



THE PARLIAMENTARY NETWORK
On The World Bank & International Monetary Fund



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Global Parliamentary Conference Draft Concept Note and Programme

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Washington DC

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	Address
World Bank Group Headquarters (WB HQ)	1818 H Street, NW Washington, DC 20433 USA

Programme

Monday, 8 April 2019		
7:30 am – 8:30 am	<i>Registration and Continental breakfast</i>	Venue: WB HQ Preston Auditorium
8:30 am – 9:00 am	Opening Session Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jeremy Lefroy MP, UK, Chair, The Parliamentary Network on the World Bank & IMF • Sheila Redzepi, Vice President, External and Corporate Relations, WBG • Gerry Rice, Director, Communications Department, IMF 	Venue: WB HQ Preston Auditorium
9:00 am – 10:00 am	Policies that Work for the Next Generation and the Need to Invest in Human Capital <i>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.</i>	Venue: WB HQ Preston Auditorium
10:00 am – 11:00 am	Disruptive Technologies and Data for Economic Development <i>Technological advances can be a driving force for increased productivity and economic growth, key drivers for 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?</i>	Venue: WB HQ Preston Auditorium

11:00 am – 12:00 pm	Special session with the IMF and World Bank Group Leadership Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mme Christine Lagarde, Managing Director, IMF • Mrs. Kristalina Georgieva, Interim President, WBG Moderator: Jeremy Lefroy MP, UK, Chair of the Parliamentary Network on the World Bank & IMF	Venue: WB HQ Preston Auditorium
12:00 pm – 12:15 pm	Group Photo	Venue: WB HQ Preston Auditorium
12:30 pm – 1:30 pm	<i>Lunch</i>	Venue: World Bank Atrium
1:30 pm – 2:15 pm	Empowering Women, Empowering Prosperity <i>Countries with more women’s participation and leadership in civil society and political parties tend to be more inclusive, responsive, egalitarian, and democratic. Banks with a higher share of women on boards are more stable. 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 face a higher risk of automation compared to 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?</i>	Venue: WB HQ Preston Auditorium
2:15 pm – 3:15 pm	Acting against Climate Change <i>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.</i>	Venue: WB HQ Preston Auditorium
3:15 pm – 3:30 pm	Coffee Break	Venue: WB HQ Preston Auditorium
3:30 pm – 4:30 pm	Good governance and Political Accountability <i>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</i>	Venue: WB HQ Preston Auditorium

	<i>order to guarantee that they benefit their communities and contribute to better governance and poverty reduction.</i>	
4:30 pm – 6:00 pm	Parliamentary Network General Assembly and Board Elections Agenda for General Assembly TBC Presentation of Candidates and ballot vote	Venue: WB HQ Preston Auditorium
6:00 pm – 7:00 pm	Reception	Venue: WB HQ Atrium

Tuesday, 9 April 2019		
8:30 am – 9:00 am	Welcome and Announcement of Election Results – Presentation of the new Parliamentary Network Board	Venue: WB HQ Preston Auditorium
9:00 am – 9:30 am	Mobile Connectivity and Fake News in Emerging Markets: Pew Research Center <i>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?</i>	Venue: WB HQ Preston Auditorium
9:30-10:00	Global Financial Stability: The Role of Fintech and Cybersecurity <i>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?</i>	Venue: WB HQ Preston Auditorium
10:00 am – 10:30 am	IDA 19 Replenishment - Priorities for the World's Poorest Countries	Venue: WB HQ Preston Auditorium
10:30 am – 10:45 am	Coffee Break	Venue: WB HQ Preston Auditorium
10:45 am – 11:15 am	Special Guest Speaker <ul style="list-style-type: none"> David Beasley, Executive Director, World Food Programme 	Venue: WB HQ Preston Auditorium
11:15 am – 12:15 pm	Development Champions <i>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 successful contribution to development.</i>	Venue: WB HQ Preston Auditorium
12:30 pm – 1:30 pm	Lunch	Venue: WBG Atrium

Afternoon Breakout Sessions

2:00 pm – 3:30 pm	<p>A New Development Paradigm: <i>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?</i></p> <p><i>This session will discuss different elements that will have an impact on a new paradigm for development in two groups. Participants can select to attend one of them.</i></p>	
	<p>Venue: WB HQ, Room MC4-100</p> <p>Focus on inequality, technological advancement, and labour market changes:</p> <p><i>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?</i></p>	<p>Venue: WB HQ, Room MC5-100</p> <p>Focus on migration flows, climate change and environmental degradation, and demographic shifts:</p> <p><i>The world has recently witnessed an increase in migration due to instability, conflict, and poor living conditions in certain parts of the world. Current estimates are that there are 244 million international migrants globally (or 3.3% of the world's population). Climate change and environmental degradation are likely to exacerbate migration flows in the future. Migration can exert pressure on a society's resources while contributing to its economic growth and prosperity. 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.</i></p>

Meeting of Young Parliamentarians

	By invitation only
2:00 pm – 6:00 pm	Venue and Programme: To be announced