Invitation - 10th Annual conference, Baku, AZERBAIJAN, 23-24 MAY 2013

Dear Colleague,

It is my honour and pleasure to extend to you an invitation to attend the 10th annual conference of the Parliamentary Network on the World Bank & International Monetary Fund (IMF) from 23-24 May 2013 in Baku, Azerbaijan.

The Annual Conference is the Parliamentary Network's flagship event, bringing together over 200 network members, leaders from civil society and partner organizations, including the leadership from the World Bank and IMF. The Annual Conference is both an annual general meeting for members as well as a development conference.

In the context of an increasingly globalized world confronted by diverse challenges, the themes of this year's conference will include macroeconomic stability; economic growth and development, and transparency and management of extractive industries.

Azerbaijan, a fast growing economy, has accepted to host this 10th Annual Conference. This country has accomplished spectacular achievements in poverty reduction, lowering the poverty rate from 50% to 7.5% over a period of ten years.

The conference will be held in English, French, Spanish, Azeri, Russian, and Arabic (translated simultaneously). The costs of transportation and accommodation can be covered by the Network, and a dedicated staff will be happy to organize your flight to Baku once your participation has been confirmed. We hope to welcome you in Baku from the 22nd to the 24th of May.

Please find attached a draft programme of the conference. I invite you to complete and send us back the joint registration form to Gergana Ivanova at jpo1@pnowb.org at the latest by 15 April 2013.

I look forward to what is sure to be an engaging two days of discussion, debate and learning and hope to see you in Baku.

Sincerely,

Alain Destexhe, MP
Chairman of the Parliamentary Network
on the World Bank & IMF