



**Parliamentary Forum**

Hosted by Miguel Angel Martínez and Othmar Karas,  
European Parliament Vice-Presidents responsible for relations with national Parliaments

**DRAFT PROGRAMME**

**EU Parliaments in global governance**

**Tuesday, 18 February 2014, 10.00 - 17.30**

**European Parliament  
Paul-Henri Spaak Building,  
room 3C50  
Brussels**

9.00 - 10.00 Registration of participants  
*European Parliament, Altiero Spinelli Building, Espace Simone Weil entrance  
at the Esplanade de la Solidarité*

10.00 - 12.30 Opening plenary session

Opening remarks by **Miguel Angel Martínez** and **Othmar Karas**, European  
Parliament Vice-Presidents responsible for relations with national Parliaments

**Keynote address:**

**Parliaments and democracy in the age of "global domestic politics"**  
**Anders B. Johnsson**, Secretary General, Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU)

Debate with Members of national Parliaments and MEPs

**Key questions for the debate:**

*What is the role of Parliamentarism in an increasingly connected world? Are  
the current forms of political representation adequate to address today's  
international challenges? Is the development of democracy keeping pace with  
globalisation?*

12.30 - 14.00 Lunch (by separate invitation only)

*European Parliament, Salon in the Members restaurant, Altiero Spinelli  
Building, ground floor*

Lunch speaker: **Elmar Brok**, Chair, Committee on Foreign Affairs, European  
Parliament

14.00 - 15.40 **Session 1: Europe's Parliaments in multinational organisations and international fora: From back seat to front row?**

Moderated by **Othmar Karas**, European Parliament Vice-President

**Vital Moreira**, Chair, Committee on International Trade, European Parliament  
**Dora Bakoyannis**, Head of the Hellenic Parliament Delegation and Chair of the Committee on Political Affairs in the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe; Member of the Standing Committee on National Defence and Foreign Affairs, Hellenic Parliament; former Foreign Minister  
N.N, EEAS representative

**Jan Wouters**, Jean Monnet Chair *ad personam* EU and Global Governance; Full Professor of International Law and International Organizations; Director, Leuven Centre for Global Governance Studies - Institute for International Law, KU Leuven, Belgium

Debate with Members of national Parliaments and MEPs

**Key questions for the debate:**

*Over the past decades governments have set up numerous international organisations and informal groupings which take important decisions or give important political orientations. What role do Parliaments play in these emerging mechanisms of global governance? How can these bodies be held to account? How can Europe's Parliaments strengthen their cooperation in these organisations and fora?*

15.40 - 17.20 **Session 2: Connecting Parliamentarians: Global Parliamentary Initiatives**  
Moderated by **Miguel Angel Martínez**, European Parliament Vice-President

**Silvana Koch-Mehrin**, Member of the European Parliament; Women in Parliaments Global Forum

**Arnaud Leroy**, Member of the Assemblée Nationale, France; Vice-President, GLOBE Europe, the Global Legislators Organisation

**Alain Destexhe**, Member and former President of Parliamentarians for Global Action

**Jo Leinen**, Member of the European Parliament; Campaign for a United Nations Parliamentary Assembly (UNPA)

Debate with Members of national Parliaments and MEPs

**Key questions for the debate:**

*How can Parliamentarians from across the world work together effectively on concrete issues? What organisations, networks and initiatives do exist? How can online communication, social networks and videoconferencing strengthen these networks? What role do the Parliaments of Europe play in these networks?*

*Parliamentarians participating in this session are welcome to present any global network of Parliamentarians in which they are active.*

17.20 - 17.30 Concluding remarks by **Othmar Karas**, European Parliament Vice-President