

**8th WORLD PARLIAMENTARIANS' CONVENTION ON TIBET
WASHINGTON DC, USA
June 22-23, 2022**

PROGRAM

Tuesday June 21, 2022

Arrival at Sheraton Pentagon City

2:00pm Registration at Main Lobby

7:00pm-10:00pm Reception and Welcome Dinner at Galaxy Ballroom (16th Floor)
by Tibetan Parliament-in-Exile (TPiE)

Wednesday June 22, 2022

6:00am-8:00am Breakfast at Concourse Room

8:15am Departure to Capitol Hill

9:30am to 11:00am Inaugural Session at Senate Dirksen Building, Capitol Hill

MC: Mr. Bhuchung K. Tsering, Interim President, International Campaign for Tibet (ICT)

* Welcome and Introductory Remarks by the Hon. Speaker Khenpo Sonam Tenphel of the Tibetan Parliament-in-Exile (8mins)

* Video Message from His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama (8mins)

* MC Mr. Bhuchung K. Tsering introduces Speaker Nancy Pelosi

* Greetings from the Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives Hon. Nancy Pelosi (5-7 mins)

* Address by Richard Gere, Chairman of ICT (5mins)

* Address by Mr. Damon Wilson, President of National Endowment for Democracy (5mins)



11:00am-11:30am Tea Break

11:30am- 1:00pm US Congressional Initiatives on Tibet

Chaired by: Mr. Carl Gershman, Former President, NED

Presenters: Hon. Congressman Jim McGovern

Hon. Members of the U.S. Congress

(Intervention by Parliamentarians on initiatives towards Tibetan issue in their respective Parliaments)

1:00pm - 2:00pm Return to Hotel



2:00pm-3:00pm Lunch at Concourse Room

Chaired By: Hon. Senator André Gattolin, France

3:00pm-3:10pm Keynote Remarks by Hon. Sikyong Penpa Tsering, Central Tibetan Administration

3:10-4:00pm Democracy: Relevance and Challenges in Today's World

3:10pm-3:40pm Screening of *Democracy: The Gift of His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama to Tibet*

3:40pm-3:45pm Remarks by Hon. Senator Janet Rice, Australia

3:45pm-3:50pm Remarks by Hon. Member of Parliament Uldis Budriķis, Latvia

3:50pm- 3:55pm Remarks by Hon. Member of Parliament Arif Virani, Canada



4:00pm-4:30pm -Tea Break

4:30pm- 5:30pm Sharing Experiences, Collaborations, Networking & Action Plans amongst like-minded countries (Part I)

Chaired by: Hon. Consiglio Di Nino, Former Senator of Canada

Speakers: Video remarks by Hon. Mikulas Peksa, MEP & President of Tibet Interest Group

Video remarks by Hon. Dr Samuel Cogolati, MP, Vice-Chair Belgian Federal Parliament, Co-Chair Committee on Foreign Affairs & IPAC

Video remarks by Hon. Thomas Mann, Former MEP & long-time President of Tibet Intergroup

Video remarks by Hon. Carles Puigdemont, MEP and Former President of Catalonia

Video remarks by Hon. Lorant Vincze, MEP

Video remarks by Hon. Shimomura Hakubun, Chairman of the Japanese Parliamentary Group for Tibet

Video remarks by Hon Ferenec Gelencser, Member of Parliament, Hungary

Video remarks by Hon. Matteo Bianchi, Member of Parliament, Italy & Italian Parliamentary Group for Tibet

Video remarks by Hon. Warren Entsch, Member of Australian Parliament & Co-Chair of Australian All Party Parliamentary on Tibet

Video remarks by Hon. Edward John Markey, Senator, US

Statement from 15 European Parliament members from Tibet Interest Group

Hon. Jacqueline Eustache-Brinio, Senator, France & President of French Senate Tibet Support Group

Hon. Bhutilla Karpoche, Member of Provincial Parliament, Canada

Hon. John Tennant Wright Sol, Member of Parliament, El Salvador

Hon. Vlada Mirosevic Verdugo, Member of Parliament, Chile

7:00pm-10:00pm **Dinner reception at Galaxy Ballroom hosted by ICT**

Thursday June 23, 2022

7:00am-8:30am Breakfast at Concourse Room

9:00am-10:30am Significance of Asia & Tibet in Global Warming and Climate Change

Chaired by: Hon. Tenzing Jigme, Member of Tibetan Parliament-in-Exile
Speakers: Hon. Hung Sun-Han, Taiwanese Legislator & Member of the Social Welfare and Environmental Hygiene Committee

Ms. Dechen Palmo, Research Fellow, Environment & Development desk,
Tibet Policy Institute, Central Tibetan Administration

*9:00am-10:30am *Tibet: Barriers to Settling an Unresolved Conflict:*
Congressional hearing on Tibet in the U.S Capitol by
Congressional-Executive Commission on China.
(Attendance by invite only)



10:30am-11:00am Tea Break

11:00am-12:30pm Narratives on Tibet: The Need for Change

Chaired by: Hon. Kalon Norzin Dolma, DIIR, CTA
Speakers: Hon. Dr. Shashi Tharoor, Member of Lok Sabha, India and Former Indian Minister of State for External Affairs

Hon. Arif Virani, Member of Parliament, Canada & Chair of Canadian Parliamentary Friends of Tibet (PFT)

Prof. Michael Van Walt Praag, Professor of International Law and Executive President of Kreddha

Prof. Hon-Shiang Lau, Retired Chair Professor, City University of Hong Kong

(Intervention by Parliamentarians)



12:30pm-2:00pm Lunch at Concourse Room

2:00pm-3:00pm Sharing Experiences, Collaborations, Networking & Action Plans amongst like-minded countries (Part II)

Chaired by: Hon. John Tennant Wright Sol, Member of Parliament, El Salvador
Speakers: Video remarks by Hon. Nicolas Walder, Member of Parliament, Switzerland & Co-President of Switzerland Parliamentary Group of Tibet
Video remarks by Hon. Balthasar Glättli, Member of Parliament, Switzerland & Member of Swiss Parliamentary Group for Tibet
Video remarks by Hon. Collette Stevenson, Member of Parliament, Scotland & Member of Scottish Parliament Cross-Party Group for Tibet
Video remarks by Hon. Laima Liucija Andrikiene, Member of Parliament, Lithuania
Video remarks by Hon. Tim Loughton and Hon. Chris Law, Members of Parliament, UK & Co-Chairs of All Party Parliamentary Group for Tibet

Video remarks by Hon. Sir Iain Duncan Smith, Member of Parliament, UK & Co-Founder of IPAC

Video remarks by Hon. Uffe Elbæk, Member of Parliament, Denmark

Video remarks by Hon. Sujeet Kumar, Member of Indian Parliament & Convener of All Party Indian Parliamentary Forum for Tibet

Video remarks by Hon. Michael Brand, MP, Germany & Chair of the German Parliamentary Friends of Tibet

Video remarks by Hon. Luciano Nobili, MP, Italy & Chair of Italy Parliamentary Group for Tibet

Video remarks by Hon. Ross Greer, Member of Parliament, Scotland

Video remarks by Hon. Roberto Rampi, Member of Parliament, Italy and Member of Italian Parliamentary Group for Tibet

Hon. James Maloney, Member of Parliament, Canada & Vice Chair of Canadian Parliamentary Friends of Tibet

Hon. Gloria Navas Montero, Member of Parliament, Costa Rica

Hon. Salvador Caro Cabrera, Member of Parliament, Mexico

Hon. Robert Masih Nahar, Member of Parliament, Spain

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3:00pm-3:30pm Tea Break

3:30pm-4:30pm Common Ground to Face Common Challenges

Chaired by: Hon. Tenzin Jigdal, Member of Tibetan Parliament-in-Exile

Speakers: Hon. Tshiong-tso Lim, Taiwanese Legislator
Mr. Dolkun Isa, President of World Uyghur Congress
Mr. Jeffery Ngo, Hong Kong Democracy Council
Mr. Enghebatu Togocho, Executive Director, Southern Mongolian Human Rights and Information Center
Mr. Wang Dan, President of China Dialogue

(Intervention of Parliamentarians)

4:30pm-4:40pm Revival of International Network of Parliamentarians on Tibet (INPaT) by Hon. Deputy Speaker Dolma Tsering Teykhang, Tibetan Parliament-in-Exile

4:40pm-5:15pm 8th WPCT 2022 Washington DC Declaration and Action Plan

Presented By: Prof. Michael Van Walt Praag, President, Kreddha - a conflict resolution organization & Senior Fellow at the Sompong Sucharitkul Center for Advanced International Legal Studies of Golden Gate University Law School, San Francisco

Adoption of the 8th WPCT 2022 Washington DC Declaration

Presentation and Adoption of the 8th WPCT Action Plan

5:15pm-5:30pm Closing Ceremony

Vote of Thanks by Hon. Deputy Speaker Dolma Tsering Teykhang, Tibetan Parliament-in-Exile

7:00pm-10:00pm Closing Dinner at the Concourse Room hosted by Tibetan Parliament-in-Exile

Friday June 24, 2022

7:00am-9:00am Breakfast at the Concourse Room

12:00pm Check Out from the Hotel

End of the Program