



# **AUTUMN MEETING of the OSCE PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY**

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

*(as of 10 October, 2023)*

***Yerevan, Armenia***

***18-20 November 2023***

***Karen Demirtchian Complex***

***VENUE OF THE MEETING***

Karen Demirchyan Sports and Concerts Complex  
Address: Tsitsernakaberd zbosaygi 1, Yerevan 0028

All meetings will take place in the Complex.

For more information, please contact the staff listed below:

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**DRAFT PROGRAMME\***

**FRIDAY, 17 NOVEMBER 2023**

Arrival of Delegates  
*Accommodation*

16:00 – 19:00      *Registration open (Karen Demirchyan Sports and Concerts Complex)*

**SATURDAY, 18 NOVEMBER 2023**

08:00      *Registration open (Karen Demirchyan Sports and Concerts Complex)*

08:30 – 09:30      *Time reserved for various meetings*

09:30 – 12:30      **Standing Committee Meeting**

12:30 – 15:00      *Lunch break*

15:00 – 16:00      **Inaugural Session**

16:00 – 16:30      *Coffee Break*

16:30 – 18:30      **Session 1** of the Parliamentary Conference (Political and Security Dimension)

**SUNDAY, 19 NOVEMBER 2023**

08:00      *Registration open*

08:30 – 09:30      *Time reserved for various meetings*

09:30 – 12:00      **Session 2** of the Parliamentary Conference (Economic and Environmental Dimension)

12:00 - 15:00      *Lunch break*

15:00– 18:00      **Session 3** of the Parliamentary Conference (Human Dimension)  
and **Closing of the Parliamentary Conference**

**MONDAY, 20 NOVEMBER 2023**

08:00 – 09:30      *Time reserved for various meetings*

09:30 – 12:30      **OSCE PA Mediterranean Forum**

*Departures*

**TUESDAY, 21 NOVEMBER 2023**

*Departures*

- \* *Please note that this preliminary draft programme is subject to change. A detailed programme will be distributed to all participants in due course.*

## **REGISTRATION**

Secretaries of Delegations should register participants via the OSCE PA [Registration Portal](#) by **27 October 2023**.

The Registration and Information Desk of the Autumn Meeting will be open at Karen Demirchyan Sports and Concerts Complex (First Floor) from **16:00 to 19:00** on **Friday 17 November 2023**.

**On Saturday 18 November and Sunday 19 November**, the registration desk will be open at the same location from 08:00 until the end of official meetings.

**Secretaries of Delegation** are kindly asked to register and **pick up the accreditation badges for their entire delegation Friday 17 November between 16:00 and 19:00** to distribute the badges to their delegates before their arrival at the Conference Center Saturday 18 November. This will facilitate considerably their access to the venue.

Participants not in possession of their accreditation badge will be required to go through security check.

A provisional List of Participants will be made available. To enable the OSCE PA International Secretariat to issue the final list and to ensure the accuracy of its contents, national delegations are kindly requested to indicate any corrections to the provisional list at the Registration desk.

Conference bags and other materials will be distributed individually to each participant under presentation of his/her accreditation badge.

## **ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE**

**Secretaries of Delegations** are requested to indicate - and update when necessary - information about hotel and flight numbers, as well as arrival and departure dates and flight schedules, via the OSCE PA online registration system for all participants from their delegation.

**Zvartnots International Airport** is located 12 kilometers from the city center. Information about the airport can be found here:

<https://www.zvartnots.aero/EN/index>

## **AIRPORT TRANSFERS**

Buses will pick up all the participants from the Airport and will take them to their hotels upon arrival on 17 and 18 of November. The same service will be provided on November 20 and 21 and will pick up all the participants from the hotels and will take them to the Airport.

## **TRANSPORTATION DURING THE AUTUMN MEETING**

Kindly note that the entrance for the Autumn Meeting is located at Tsitsernakaberd zbosaygi 1, Yerevan 0028 (40°11'19.3"N 44°28'55.2"E)

Bus transportation will be provided between the hotels and the conference venue before and after the Sessions. Bus transportation will be organized to and from evening events where necessary.

Transportation schedules will be available at the information desk in due time.

## **PASSPORTS AND VISAS**

**It is the responsibility of delegates who need an entry visa to check the necessary formalities. It is strongly advised not to postpone visa applications to the last minute.**

Information about entry and stay in Armenia can be found:

<https://www.mfa.am/en/visafreelist> - List of countries whose citizens with all types of passports are unilaterally exempt from the requirement to obtain a visa to enter the Republic of Armenia.

<https://www.mfa.am/en/whoneedvisa> - List of countries, with which Armenia has a visa-free regime according to bilateral and multilateral agreements.

[https://www.mfa.am/hy/invitation\\_only](https://www.mfa.am/hy/invitation_only) - LIST OF COUNTRIES OF THE CITIZENS AS WELL AS THE HOLDERS OF TRAVEL DOCUMENTS WHEREOF CAN APPLY FOR VISITOR VISA ONLY AT THE DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATIONS OR CONSULAR POSTS OF THE REPUBLIC OF ARMENIA ABROAD AND WITH INVITATION ONLY.

## **IDENTIFICATION AND SAFETY**

For security purposes, all participants are requested to wear their identity badges at all meetings and social events. Identity badges will be needed to access all conference events. Loss of identity badges should be reported immediately to the conference staff.

For security reasons, all participants, observers, delegation staff, and members of the press must also be able to show their identity card or passport upon request.

## **DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS**

Participants who wish to contact their diplomatic mission may consult the list of missions on the website of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Armenia: <https://www.mfa.am/en/by-country>

## **DOCUMENTATION AND COPYING SERVICES**

The OSCE PA International Secretariat will send electronic documentation folders in PDF format to all delegations. Most of the documents related to the Autumn meeting can be downloaded from the [OSCE PA website](#) and on the APP of the event.

A limited number of documents will be printed. Secretaries of Delegations are advised to make arrangements to print documents needed in advance.

Printers and photocopying machines will be at the disposal of the Secretaries of Delegations.

## **INTERPRETATION**

During the Autumn Meeting simultaneous interpretation will be provided in six official OSCE languages: English, French, German, Italian, Russian and Spanish.

Secretaries of Delegation are advised to provide the International Secretariat with an electronic copy and 6 printed copies of any speech that should be shared with the interpretation teams ahead of an intervention by their MP.

Written translation will not be provided.

### ***CATERING***

There is a cafeteria available at the conference venue offering large range of lunch options and beverages.

### ***INSURANCE***

Personal travel and medical insurance are the responsibility of individual participants. The host Parliament will not be responsible for any lost luggage, currency or personal effects, or any medical costs, including any Covid-19 related costs.

### ***MEDICAL FACILITIES***

First aid will be available throughout the meetings. However, illness requiring medical treatment or hospitalization is the responsibility of the individual. Participants taking medicine should bring enough to cover their needs and where possible carry it in hand luggage.

Please note that the general telephone number in case of emergency (medical, fire or security) is 911.

### ***DRESS CODE***

Business attire is required for formal occasions and social events.

### ***CLIMATE AND TIME***

Armenia Time (AMT) is 4 hours ahead of Coordinated Universal Time (UTC) and 2 hours ahead of Central European Time (CET).

Yerevan lies 989 meters above sea level. Armenia is a mountainous country with continental climate. In November, temperatures could be as low as -2 degrees Celsius at night and reach 13 degrees Celsius during the day.

### ***CURRENCY AND BANKING SERVICES***

The currency in Armenia is the Armenian Dram (1 000 Drams = 2,35€ / 2,50 USD - exchange rate of 03 October 2023). Payments can only be made in the national Armenian currency.

Major credit cards are accepted everywhere. Cash can be obtained from ATMs.

### ***ELECTRICITY***

The voltage in Armenia is 220V/50Hz and European style two-pin sockets are used.

### ***TELECOMMUNICATION***

The international code for Armenia is + 374. Access to free Wi-Fi will be available at the venue and free WiFi will also be available in every hotel.

### ***SMOKE-FREE POLICY***

Smoking is forbidden in all public places in Armenia (restaurants, bars, hotels, public transport, etc.). Smoking is allowed in the designated areas and outdoors.

### ***TOURIST INFORMATION***

The following multilingual website provides tourist and practical information about Armenia.

<https://armenia.travel/>