



PARLIAMENTARY NETWORK ON THE WORLD BANK

15 April 2011, Washington D.C. – The Board of the Parliamentary Network on the World Bank (PNoWB) has adopted a resolution on the World Bank energy strategy at the 2011 World Bank/IMF Spring Meetings

1. The World Bank is developing a new energy strategy, which places greater emphasis on:
 - distribution of electricity to poor and excluded communities in developing countries, especially in rural areas; and
 - environmental sustainability.

2. The PNoWB Board recognizes that the policy is controversial and wishes to:
 - encourage parliamentarians to debate the issue; and
 - build a dialogue between parliamentarians and the World Bank about its new energy strategy.

3. In April or May 2011, the Board will circulate draft parliamentary questions to PNoWB members and encourage them to ask their government ministers to explain their policies on:
 - whether the World Bank should change its energy strategy to invest (a) more in small, local and renewable electricity generation and (b) less in large-scale fossil fuel electricity generation;
 - the use of carbon taxes to reduce CO₂ emissions;
 - their country's energy strategy and what policies they have to reduce or limit the growth of CO₂ emissions; and
 - the transfer of technology to less developed countries.

4. The PNoWB invites World Bank officials working on the new energy strategy to review the answers to these parliamentary questions and comment on them.

5. The PNoWB will organize a videoconference for parliamentarians in partnership with the World Bank to discuss the new energy strategy, to be chaired by PNoWB Board Member Geri Müller, MP, Switzerland.

6. Geri Müller will report back to the PNoWB Board, which will then consider whether to hold follow-up activities such as videoconferences and discussions at the next PNoWB Annual Conference.

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