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THE PARLIAMENTARY NETWORK
On The World Bank & International Monetary Fund



Parliamentary Engagements at the 2025 Annual Meetings

The 2025 Annual Meetings present parliamentarians worldwide with a unique opportunity to engage directly with leadership and staff from the World Bank Group (WBG) and the International Monetary Fund (IMF). These high-level exchanges will:

- Provide a platform to discuss the future of legislative engagement with the Bretton Woods institutions, reflecting on achievements, identifying areas for improvement, and envisioning deeper collaboration at global, regional, and country levels.
- Offer timely insights into global economic trends and the strategic priorities of the WBG and IMF.
- Facilitate direct access to senior officials and technical teams responsible for shaping programs and policies.
- Encourage peer-to-peer sharing of national experiences to strengthen the parliamentary role in advancing growth, productivity, and employment.

About the Parliamentary Network

Founded in 2000, the Parliamentary Network on the World Bank and IMF (PN) 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 helps Members of Parliament (MPs) to share knowledge, and to hold their own governments, as well as international financial institutions, to account for development outcomes. The PN, through its members and events, creates a space where parliamentarians can engage with the WBG and IMF in a transparent manner, and, therefore, participate actively in shaping the international development agenda and productivity policies of both the WBG and the IMF, helping to accelerate results.

Programme

Sunday, 12 October 2025

All Day	Arrival of Delegates and Badge pick-up at World Bank I Building - The Registration Office is open for badge pickup daily from on Sunday, from 12pm to 5pm, and on Weekdays from 7:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.	Venue: 1850 I Street NW
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Monday, 13 October 2025

7:00 am – 8:00 am	Late Badge Pick-Up for Participants World Bank I Building	Venue: 1850 I Street NW
7:30 am – 9:15 am	Breakfast	Venue: MC 13-121
8:00 am – 9:00 am	PN Board Meeting (closed meeting)	Venue: MC 13-121
9:20 am – 10:00 am	Priorities for WBG and IMF Engagement with Parliamentarians	Venue: MC 13-121

Official Handover to the New PN Board

Welcome Remarks:

- Jay Heimbach, Vice President, External and Corporate Relations, World Bank
- Julie Kozack, Director of Strategic Communications Department, IMF

Moderator:

- The Rt. Hon. Liam Byrne MP; Chair, Business and Trade Committee, UK; Outgoing Chair, the Parliamentary Network on the World Bank & IMF

10:00 am – 12:00 pm	From Voice to Impact: Discussion and Action Plan on the Future of Parliamentary Engagement at the IMF and WBG This closed-door meeting will aim to lay out a strategy for more targeted and impact-driven parliamentary engagement with the Bretton Woods Institutions moving forward. It will be an occasion for parliamentarians to exchange perspectives on what works, what needs to evolve, and the vision they hold for deeper, more effective collaboration in practical terms: what priorities should guide engagement at the country, and regional and global and thematic levels, and how can parliaments, including committees, best work with the Bretton Woods institutions at the country levels?	Venue: MC 13-121
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Speakers:

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Rt. Hon. Liam Byrne MP; Chair, Business and Trade Committee, UK; Outgoing Chair, the Parliamentary Network on the World Bank & IMF • Jakob Kopperud, Director, Government and Multilateral Relations, World Bank Group • Tristan Walker, Deputy Division Chief, Stakeholder Engagement Division, Communication Department, IMF <p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hon. Sven Clement MP, Luxembourg; Chair, the Parliamentary Network on the World Bank and IMF 	
12:00 pm – 2:00 pm	<i>Lunch</i>	Venue: MC East Dining Room
2:00 pm – 3:00 pm	<p>Conversation with Axel von Trotsenburg: Reflections and Considerations on the Role of Parliamentarians in Global Development</p> <p>In this special fireside chat, Axel van Trotsenburg will reflect on the transformative mega-trends he has observed throughout his long career at the World Bank. Drawing on decades of experience engaging with parliaments worldwide, he will share valuable lessons, highlight successful strategies, and offer his perspective on the future of collaboration between the Bank and parliaments.</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Axel von Trotsenburg, Senior Managing Director, World Bank Group <p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Rt. Hon. Liam Byrne MP; Chair, Business and Trade Committee, UK; Outgoing Chair, the Parliamentary Network on the World Bank & IMF 	Venue: MC 13-121
3:00 pm – 3:15 pm	Group Photo	Venue: MC 13-121
3:15 pm – 4:30 pm	<p>Forward-Looking Dialogue with the Executive Board of the World Bank Group</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Michael Krake, Executive Director for Germany, World Bank Group <p>Remarks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hon. Aissata Tall Sall MP, Senegal, Vice Chair of the Parliamentary Network on the World Bank & IMF • Hon. Neila Tazi, Morocco, Senator, Vice Chair of the Parliamentary Network on the World Bank & IMF <p>Moderator:</p>	Venue: MC 13-121

- Hon. Sven Clement MP, Luxembourg; Chair, the Parliamentary Network on the World Bank & IMF

Tuesday, 14 October 2025 at the IMF Headquarter 1 Building
Thematic Policy Discussions (open to all registered parliamentarians)

8:00 am – 8:30 am	Breakfast	Venue: IMF HQ1-R-1584 (From the main lobby, turn right, walk past the ATMs, take NE Elevators to “R” Level - Multipurpose Meeting Rooms)
8:30 am – 10:00 am	<p>Sovereign Debt Transparency: The Oversight Role of Parliamentarians</p> <p>Rising public debt and increasingly complex financing methods—from collateralized borrowing to state-owned enterprise liabilities—have made transparency more urgent than ever. Opaque debt practices undermine accountability, weaken financial management, erode trust, and constrain growth, productivity, and job creation. Parliamentarians are not only the first line of defense against hidden liabilities, but they are also key drivers of reform. It is their responsibility to ensure laws, budget oversight, and borrowing approvals create clear disclosure requirements and strengthen scrutiny of public debt operations. This session will examine how MPs, working with Audit Institutions, and civil society/NGOs can reinforce checks and balances, secure access to information, and strike the right balance between efficiency and accountability. The challenge is <i>direct: will legislatures take the lead in turning debt transparency from principle into practice—ensuring liabilities are fully disclosed and openly debated—or risk leaving accountability gaps unfilled?</i></p> <p>Opening remarks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yan Liu, General Counsel and Director, IMF Legal Department <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yan Liu, General Counsel and Director, Legal Department, International Monetary Fund • Lars Jessen, Lead Debt Specialist, World Bank Group • Hon. Marlene Malahoo Forte QC, MP, JP, Former Minister of Legal & Constitutional Affairs, Jamaica • Layna Mosley, Professor of Politics and International Affairs, Princeton University 	Venue: IMF HQ1-R-1584 (From the main lobby, turn right, walk past the ATMs, take NE Elevators to “R” Level - Multipurpose Meeting Rooms)

- Alessandro Gullo, Assistant General Counsel, Legal Department, International Monetary Fund

Moderator:

- The Rt. Hon. Liam Byrne MP; Chair, Business and Trade Committee, UK; Outgoing Chair, the Parliamentary Network on the World Bank & IMF

10:15 am –
11:45 am

Advancing Growth and Productivity: Parliamentary Dialogue with IMF–World Bank Group

Growth and productivity remain subdued amid elevated uncertainty from shifting policies in major economies, geopolitical tensions, and transformative forces such as artificial intelligence and demographic change. *How can countries chart a path to stronger growth and more productive economies?* Drawing on the latest work from the Bretton Woods institutions, this session will explore two critical drivers of prosperity: growth and productivity. The World Bank will highlight strategies to unlock growth, with a particular focus on job creation as a critical foundation for sustainable development, while the IMF will focus on structural reforms needed to power productivity and strengthen resilience. *For parliamentarians, the central question is: how can legislatures turn these global insights into national action—through laws, budgets, and oversight—that create jobs and deliver prosperity across communities?*

Venue:

IMF HQ1-R-1584
(From the main lobby, turn right, walk past the ATMs, take NE Elevators to “R” Level - Multipurpose Meeting Rooms)

Speakers and Moderator:

- Diaa Noureldin, Senior Economist, IMF Research Department
- Parijat Lal, Young Professional, Outcomes Department, World Bank Group
- Hon. Javier Maroto, Senator, Spain; First Vice President of the Senate

Moderator:

- Hon. Sven Clement MP, Luxembourg; Chair, the Parliamentary Network on the World Bank & IMF

12:00 pm

Conclusion

12:10 pm

Lunch

Venue:

IMF HQ1-R-1584

12:30 pm –
1:30 pm

IMF Europe Department: Meeting with MPs from Europe (MPs will be escorted from IMF HQ1 R-level to the meeting room)

Venue: IMF HQ2-05B-073

12:10 pm –
1:45 pm

IMF Kenya Team: Meeting with MPs from Kenya (MPs will be escorted as a group from IMF HQ1 R-level to the meeting room)

Venue: IMF HQ1-4-112

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Annual Meetings Public Events/Seminars

Tuesday, October 14, 2025

1:00 pm – 2:00 pm

Mobilizing Private Investment at Scale to Create Jobs

Location:
WBG MC 2-800

This event will showcase the World Bank Group's inaugural securitization transaction under the originate-to-distribute model, which aims to attract institutional capital into emerging markets.

1:15 pm

The Future of Finance: Crypto

Location:
IMF HQ1 Atrium

Moderator:

- Sara Eisen, Co-Anchor, CNBC Squawk on the Street & Money Movers

Panelists:

- Kristalina Georgieva, Managing Director, IMF
- Andrew Bailey, Governor, Bank of England
- Chia Der Jiun, Managing Director, Monetary Authority of Singapore
- Umar Farooq, Global Co-head, JPMorgan Payments
- Jeremy Allaire, CEO & Chairman, Circle

Wednesday, October 15, 2025

11:00 am –
12:00 pm

Boosting Productivity Growth in the Digital Age

Location:
IMF HQ1 Atrium

Moderator:

- TBC

Hashtag:
#BoostingProductivity

Panelists:

- Kristalina Georgieva, Managing Director, IMF
- Mohammed Al-Jadaan, Minister of Finance, Saudi Arabia
- Tony Elumelu, Founder & Chairman, Heirs Holdings
- Simon Johnson, Professor, MIT Sloan School of Management
- Ruth Porat, President & CIO, Alphabet and Google

10:00 am – 11:00 am

Building Resilience in a Natural Disaster-Prone World

Location:
IMF HQ1/
Meeting Halls A&B

2.30 pm – 3.45 pm

Per Jacobsson Foundation lecture in Economics

Location:
IMF HQ1 Atrium

04:30 pm – 05:30 pm Location: IMF HQ1/Meeting Halls A&B HQ1-3-430A&B	Emerging from Conflict: Recovery Stabilization and Financing
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4:00 pm – 5:00 pm Location: WBG MC2-800	Driving Change: Financial Innovation and Operational Reforms in Action
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Thursday, October 16, 2025

12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	Debate on the Global Economy: Recalibrating Economic Policies Amidst a Shifting Global Landscape
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Location:
IMF HQ1 Atrium

Hashtag:
#GlobalEcon

Moderator:

- Lisa Abramowicz, Bloomberg

Panelists:

- Kristalina Georgieva, Managing Director, IMF
- Tharman Shanmugaratnam, President, Singapore
- Christine Lagarde, President, European Central Bank
- Gordon Hanson, Professor, Harvard Kennedy School
- Private Sector representative: TBC

Audience: Annual Meetings delegates, journalists, and public stakeholders

01:15 pm – 02:30 pm	Addressing Financial Crime Fraud and Corruption as Barriers to Growth and Stability
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Location:
IMF HQ1/Meeting Halls
A&B HQ1-3-430A&B

4:00 pm – 5:00 pm	Sustainable Tourism for Jobs, Livelihoods and Growth
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Location:
WBG MC2-800

Friday, October 17, 2025

11:00 am – 12:00 pm	Wired for Work: How Digital Platforms and AI are Shaping Jobs
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Location:
WBG MC2-800

11:00 am – 1:30 pm	Small States Forum: A Strategy to Build Jobs and Resilience in Small States
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Location:
WBG Shihata

1:00 pm – 2:00 pm **Two Sides of the Stablecoin: Risks and Opportunities for Emerging Economies**

Location: WBG Preston Auditorium

3:30 pm – 4:30 pm **Capital to Scale: Women Entrepreneurs as Job Creators**

Location: WBG Preston Auditorium

Saturday, October 18, 2025

9:30 am – 11:00 am **State of the Africa Region 2025: Powering Job Creation in Africa**

Location: WBG Preston Auditorium
