



THE PARLIAMENTARY NETWORK

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GLOBAL PARLIAMENTARY CONFERENCE *2019*

AGENDA



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April 8-9, 2019

DESCRIPTION

The Global Parliamentary Conference (GPC) represents a unique assembly 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, fostering human-centered international development initiatives.

The GPC, organized 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 top 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.

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 provides a platform for MPs to share knowledge, to hold their own governments, as well as International Financial Institutions, to account for development outcomes.

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Venue: World Bank Group Headquarters (WB HQ)

Address: 1818 H Street, NW Washington, DC 20433 USA

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MONDAY, 8 APRIL 2019

07:30 - 08:30

REGISTRATION & CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

Venue: World Bank HQ - Preston Auditorium

08:30 - 09:00

OPENING SESSION

Venue: World Bank HQ - Preston Auditorium

Speakers:

- **Senator Percy E. Downe**, Canada, Vice Chair, The Parliamentary Network on the World Bank & IMF
- **Sheila Redzepi**, Vice President, External and Corporate Relations, WBG
- **Gerry Rice**, Director, Communications Department, IMF

09:00 - 10:15

POLICIES THAT WORK FOR THE NEXT GENERATION AND THE NEED TO INVEST IN HUMAN CAPITAL

Venue: World Bank HQ - Preston Auditorium

Young people are essential to economic development and growth. However, currently young people face job shortages in countries all over the world. According to IMF research, approximately 20 percent of 15- to 24-year-olds in the average emerging market and developing economy are neither in work nor in school. This shows a compelling need not only for job creation but also for targeted investments in human development. The World Bank Human Capital project was launched to allow countries to systematically track their progress on human capital development, establishing a link between low economic growth and weak human capital outcomes. Looking at country-specific action for youth job creation and investments in human capital, the Parliamentary Network held a Youth Jobs Summit at the 2018 Global Parliamentary Conference. This session will take stock on actions taken by legislators in the last year and hear from experts on what can be done further to prioritize investments in human capital to help economies better adjust to advancing new technologies that may alter the future of work.

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Speakers:

- **Annette Dixon**, Vice President, Human Development, WBG
- **Gita Gopinath**, Director, Research Department, IMF
- **Gargee Gosh**, Director of Development Policy and Finance, Gates Foundation
- **Vjosa Osmani**, MP, Kosovo, Chair of the Foreign Affairs Committee on Development Policy and Finance, Gates Foundation

Moderator: **Oifa Soukri Cherif**, MP, Tunisia, Vice President of the Parliamentary Network on World Bank & IMF

10:15 - 10:45

IDA 19 REPLENISHMENT - PRIORITIES FOR THE WORLD'S POOREST COUNTRIES

Venue: World Bank HQ - Preston Auditorium

IDA is the single largest and most predictable source of concessional finance for the world's poorest 75 developing countries, where approximately 2/3 of the global extreme poor—almost 500 million people—live. Resources to support these countries are mobilized from donors through 3 year replenishment cycles. We are currently in the 19th cycle (IDA19). Each cycle has themes it focuses on as agreed by the IDA partners and borrowers. The presentation will cover the themes for IDA 19 and the major milestones to the final pledging meeting in December 2019. It will also highlight the role of IDA, some IDA results and how Parliamentarians can play a role.

Speaker: **Akihiko Nishio**, Vice President, Development Finance, WBG

Moderator: **Fadil Aliyoum**, MP, Cameroon, Member of the Foreign Affairs Committee

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SPECIAL SESSION WITH THE IMF AND WORLD BANK GROUP LEADERSHIP

Venue: World Bank HQ - Preston Auditorium

Speakers:

- **Mme Christine Lagarde**, Managing Director, IMF
- **Mme Kristalina Georgieva**, Interim President, WBG

Message from **Jeremy Lefroy**, MP, UK, Chair, The Parliamentary Network on the World Bank and IMF

Moderator: **Senator Percy E. Downe**, Canada, Vice Chair, The Parliamentary Network on the World Bank & IMF

12:00 - 12:15

GROUP PHOTO

Venue: World Bank HQ - Preston Auditorium

12:15 - 13:15

LUNCH

Venue: World Bank HQ - Atrium

13:15 - 14:15

EMPOWERING WOMEN, EMPOWERING PROSPERITY

Venue: World Bank HQ - Preston Auditorium

Countries with more women's participation and leadership in civil society and political parties tend to be more inclusive, responsive, egalitarian, and democratic. Yet women around the world are still largely absent from national and local decision-making bodies and only two percent of banking CEOs are female. In addition, as the global economy is impacted by technological change, women will be more negatively affected by automation than men. How can legislators work with the private sector to further policies that foster gender equality in politics and empowerment in the changing landscape of work? The session will also explore innovations and results of the Women, Business and Law report, WE-FI initiative, and other gender related work and will be an opportunity for MPs to look at improvements and challenges of women political participation.

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Speakers:

- **Kalpana Kochhar**, Director, Human Resources Department, IMF
- **Henriette Kolb**, Manager, International Finance Corporation (IFC)
- **Gloria Macapagal Arroyo**, MP, Philippines, Speaker of Parliament and former President

Discussant: **Senator Neila Tazi**, Chamber of Councillors, Morocco

Moderator: **Omar Munyaneza**, MP, Rwanda, Chair of the Committee on National Budget and Patrimony

14:15 - 15:15

ACTING AGAINST CLIMATE CHANGE

Venue: World Bank HQ - Preston Auditorium

The COP-21 Paris Agreement limiting greenhouse gas emissions was a major achievement on the road to meeting the threat of climate change. However, continued strains on the Earth's climate caused by human activity means that policymakers will need to do more. This includes closer and more comprehensive international cooperation to strengthening adaptation and resilience to mounting climate change impacts on lives and livelihoods, especially in the world's poorest countries.

Speakers:

- **John Roome**, Senior Director for Climate Change, WBG
- **Ian Parry**, Principal Environmental Fiscal Policy Expert, IMF

Moderator: **Betty McCollum**, Unites States Representative, Chair of the Environment Appropriations Committee

15:15 - 15:30

COFFEE BREAK

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GOOD GOVERNANCE AND POLITICAL ACCOUNTABILITY

Venue: World Bank HQ - Preston Auditorium

The world is rapidly changing with increased fragility, migration flows, and increasing pressures on resources. Citizens, media and non-traditional actors play an ever-growing role in holding governments to account. How has the role of legislators evolved when it comes to good governance? What are the new challenges and opportunities to ensure that governments deliver on their electoral promises in the short- and long-run? How do we reverse the current deficit in trust in our public institutions? This session will present a new publication by the Parliamentary Network on the subject and hear from experts on how to ensure that actions and decisions taken by public officials are subject to oversight in order to guarantee that they benefit their communities and contribute to better governance and poverty reduction.

Speakers:

- **Gerd Schwartz**, Deputy Director, Fiscal Affairs, IMF
- **Lahcen Haddad**, MP, Morocco, Board Member of the Parliamentary Network on the World Bank & IMF

Moderator: **Olga Bielkova**, MP, Ukraine, Board Member of the Parliamentary Network on the World Bank & IMF

16:15 - 18:00

PARLIAMENTARY NETWORK GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND BOARD ELECTIONS

Venue: World Bank HQ - Preston Auditorium

Agenda for General Assembly to be shared.
Presentation of Candidates and ballot vote.

18:00 - 19:00

RECEPTION

Venue: World Bank HQ - Atrium

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REGISTRATION & CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

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08:30 - 09:00

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF ELECTION RESULTS – PRESENTATION OF THE NEW PARLIAMENTARY NETWORK BOARD

Venue: World Bank HQ - Preston Auditorium

Facilitator: **Olfa Soukri Cherif**, MP, Tunisia, Vice President of the Parliamentary Network on World Bank & IMF

09:00 - 10:00

DISRUPTIVE TECHNOLOGIES AND DATA FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Venue: World Bank HQ - Preston Auditorium

Technological advances can be a driving force for increased productivity and economic growth, making them essential to development. Data plays a fundamental role in supporting these drivers. How can a new public-private data partnership between the World Bank, IMF and private sector partners better inform policy on everything from household spending levels to identifying car collision hotspots in Nairobi? How can existing technologies be used to deliver more inclusive growth? And how can policymakers ensure advances in fintech, artificial intelligence, automation, and communications bring shared benefits and not greater global inequality?

Speakers:

- **Makhtar Diop**, Vice President for Infrastructure, WBG
- **Louis-Marc Ducharme**, Director, Statistics Department, IMF

Discussant and Moderator: **May El Batran**, MP, Egypt, Deputy Chair of the ICT Committee

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GLOBAL FINANCIAL STABILITY: THE ROLE OF FINTECH AND CYBERSECURITY

Venue: World Bank HQ - Preston Auditorium

Fintech can support potential growth and poverty reduction by strengthening financial development, inclusion, and efficiency—but it may pose risks to consumers and investors and, more broadly, to financial stability and integrity. What is the role of international cooperation in ensuring effective policy responses?

Speaker: **Nigel Jenkinson**, Assistant Director, Monetary and Capital Markets, IMF

Moderator: **Nathan Nandala Mafabi**, MP, Uganda, Vice President of the Parliamentary Network on World Bank & IMF

10:30 - 11:00

MOBILE CONNECTIVITY AND FAKE NEWS IN EMERGING MARKETS: AN UPCOMING REPORT FROM THE PEW RESEARCH CENTER

Venue: World Bank HQ - Preston Auditorium

While rising connectivity in emerging markets brings economic benefits to emerging markets, the resulting spread of information is not always reliable or even accurate. Globally, how do citizens perceive the spread of fake news in their countries? Is the problem on the same level in advanced and emerging market economies?

Speakers:

- **Aaron Smith**, Associate Director of Internet
- **Laura Silver**, Research Senior Researcher

Moderator: **Shamsul Iskandar Mohd Akin**, MP, Malaysia, Deputy Minister of Primary Industries, Treasurer at the Parliamentary Network on the World Bank & IMF

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SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER

Venue: World Bank HQ - Preston Auditorium

David Beasley, Executive Director, World Food Programme

11:30 - 12:15

DEVELOPMENT CHAMPIONS

Venue: World Bank HQ - Preston Auditorium

The session will introduce individuals who have launched successful development initiatives and programmes. They will share their experiences, challenges, and ultimately, how they succeeded to make a contribution to development.

Speakers:

- **Knight Ganje**, Founder and Managing Director, H&G Advertising
- **Bert Koenders**, Special Advisor to Kristalina Georgieva, Former Minister for Foreign Affairs and Development, the Netherlands
- **William (Mo) Cowan**, President, Global Government Affairs and Policy, General Electric
- **Gwen Hines**, Executive Director for Global Programs, Save the Children

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LUNCH

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AFTERNOON BREAKOUT SESSIONS

A NEW DEVELOPMENT PARADIGM

Rising inequality, technological advancement, labour market changes, migration flows, demographic shifts and environmental degradation - these forces require us to rethink how to approach development today. Multilateralism is no longer limited to a group of like-minded countries but includes the private sector, civil society, and international organizations. How can parliamentarians help bring about this new paradigm – in collaboration with these diverse stakeholders - to implement collective responses to today's global challenges? This session will discuss different elements that will have an impact on a new paradigm for development in two groups. The goal is for participants to identify concrete actions they can undertake in their parliaments to address these challenges. Participants can select to attend one of them.

FOCUS ON INEQUALITY, TECHNOLOGICAL ADVANCEMENT, AND LABOUR MARKET CHANGES

Venue: World Bank HQ - Room MC4-800

Rising income inequality within countries has been partly driven by technological change and globalisation. While the political and economic structure of each country matter, the spread of automation and other changes associated with the fourth industrial revolution are likely to reinforce skill-biased technological change.

Particular attention has to be paid to vulnerable groups such as women, who are at risk of being left behind as the global workforce increasingly uses digital tools and other technologies. A new development paradigm needs to incorporate measures to address income inequality. Could policies that focus on strengthening local economies be part of the solution?

Speaker: **Jeffrey Franks**, Director, Europe Office, IMF

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FOCUS ON POOR LIVING CONDITIONS IN CONFLICT-AFFECTED SITUATIONS, CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENVIRONMENTAL DEGRADATION, AND DEMOGRAPHIC SHIFTS

Venue: World Bank HQ - Room MC2-800

The World Bank estimates that around 2 billion people live in countries affected by fragility, conflict, and violence. By 2030, an estimated 46 percent of the world's poor will live in areas characterized as fragile or conflict-affected. Development challenges in fragile, conflict, and violence settings transcend national boundaries through the displacement of populations, spread of disease, reduced trade, and increased organized crime and terrorism. Climate change and environmental degradation are likely to exacerbate migration flows in the future, which can exert pressure on a society's resources. By 2025 there are going to be one billion more people on the planet, 300 million of which will be people aged over 65. However, there will be significant regional and country differences. Around, 50% of the world's population growth between now and 2050 is expected to come from Africa. Therefore, a new development paradigm has to meet the challenges and harness the opportunities of demographic shifts and migration, while mitigating the effects of climate change.

Speaker: **Franck Bousquet**, Senior Director, Fragility, Conflict, & Violence (FCV) Group, WBG

14:00 - 18:00

MEETING OF YOUNG PARLIAMENTARIANS

By invitation only

Venue: World Bank HQ - Room MC13-301

Programme to be announced

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LIST OF SIDE MEETINGS

MONDAY, APRIL 8

MEETING WITH AFRICAN MPS AND HAFEZ GHANEM, WORLD BANK VICE PRESIDENT FOR AFRICA

18:00-18:45

Location: Room J11-001, 701 18th Street, NW, Washington, DC

Mr. Ghanem will announce the launch of the World Bank Africa CSO and Parliamentary Development Dialogue Series as well as share World Bank key priorities for Africa. It will also be the occasion to dialogue directly with you about avenues of collaboration to build stronger relationships to advance common development goals.

MONDAY, APRIL 8

MEETING WITH MR. JIHAD AZOUR, DIRECTOR OF THE MIDDLE EAST AND CENTRAL ASIA DEPARTMENT, IMF

18:30-19:30

Location: IMF, Room TBD (MPs will be escorted across the street to the Fund)

Mr. Azour invites MPs to a reception at the Fund to discuss plans for the IMF's engagement within the region as part of the 'Road to Marrakesh' when the 2021 Annual Meetings will be held in Morocco. It will also be an opportunity for an informal dialogue with MPs about regional priorities.

TUESDAY, APRIL 9

BREAKFAST MEETING ON EDUCATION WITH SAVE THE CHILDREN

07:30-08:30

Location: Room MC C1-200, 1818 H Street, NW, Washington, DC

A meeting with Save the Children and the All Party Parliamentary Group on Education in the UK to engage MPs on SDG 4.

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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10

ACTION PARLIAMENTARY MEETING FOR INVESTING IN HUMAN CAPITAL

09:00-12:00

Location: MC 4-100, 1818 H Street NW, Washington, DC

The Parliamentarian Meeting for Investing in Human Capital will focus on highlighting opportunities the Human Capital Project and the Global Financing Facility (GFF) can have in increasing programmatic, political and financial investments in health.

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