

THE PARLIAMENTARY NETWORK

On The World Bank & International Monetary Fund

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AGENDA



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CONTEXT

The global development agenda in the coming 15 years will be carried out in many ways; local citizens, private sector actors, legislators, government bodies, and international organisations all have a substantial role to play in harnessing and facilitating results so that we can achieve poverty eradication and macroeconomic stability. Whether mitigating climate change, ensuring equal opportunities for all, or creating prospects for sustained livelihood, the SDGs' framework necessitates active engagement and a knowledge-building process for and from parliamentarians across nations.

Parliamentarians, as community leaders, are driven to make a difference and impact the lives of others. Being at the heart of domestic legislation and responsible for providing scrutiny to government policy, they ensure development outcomes are efficient, effective, and achievable.

DESCRIPTION

The Global Parliamentary Conference (GPC) represents a unique meeting of national legislators and development institutions, an event dedicated to crucial questions in international development finance, including economic stability, achieving the Sustainable Development Goals and, more generally, pushing international development initiatives to new heights of awareness and potential. The conference also serves to build political will and financial capital for development.

The GPC, organised together with the World Bank Group (WBG) and the IMF, is the Parliamentary Network's flagship event. It brings together more than 150 parliamentarians from approximately 100 countries, leaders from civil society and partner organizations, and high-level officials from a number of international financial institutions such as the World Bank, IMF and other regional development banks. Keynote speakers include the Managing Director of the IMF and the President of the World Bank Group. The event is hosted by the World Bank Group and IMF in Washington DC, USA.

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The focus is on a range of issues from fighting inequality through job-creation and growth, tackling corruption in government and the private sector, growth prospects and challenges for Sub-Saharan Africa, fighting climate change, eliminating energy subsidies, and building inclusive institutions and parliaments. Discussions will look at how parliamentary involvement can be harnessed and strengthened, as well as how to foster continuous parliamentary involvement in the SDGs implementation process.

BACKGROUND

Founded in 2000, the Parliamentary Network on the World Bank & IMF is an independent, non-governmental organization that provides a platform for Parliamentarians from WBG and IMF member countries to advocate for increased accountability and transparency in development cooperation. It allows MPs to share knowledge, to hold their own governments, as well as International Financial Institutions, to account for development outcomes.

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MONDAY, 17 APRIL 2017

08:00 - 08:45

CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

Venue: World Bank HQ - Preston Auditorium

08:45 - 09:30

WELCOME ADDRESS

Venue: World Bank HQ - Preston Auditorium

Speakers:

- **Jeremy Lefroy**, MP, UK, Chair, The Parliamentary Network on the World Bank and IMF
- **Gerry Rice**, Director, Communications Department, IMF
- **Jill Wilkins**, Director, Global Engagement, External Affairs, World Bank Group

09:30 - 11:00

FIGHTING INEQUALITY THROUGH JOB-CREATION & GROWTH

Venue: World Bank HQ - Preston Auditorium

Recent studies have highlighted the negative impact of inequality on growth. Yet, in the current context of increased global uncertainty, inequality levels remain high within countries and governments are still searching for ways to boost growth. Long-term action to tackle both issues needs to focus on the labour market by fostering job-creation and provide better skilled and competitive workforce. This session will present the outlook faced by the world economies and identify the ways parliamentarians can shape legislation and reforms that will contribute to reducing inequality while fostering jobs and growth.

Speakers:

- **Michal Rutkowski**, Senior Director for the Social Protection, Labour and Jobs, Global Practice, World Bank Group
- **Prakash Loungani**, Division Chief, Research Department, IMF
- **David Woollcombe**, Founder, President and Chair of Trustees, Peace Child International

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Discussant: **Pauline Ngari**, CEO, Hand in Hand Eastern Africa

Moderator: **Olfa Soukri Cherif**, MP, Tunisia, Vice Chair, the Parliamentary Network on the World Bank & IMF

11:00 - 12:00

SPECIAL SESSION WITH THE LEADERSHIP OF THE IMF AND THE WORLD BANK GROUP

Venue: World Bank HQ - Preston Auditorium

Speakers:

- **Mme Christine Lagarde**, Managing Director of the IMF
- **Dr. Jim Yong Kim**, President of the World Bank Group

Moderator: **Jeremy Lefroy**, MP, United Kingdom, Chair, Parliamentary Network on the World Bank and IMF

12:00 - 12:45

BUILDING INCLUSIVE INSTITUTIONS AND PARLIAMENTS

Venue: World Bank HQ - Preston Auditorium

Economic, social, and political inclusion are fundamental to achieving the goals of ending poverty and promoting shared prosperity. The 2017 World Development Report draws on global data to argue that there is a strong relationship between inclusion, public trust and contentment, state effectiveness, and stability. This has direct implications for how parliaments can successfully operate in different governance systems. This breakout session explores (i) how parliaments, as political and representative bodies, can engage citizens more directly and amplify citizens' voices in public processes, making these processes more inclusive; and (ii) how parliaments, through their legislative and oversight functions, can help make public policies more inclusive, leading to inclusive economic and social outcomes and to stronger citizens' trust in public institutions.

Speakers:

- **Deborah Wetzel**, Senior Director, Governance Global Practice, World Bank Group
- **Martin Chungong**, Secretary General, Inter-Parliamentary Union

Moderator: **Mitchell O'Brien**, Senior Governance Officer, World Bank Group

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13:00 - 14:00

LUNCH

Venue: Atrium

14:15 - 15:45

TACKLING CORRUPTION IN GOVERNMENT AND THE PRIVATE SECTOR

Venue: World Bank HQ - Preston Auditorium

One of the most important problems faced today, corruption involves high socio-economic costs and presents a major risk to the achievement of poverty eradication and shared prosperity. Addressing corruption has thus become an increasingly urgent issue, standing at the heart of the Sustainable Development Goals and achieving the ambitious targets set for Financing for Development. The private sector will play a key role in reaching the SDGs. As such, the private sector must do their part by ensuring their tax and trade practices comply with local laws. The incentive for firms to engage in illegal activities needs to be eliminated, including the cross-border movement of capital associated with illegal activity or money that is illegally earned, transferred or used that crosses borders. As public institutions reflecting the will of the people, Parliaments have the responsibility to fight corruption. They also need to join forces with government and private entities to ensure its eradication in all sectors through the promotion of transparency, the rule of law and adequate economic reforms.

Speakers:

- **Sean Hagan**, General Counsel and Director, Legal Department, IMF
- **Ethiopis Tafara**, Vice President for Sustainability and Integrity, and General Counsel, International Finance Corporation, World Bank Group
- **Karan Bhatia**, Vice President and Senior Counsel, International Law & Policy, General Electric Company

Discussant and Moderator: **Yunus Carrim**, MP, South Africa

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16:00 - 17:00

SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA: GROWTH PROSPECTS AND CHALLENGES FOR THE NEXT DECADE

Venue: World Bank HQ - Preston Auditorium

In the current reality of low growth and low commodity prices, many sub-Saharan African countries need sweeping reforms and economic diversification to meet the economic growth challenges in the years ahead. Parliaments across these countries can play a leading role in helping shape these reforms through lawmaking and cooperation with other countries in the region, as well as ensuring coordination with donor countries.

Speakers:

- **Makhtar Diop**, Vice President, Africa Region, World Bank
- **Abebe Selassie**, Director, African Department, IMF

Moderator: **Betty McCollum**, Congresswoman, United States of America

17:00 - 17:30

GUEST SPEAKER

Venue: World Bank HQ - Preston Auditorium

Kemi Adeosun, Minister of Finance, Nigeria

17:30 - 18:00

ADDRESS BY SPEAKERS OF PARLIAMENT

Venue: World Bank HQ - Preston Auditorium

18:00 - 19:00

PARLIAMENTARY NETWORK GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Venue: World Bank HQ - Preston Auditorium

19:00 - 20:00

RECEPTION

Venue: World Bank HQ - Preston Auditorium

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TUESDAY, 18 APRIL 2016

08:30 - 09:00

CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

Venue: IMF HQI-R-580 and R-584

09:00 - 10:15

THEMATIC SESSIONS

Participants can choose one of the thematic sessions:

IMF COUNTRY ENGAGEMENT

Venue: IMF HQI-R-584

The session will explore how the IMF works with individual countries, ranging from policy support, capacity building, and Fund facilities and program design.

Speaker: **Jeff Franks**, Director, IMF Office in Europe

THE ROLE OF PARLIAMENTS IN TACKLING THE SDGS

Venue: IMF HQI-R-580

The session will discuss how Parliaments can play a key role in assuring the success of the SDGs agenda through sound and effective legislation.

Speakers:

- **Magdi Amin**, Manager Corporate Strategy and Partnership Team, International Financial Corporation, World Bank Group
- **Charles Chauvel**, Team Leader, Inclusive Political Processes Bureau for Policy and Programmes Support, UNDP
- **Akaash Maharaj**, CEO, Global Organization of Parliamentarians Against Corruption
- **Abdihamid M. Mao**, Senior Integrity Specialist, Group Integrity Office, Islamic Development Bank

10:15 - 10:30

BREAK

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THEMATIC SESSIONS

Participants can choose one of the thematic sessions:

UNDERTAKING REFORM OF ENERGY SUBSIDIES

Venue: IMF HQ1-R-584

Energy subsidies have a negative economic and environmental impact. The session will look at much needed reforms including a comprehensive energy sector reform, transparent communication with stakeholders, incremental price increases, and institutional reforms.

Speakers:

- **Jerome Vacher**, IMF Resident Representative for Ukraine
- **Arunish Chawla**, Minister-Economic, Embassy of India, Washington DC

MITIGATING CLIMATE CHANGE

Venue: IMF HQ1-R-580

The session will explore the role of Parliamentarians in mitigating climate change. It will look at what type of capacity building measures are needed so that legislators can implement global agreements at the national level. The session will feature country-level examples on forest governance and biodiversity conservation.

Speakers:

- **Fernando Rubio Quiroz**, MP, GLOBE Mexico Member, Secretary of the Committee on the Environment and Natural Resources, Chamber of Representatives of the Mexican Congress
- **Marcene Broadwater**, Global Head Climate Change, International Finance Corporation, World Bank Group

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Discussants:

- **Alfredo Molina Triana**, MP Colombia, President of the Environment Committee, President, GLOBE Colombia
- **Martin Oyono**, MP Cameroon, GLOBE Africa

11:45 - 12:00

BREAK

12:00 - 13:15

THEMATIC SESSIONS

Participants can choose one of the thematic sessions:

THE WEEK AHEAD: THE SPRING MEETINGS POLICY AGENDA

Venue: IMF HQ1-R-584

The session will present some of the highlights of the Spring Meetings, including seminars, regional briefings, press conferences, and other events focused on the global economy, international development, and the world's financial markets. It will also give a brief overview of the IMF and the World Bank Group.

Speakers:

- **Sabina Bhatia**, Assistant Director, Communications Department, IMF
- **Jill Wilkins**, Director, Global Engagement, External Affairs, World Bank Group

INVESTING IN HUMAN CAPITAL AND EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT

Venue: IMF HQ1-R-580

To achieve the Global Goals on ending extreme poverty and inequality by 2030, the world must increase investments in interventions in the children's earliest years.

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The session will explore how Parliamentarians can contribute to this goal through their law-making, budgeting, and oversight functions.

Speakers:

- **Keith Hansen**, Vice President for Human Development, World Bank Group
- **Meera Shekar**, Global Lead for Nutrition, World Bank Group
- **Hannah Bowen**, Director, ACTION Secretariat

13:15 - 14:30

LUNCH - CONFERENCE CONCLUDES

Venue: IMF HQI-C- 713

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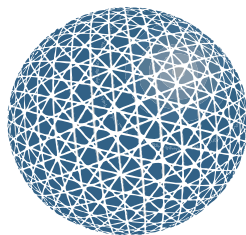
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