



**Global Parliamentary Conference**  
**Draft Programme**  
**Washington D.C., 17-18 April 2017**

Day	Venue	Address
17 April	World Bank Group Headquarters (WB HQ)	1818 H Street, NW Washington, DC 20433 USA
18 April	International Monetary Fund Headquarters (IMF HQ1)	700 19th Street, NW Washington, D.C. 20431

**Monday, 17 April 2017**

8:00 am – 8:45 am	<i>Continental breakfast</i>	<b>Venue:</b> World Bank HQ Preston Auditorium
8:45 am – 9:30 am	<b>Welcome address</b>  <b>Speakers:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Jeremy Lefroy, MP, UK, Chair, The Parliamentary Network on the World Bank &amp; IMF</b></li><li>• <b>Gerry Rice, Director, Communications Department, IMF</b></li><li>• <b>Jill Wilkins, Director, Global Engagement, External Affairs, World Bank</b></li></ul>	<b>Venue:</b> World Bank HQ Preston Auditorium
9:30 am – 11:00 am	<b>Fighting inequality through job-creation and growth</b> <i>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 ways in which legislators can contribute to reducing inequality while fostering jobs and growth.</i>	<b>Venue:</b> World Bank HQ Preston Auditorium
11:00 am – 12:00 pm	<b>Special session with the leadership of the IMF and the World Bank Group</b>  <b>Speakers:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Mme Christine Lagarde, Managing Director of the IMF</b></li><li>• <b>Dr. Jim Yong Kim, President of the World Bank Group</b></li></ul>	<b>Venue:</b> World Bank HQ Preston Auditorium

*Programme as of 22 March 2017*

	<b>Moderator:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Jeremy Lefroy</b>, MP, United Kingdom; Chair, Parliamentary Network on the World Bank and the IMF</li> </ul>	
12:00 pm – 12:30 pm	<b>Address by Speakers of Parliament</b>	<b>Venue:</b> World Bank HQ Preston Auditorium
12:45 pm - 2:00 pm	<i>Lunch</i>	<b>Venue:</b> Atrium
2:15pm - 3:15 pm	<b>Executive-Legislative dialogue: Working Together for the Common Good</b> <i>How can parliaments fulfill their oversight responsibility and at the same time work constructively with executive branches of government in scrutinizing the government's agenda? Hear first-hand from ministers' feedback on how parliaments can be most influential in shaping government policy initiatives.</i>	<b>Venue:</b> World Bank HQ Preston Auditorium
3:15 pm - 4:30 pm	<b>Tackling Corruption in Government and the Private Sector</b> <i>Perceived by the general opinion as one of the most important problem faced today, corruption involves high socio-economic costs and presents a major risk to the achievement of poverty-reduction 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 helping to achieve 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 people's will, commitment to combating corruption are required from Parliaments. 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.</i>	<b>Venue:</b> World Bank HQ Preston Auditorium
4:30 pm - 4:45 pm	<i>Coffee break</i>	
4:45 pm - 5:45 pm	<b>Sub-Saharan Africa: Growth prospects and challenges for the next decade</b> <i>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 cooperation with other countries in the region, as well as ensuring coordination with donor countries.</i>	<b>Venue:</b> World Bank HQ Preston Auditorium

5:45 pm – 6:30 pm	<b>Elections of the Parliamentary Network Board of Directors</b>	<b>Venue:</b> World Bank HQ Preston Auditorium
6:30 pm - 7:30 pm	<b>Reception</b>	<b>Venue</b>

<b>Tuesday, 18 April 2017</b>			
8:30 am – 9:00 am	<i>Continental breakfast</i>		<b>Venue:</b> IMF HQ1-R-580 and R-584
	<b><i>Participants can choose one of the following workshops:</i></b>		
9:00 am - 10:15 am	<b>IMF Breakout Session</b>  <b>IMF Country Engagement</b> <i>The session will explore how the IMF works with individual countries, ranging from policy support, capacity building, and Fund facilities and program design.</i>	<b>WB Breakout Session</b>  <b>Tackling the SDGs</b> <i>The session will discuss the new GOPAC-UNDP Parliamentary Handbook, “Parliament’s Role in Implementing the SDGs”. It will review opportunities for parliamentarians to support development effectiveness and SDGs implementation and monitoring through strategic use of their parliamentary powers.</i>	<b>Venue:</b> IMF HQ1-R-580 and R-584
10:15 am – 10:30 am	<i>Break</i>		<b>Venue:</b> IMF HQ1-R-580 and R-584
10:30 am – 11:45 am	<b>IMF Breakout Session</b>  <b>Undertaking Reform of Energy Subsidies</b> <i>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.</i>	<b>WB Breakout Session</b>  <b>Mitigating climate change</b> <i>The session will present two successful pilot projects in Mexico and Colombia in cooperation with the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity (SCBD), financed by the Japan Biodiversity Fund, seeking to provide support to national Members of Parliament committed to build coherence and convergence in their forest governance structures through a review of relevant policies and legal frameworks.</i>	<b>Venue:</b> IMF HQ1-R-580 and R-584
11:45 am - 12:00 am	<i>Break</i>		<b>Venue:</b> IMF HQ1-R-580 and R-584

12:00 am – 1:15 am	<b>Joint Breakout Session</b>  <b>The Week Ahead: the Spring Meetings Policy Agenda</b> <i>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 will also be featured. It will also give a brief overview of the IMF and the World Bank Group.</i>	<b>WB Breakout Session</b>  <b>Investing in Human Capital and Early Childhood Development</b> <i>To achieve the Global Goals on ending extreme poverty and inequality by 2030, the world must increase investments in interventions in children's earliest years. The session will explore how Parliamentarians can contribute to this goal through their law making, budgeting, and oversight functions.</i>	<b>Venue:</b> IMF HQ1-R-580 and R-584
1:15 pm – 2:30 pm	<i>Lunch</i> <b>Conference concludes</b>		<b>Venue:</b> HQ1-C-713 & 713