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On The World Bank & International Monetary Fund

**World Bank/IMF Annual Meetings
The Parliamentary Network delegation
Draft PROGRAM
Washington D.C., 3-6 October 2016**

Venues

Day	Venue	Address
4 Oct.	International Monetary Fund 1 st Headquarters (IMF HQ1)	700 19th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20431
5 Oct.	World Bank Group Headquarters (WB HQ)	1818 H Street, NW Washington, DC 20433 USA

Program

Monday, 3 October 2016		
All day	<i>Arrival of Delegates and Badge pick-up at World Bank I Building</i>	Venue: 1850 I Street NW
Tuesday, 4 October 2016		
8:00 am – 8:45 am	Late Badge pick-up for Participants World Bank I Building	Venue: 1850 I Street NW
9:00 am – 9:30 am	Welcome Remarks by <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jeremy Lefroy MP, Chair, Parliamentary Network on the IMF and World Bank • Sheila Redzepi, Vice President, External and Corporate Relations, WBG • Gerry Rice, Director, Communications, IMF 	Venue: IMF HQ1
9:30 am – 10:30 am	IMF World Economic Outlook <i>(To be completed with latest updates)</i> “The outcome of the U.K. vote, which surprised global financial markets, implies the materialization of an important downside risk for the world economy. As a result, the global outlook for 2016-17 has worsened, despite the better-than-expected performance in early 2016. This deterioration reflects the expected macroeconomic consequences of a sizable increase in uncertainty, including on the political front. This uncertainty is projected to take a toll on confidence and investment, including through its repercussions on financial	Venue: IMF HQ1

	<p>conditions and market sentiment more generally.”</p> <p>Speaker:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IMF <p>Discussion</p>	
10:30 am – 10:45 am	<i>Coffee Break</i>	Venue : IMF HQ1
10:45 am – 11:45 am	<p>IMF Country Engagement - Change and Continuity</p> <p>Inside the IMF's Program Design to Support Member Countries</p> <p>The session will take a look at the IMF's country engagement, its policy advice and program design to support member countries in dealing with macroeconomic challenges and financial crises. Based on the personal experience of an IMF mission chief, practical examples will shed light on best practices and the evolution of the Fund's approach over time. The session will also touch on issues related to the recent refugee crisis, increased political uncertainty, and challenges related to protracted low growth and inequality.</p> <p>Speaker:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IMF <p>Discussion</p>	Venue : IMF HQ1
11:45 am – 12:45 pm	<p>Energy Subsidies</p> <p>“It is generally in countries’ own interest to move ahead unilaterally with energy subsidy reform. Top subsidizers in percent of GDP and in per capita subsidies stand to gain the most. The benefits will mostly accrue at the local level, by reducing local pollution and generating much needed revenues. Taxing fuels to reflect environmental costs is also straightforward administratively, as it can build off road fuel excises which are well established in most countries. Energy subsidy reform can also contribute to carbon emissions reduction. To achieve significant carbon emissions cuts at the global level, it would be essential for top subsidizers in dollar terms to play a leading role.”</p> <p>Speaker:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IMF <p>Discussion</p>	Venue : IMF HQ1
1:00 pm – 2:00 pm	<i>Lunch</i>	Venue : IMF HQ1

2:15 pm – 3:45 pm	<p>IMF Regional Session</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IMF <p>Discussion</p>	Venue : IMF HQ1
3:45 pm – 5:15 pm	<p>Anti-Corruption and Good Governance</p> <p>Corruption is a major challenge to its institutional goals of ending extreme poverty by 2030 and boosting shared prosperity for the poorest 40 percent in developing countries. In addition, reducing corruption stands at the heart of the recently established Sustainable Development Goals and achieving the ambitious targets set for Financing for Development. Economic activity is similarly harmed by corruption – with corruption operating as a strong disincentive to foreign investment. Countries capable of controlling corruption are able to use their human and financial resources more efficiently, attract more foreign and domestic investment, and grow more rapidly. A parliament is a country's central institution, in its capacity as the primary expression of the people's will and, therefore, has a paramount responsibility for combating corruption in all its forms, especially in public life but increasingly also in the economy at large.</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IMF • WBG <p>Discussion</p>	Venue : IMF HQ1

Wednesday, 5 October 2014

8:30 am – 9:30 am	<p>The upcoming WDR 2017: Governance and the Law</p> <p>The upcoming WDR 2017 on Governance and the Law will examine the institutional foundations of a well-functioning state, and address two sets of issues facing the development community: The complicated interaction between economic development and the quality of governance; and the persistence of gaps between intended governance reforms and the reality on the ground. As legislators, MPs are at the center of governance processes, and have the mandate to significantly influence development outcomes. Building on the findings of the WDR, this session seeks to shed light on how a better understanding of governance can bring about more effective policy interventions to achieve sustainable improvements in welfare. To do so, the session focuses on two guiding questions: in a given</p>	Venue: WB HQ, Room MC4-800
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	<p>governance environment, how can policies be more effectively designed and implemented to improve welfare? What are the channels through which the governance environment can be changed to improve welfare?</p> <p>Speaker:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WBG <p>Discussion</p>	
9:30 am – 11:00 am	<p>World Bank Regional Session</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WBG <p>Discussion</p>	Venue: WB HQ, Room MC4-800
11:00 am – 11:15 am	<i>Coffee Break</i>	Venue: WB HQ, Room MC4-800
11:15 am – 12:15 pm	<p>Citizen Engagement</p> <p>Long-term development and prosperity require effective, trustworthy, and transparent public sector institutions that sustain citizen confidence. Citizen engagement is indispensable to the honest give-and-take that shapes effective project planning. An appropriate strategy and effective tools are crucial to this endeavor, but also to encourage governments and citizens to engage regularly. In 2014, the World Bank launched the Strategic Framework for Mainstreaming Citizen Engagement (CE) in World Bank Group Operations with the aim of improving the way the Bank listens to beneficiaries. The Institution goal is to mainstream citizen engagement in WBG operations by incorporating beneficiary feedback in 100% of Investment Project Financing (IPF) operations with clearly identifiable beneficiaries by FY18. This session will review how CE is measured, share examples of successful CE, and explore how parliamentarians, as elected representatives, can contribute to enhancing development results by acting as a liaison between citizens and the World Bank.</p> <p>Speaker:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WBG <p>Discussion</p>	Venue: WB HQ, Room MC4-800
12:15 pm – 1:15 pm	<p>IDA18</p> <p>Every three years, donors meet to replenish the resources of the International Development Agency and review its policy framework. IDA is one of the world’s most effective platforms for development. No other international</p>	Venue: WB HQ, Room MC4-800

	<p>institution has the mandate, knowledge, and resources to respond as effectively to complex global challenges with a focus on the world’s poorest countries. Currently in its 18th round of replenishment, IDA is critical to helping the World Bank Group and its clients deliver on the pressing global development agenda. In donor countries, MPs approve development assistance budgets and often appropriate IDA contributions. In many developing countries, not only do parliamentarians ratify World Bank loans, but the constituencies that elect MPs to office are also IDA's primary beneficiaries. This session will explore how parliamentarians can ensure that IDA continues to achieve good results, for the benefit of the poor, but ultimately for the benefit of development, democracy and for all of our countries.</p> <p>Speaker:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WBG <p>Discussion</p>	
1:30 pm – 2:30 pm	<i>Lunch</i>	Venue: WB HQ, Room MC4-800
2:45 pm – 3:45 pm	<p>Healthcare Systems (in partnership with Results)</p> <p>Governments, legislators and development partners have to work together to strengthen health systems, which involves providing quality, affordable care without financial hardship for patients. Better health and development outcomes are in line with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). SDG 3 includes a target to “achieve universal health coverage (UHC), including financial risk protection, access to quality essential health care services, and access to safe, effective, quality, and affordable essential medicines and vaccines for all.” This session will review policy advices to help countries expand access to quality, affordable health care; protect people from falling into poverty due to illness; and promote investments in all sectors that form the foundation of healthy societies. The session will have a special focus on ECD (Early Childhood Development)</p> <p>Speaker:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WBG <p>Discussion</p>	Venue: WB HQ, Room MC4-800
3:45 pm – 4:45 pm	<p>Migration and Displacement</p> <p>In 2015 Europe more than 1 million migrants arrived in Europe seeking asylum. The EU’s current institutional and legislative arrangements are facing challenges dealing with the vast influx of migrants. Parliamentarians</p>	Venue: WB HQ, Room MC4-800

	<p>are set to play a critical role in crafting the legislation and monitoring the governmental actions necessary to address the humanitarian crisis without overlooking the developmental needs of populations. The session will look at the impact of displacement on destination countries, the response of national authorities to address the crisis and mitigate its impact on the local population, the remaining developmental challenges faced by host communities, and how MPs can contribute to address this most pressing development issue.</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IMF • WBG <p>Discussion</p>	
<p>4:45 pm – 5:00 pm</p>	<p>Conclusion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jeremy Lefroy MP, Chair, Parliamentary Network on the IMF and World Bank • Sabina Bhatia, Division Chief, Communications Department, IMF • Jill Wilkins, Manager, Global Engagement, External Affairs, World Bank 	<p>Venue: WB HQ, Room MC4-800</p>