 9</p> <div style="border: 2px solid black; padding: 5px; width: 100px; margin: 10px auto;"> <p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">Opening Session</p> </div> <div style="border: 2px solid black; padding: 5px; width: 100px; margin: 10px auto;"> <p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">KORSHID Conference Hall</p> </div>	9:00 am	Registration and Reception
	9:15 am	Program Announcement KHORSHID Conference Hall
	9:20 am	Welcome Speech and Report by H.E. Dr. M. H. Nejad-Hosseinian APA Secretary-General
	9:30 am	Opening Statement by H.E. Mr. M. H. Aboutorabi-Fard Deputy Speaker of the Islamic Consultative Assembly
	9:40 am	Adopting the Agenda of the meeting of the Executive Council General Debate: Statements by Heads of Delegations (Inscription of names required)
	10:30- 10:45 am	Break
	10:45 am - 1 pm	Assigning a Committee to Draft the Agenda for the 2007 APA Plenary Session and Joint Conference with Foreign Ministers Other Matters
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		Lunch Break
	3-7 pm	

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		<p>Parallel Meetings to Consider following Provisional Draft Documents and Adopting a Recommendation Statement:</p> <p>Charter, and Rules of Procedure Conference Hall 1</p> <p>Poverty Reduction Conference Hall 2</p> <p>Combating Corruption Conference Hall 3</p>
	<p>8-10 pm</p>	<p>Dinner Ceremony hosted by H. E. Dr. Haddad Adel APA President</p> <p>Main Complex of the Islamic Consultative Assembly Baharestan Square</p>
<p>Monday, September 10</p>	<p>9am-1pm</p>	<p>Parallel Meetings to Consider following Provisional Draft Documents and Adopting a Recommendation Statement:</p> <p>Charter, and Rules of Procedure Conference Hall 1</p> <p>Cultural Diversity and Presentation on an APA Cultural Cooperation Network Conference Hall 2</p> <p>Friendship Pact of Asia Conference Hall 3</p>
		<p>Lunch Break</p>
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	3-7 pm	<p>Charter, and Rules of Procedure Conference Hall 1</p> <p>Asian Monetary Fund Conference Hall 2</p> <p>Globalization Conference Hall 3</p>
	8-10 pm	<p>Dinner Ceremony hosted by the Honorable M. H. Aboutorabi-Fard Vice President of the Islamic Consultative Assembly</p> <p>Diplomatic Club</p>
<p>Tuesday, September 11</p>	9am – 1pm	<p>Parallel Meetings to Consider following Provisional Draft Documents and Adopting a Recommendation Statement:</p> <p>Charter, and Rules of Procedure Conference Hall 1</p> <p>Integrated Energy Market in Asia Conference Hall 2</p> <p>Meeting of the Committee on Preparing the Agenda for the APA Plenary and Joint Conference with Foreign Ministers Conference Hall 3</p>
		Lunch Break
		<p>(Continued next page)</p> <p>Adopting: Draft Plans of Action Draft Rules of Procedure Draft Friendship Pact of Asia</p>

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Closing Session KORSHID Conference Hall	3:00-5:00 pm	Presentation on Preliminary Strategic Plan for Economic Integration in Asia Adopting the Draft Agenda for the 2007 APA Plenary Session and Joint Conference with Foreign Ministers Other Matters
	5:00-5:30 pm	Break
	5:30-7:00 pm	A Performance of Iranian Music

Comments on the Charter

At the first session of APA Plenary, in November 2006, the Charter of the APA was approved in principle by the Plenary. In a letter dated March 2007, addressed to the Speakers/Presidents of the APA Member Parliaments, Dr. Haddad Adel, the APA President, called for Members' comments and suggestions regarding the Charter. Consequently, Esteemed Parliaments of Thailand, Nepal, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Saudi Arabia, and Turkey sent their comments and suggestions to the Secretariat. You may consider, herewith, a copy of all received comments.

We are receiving comments on the subject matters of the Working Groups of the Executive Council. They will be circulated at the first day of the meeting.

Working Groups Procedure Guidelines:

- 1- The Chairperson shall be the head of the local Working Group in charge of preparing the provisional draft document.
- 2- After due discussions, revisions and consideration of comments, the Working Group must proceed to produce a recommendation statement to the Closing Session regarding the adoption of the draft document.
- 3- Time permitting; unanimity shall be sought on revisions to the text and adoption of the recommendation statement. Open vote shall be cast upon discretion of the Chairperson (considering time and the number of submitted comments.)
- 4- Delegations from observer countries are welcome to participate in discussions and make suggestions as advised by the Chairperson (considering time and the number of submitted comments).
- 5- All delegates are welcome to participate in discussions as advised by the Chairperson, (considering time and the number of submitted comments) but each Delegation has only one vote, regardless of their number of delegates.

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Working Groups Registration Form

Please let us know which working groups you intend to attend. Please note that at any given time, three meetings will be held simultaneously on different Issues. For your convenience, the schedule of meetings is listed below. **Please mark the meeting you wish to attend and return this form to our Protocol staff no later than 11pm on September 8, 2007.**

Name:

Country: Position:.....

Meeting	Yes/N o
Charter, Rules of Procedures	
Poverty Reduction	
Cultural Diversity	
Combating Corruption	
Friendship Pact of Asia	
Asian Monetary Fund	
Globalization	
Integrated Energy Market in Asia	
Committee on APA Plenary Agenda	

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September 9,

9am-1pm	3pm-7pm
Opening Session	Rules of Procedures
	Poverty Reduction
	Cultural Diversity

September 10, 2007

9am-1pm	3pm-7pm
Rules of Procedures	Rules of Procedures
Combating Corruption	Asian Monetary Fund
Friendship Pact of Asia	Globalization

September 11, 2007

9am-1pm	3pm-7pm
Rules of Procedures	
Integrated Energy Market in Asia	Closing Session
Committee on APA Plenary Agenda	

Comments Submission Form

Due to extensive range of materials up for discussion, and to better manage the meetings on different issues, we cordially urge you to submit to us, *before the meetings*, the highlights of issues on which you would like to make comments or suggestions during the meeting. This would enable the Chairperson to classify the suggestions and reserve time for all comments. **Please fill out this form and return it to our Protocol staff no later than 11 pm on September 8th.**

Document	Comments
Charter, and Rules of Procedures	
Alleviating Poverty in Asia	
Protecting and Respecting Cultural Diversity in Asia	
Combating Corruption and Promoting Good Governance in Asia	

Friendship Pact of Asia	
Asian Monetary Fund	
Globalization, Challenges and Opportunities	
Integrated Energy Market in Asia	

Registration for Making Statements at the Opening Session

Heads of Delegations are welcome to make a statement (3-5 minutes) at the Opening Session. It would be appreciated if the following statement can be completed by the Head of Delegation and be submitted to our Protocol staff before the Opening Session, should he wishes to make a statement.

I would like to make a statement at the Opening Session of the meeting of the Executive Council, September 9, 2007.

Title:

Name:

Official Position:

Name of the Parliament:

Head of the Delegation from (Country).....

Signature:.....

Date:

Location of the Meetings

Meeting	Time	Location
The Opening Session	Sept. 9: 9 am- 1pm	Khorshid Hall Ground Floor
Working Groups		
Charter, and Rules of Procedures	Sept. 9: 3-7 Sept. 10: 9-1,3- 7 Sept. 11: 9-1	Conference Hall 1
Poverty Reduction	Sept. 9: 3-7	Conference Hall 2
Cultural Diversity	Sept. 9: 3-7	Conference Hall 3
Combating Corruption	Sept. 10: 9-1	Conference Hall 2
Friendship Pact of Asia	Sept. 10: 9-1	Conference Hall 3
Asian Monetary Fund	Sept. 10: 3-7	Conference Hall 2
Globalization	Sept. 10: 3-7	Conference Hall 3
Integrated Energy Market in Asia	Sept. 11: 9-1	Conference Hall 2
Committee on APA Plenary Agenda	Sept. 11: 9-1	Conference Hall 3
The Closing Session	Sept. 11: 3pm- 7pm	Khorshid Hall Ground Floor

Meeting Halls: Meetings will be held at the IRIB International Convention Center which locates in walking distance of Esteghlal Hotel. The Opening and Closing Session will be held in the Khorshid Hall (ground floor). Working Group meetings will be held on floor (-1).

Accommodation, Transportation, etc.

Accommodation:

Esteghlal Hotel

Crossroads of Vali-e-Asr & Chamran Exp.way, Tehran 19395, Iran

Tel: (+9821) 22660011-9, 22660020-5

Rooms are reserved for all participants in Esteghlal Hotel.

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Transportation: Participants will be picked up at airport at their arrival, and will be dropped off at airport at least two hours before their departure.

Local Expenses: Local expenses regarding residence, meals and transportation for all members of delegations will be covered by the Parliament of Islamic Republic of Iran.

Emergency Contact Information:

In case of emergency, please call the Secretariat's office at: (+9821) 22434000-1, 22705000-3.