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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

On April 8-9 2019, 106 Members of Parliament from 41 countries attended the Global Parliamentary Conference (GPC) of the Parliamentary Network on the World Bank & IMF at the World Bank Headquarters in Washington D.C. Co-organized with the World Bank Group and the International Monetary Fund, this year's GPC focused on a wide variety of topics from disruptive technologies for development to investing in Human Capital and taking action against climate change.

Parliamentarians had the occasion to discuss the above and other critical issues during a Special Session with Interim World Bank Group President, Kristalina Georgieva and IMF Managing Director, Mme. Christine Lagarde. Participants valued the opportunity to gain a deeper understanding of the many challenges affecting their constituencies such as human capital outcomes, gaps in gender equality, climate change mitigation and adaptation, and harnessing disruptive technology. Special guest David Beasley, Executive Director, the World Food Programme, discussed food security, especially the importance of increasing the solidarity with regard to aid in food security. Furthermore, four Development Champions, including Ms. Gwen Hines, Executive Director for Global Programs at Save the Children, William (Mo) Cowan, President of Global Government Affairs and Policy at General Electric, Mr. Bert Koenders, Founding Chair of the Parliamentary Network on the World Bank & IMF and Special Advisor to Kristalina Georgieva and Mr. Knight Ganje, Founder and Managing Director of H&G Advertising, discussed their contributions and views on development in a dedicated session.

Furthermore, a number of breakout sessions welcomed speakers from both the World Bank and IMF to discuss aspects of establishing a new development paradigm, with a special focus on inequality, technological advancement and dealing with demographic and employment shifts. The 2019 GPC also comprised a special focus on Young Parliamentarians and hosted its second Global Young Parliamentarian Meeting, a new program designed to provide a platform for communication and collaboration to parliamentarians age 45 and under to explore solutions to concerns facing the youth today. The 2019 GPC was also the occasion to hold elections for the future board of the Parliamentary Network. Lastly, on Wednesday, April 10, a breakout session was organized by ACTION, which briefed Parliamentarians on the many opportunities the Human Capital Project





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and the Global Financing Facility (GFF) can have in expanding political and financial investments in health.

“Having more women contributing at all levels of our economy and of our political scenes is propitious to higher growth.” – Mme. Christine Lagarde Managing Director, IMF.

“Our top priority is to move more resources -financial resources and our own staff - in countries affected by conflicts and fragility. – Kristalina Georgieva, Interim World Bank Group President.



“Innovation is the catalyst for a better future” – Dr. May El Batran, MP, Egypt.

“I believe food can be used as a weapon of peace”. – David Beasley, Executive Director, UN World Food Programme.

During the event, Parliamentarians expressed an interest in future engagement with the Parliamentary Network at both the international-level through additional meetings such as the Global Parliamentary Conference, as well as at the local and regional levels through field visits, workshops and regional chapters of the Parliamentary Network Interim World Bank Group





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President, Kristalina Georgieva . The final report of the 2019 Global Parliamentary Conference is due to be published in May 2019 and will contain an in-depth analysis of the ideas and initiatives introduced during the two-day conference. Parliamentarians are encouraged to share their results of these initiatives during the Parliamentary Meeting, which will take place in Washington D.C. during the Annual Meetings of the World Bank Group and the IMF in October 2019.

