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# GLOBAL PARLIAMENTARY FORUM

April 13-14, 2026



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THE PARLIAMENTARY NETWORK  
On The World Bank & International Monetary Fund



## Context

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The Global Parliamentary Forum engages parliamentarians in a dialogue on development and the global economy, with discussions between parliamentarians and leadership of the World Bank Group (WBG) and the IMF. The forum provides:

- Up-to-date quality information for parliamentarians on the WBG and IMF's priorities and strategic directions.
- A knowledge-sharing platform and an opportunity to engage directly with WBG and IMF leadership to strengthen the relevance and impact of our work leading to effective, efficient and better development outcomes for both donor and client countries.

The forum plays a critical role in building political will to ensure development impact, while encouraging country ownership, policy relevance and accountability. All sessions will provide concrete examples and actions parliamentarians can implement to address development challenges.

## About the Parliamentary Network

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The Parliamentary Network on the World Bank and International Monetary Fund (PN) is an independent, non-governmental organization providing an advocacy and knowledge-sharing platform for parliamentarians to take an active role in shaping the programs and policies of the WBG and IMF. It is open to parliamentarians from WBG and IMF member countries serving a current mandate, with a current membership of over 2,000 parliamentarians from all regions. The network is supported by an international secretariat and guided by its nine-member Board, chaired by Hon. Sven Clement MP, Luxembourg.

## Venues

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### 13 April 2026 | International Monetary Fund Headquarters (IMF HQ 2)

1900 Pennsylvania Avenue NW

### 14 April 2026 | International Finance Corporation (IFC)

2121 Pennsylvania Avenue NW

## Programme

Sunday, 12 April 2026

Time	Topic	Venue
All day	<i>Arrival of Delegates and Badge pick-up at World Bank I Building - The Registration Office is open for badge pickup daily from <b>12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.</b></i>	1850 I Street NW

Monday, 13 April 2026 | International Monetary Fund Headquarters (IMF HQ 2)

Time	Topic	Venue
7:00 am – 8:45 am	<b>Late Badge pick-up for Participants World Bank I Building</b>	1850 I Street NW
8:30 am – 9:00 am	<b>Breakfast Bar</b>	IMF HQ2 Conference Hall #2 1900 Pennsylvania Ave NW
9:00 am – 9:20 am	<b>Welcome Remarks by</b> <i><b>Hon. Sven Clement MP</b>, Luxembourg, Chair, the Parliamentary Network on the World Bank and IMF</i> <i><b>Jay Heimbach</b>, Vice President, External and Corporate Relations, World Bank Group</i> <i><b>Julie Kozack</b>, Director of Strategic Communications Department, IMF</i>	IMF HQ2 Conference Hall #2 1900 Pennsylvania Ave NW
9:30 am – 10:30 am	<b>Townhall with IMF Managing Director Kristalina Georgieva</b> <b>Moderator:</b> <i><b>Hon. Sven Clement MP</b>, Luxembourg, Chair, the Parliamentary Network on the World Bank and IMF</i> <b>Please note that the room doors will close at 9:30 am for this session. No exception. We strongly encourage you to be in the room prior to the beginning.</b>	IMF HQ2 Conference Hall #2 1900 Pennsylvania Ave NW
10:30 am – 11:30 am	<b>A Conversation on Jobs with Paschal Donohoe, Managing Director and Chief Knowledge Officer, World Bank Group</b> <b>Moderator:</b> <i><b>Hon. Anna Gelderd MP</b>, United Kingdom, Board Member, Parliamentary Network on the World Bank and IMF</i>	IMF HQ2 Conference Hall #2 1900 Pennsylvania Ave NW

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11:30 am – 12:30 pm	<b>Townhall with World Bank Group President Ajay Banga</b> <b>Moderator:</b> <i>Hon. Sven Clement MP, Luxembourg, Chair, the Parliamentary Network on the World Bank and IMF</i>  <b>Please note that the room doors will close at 11:30 am for this session. No exception. We strongly encourage you to be in the room prior to the beginning.</b>	IMF HQ2 Conference Hall #2 1900 Pennsylvania Ave NW
12:30 pm – 12:45 pm	<b>Group Photo</b>	IMF HQ2 Conference Hall #2 1900 Pennsylvania Ave NW
12:45 pm – 1:45 pm	<b>Lunch</b>	IMF HQ2 - Conference Hall #2 1900 Pennsylvania Ave NW

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1:45 pm – 3:00 pm

## **Anti-Corruption, Good Governance and Financial Crime**

IMF HQ2  
Conference Hall #2  
1900 Pennsylvania  
Ave NW

Institutional integrity and the suppression of financial crime are macro-critical foundations for a stable economy. Systemic corruption and illicit financial flows act as a direct "tax" on productivity, draining the public resources necessary to fuel growth and job creation. When financial systems are vulnerable to money laundering and fraud, the predictability of the economic environment is compromised, and investor confidence vanishes. Speakers from the IMF and World Bank will engage in discussion with parliamentarians to share the best international practices on how Parliament can extend its role beyond the drafting of laws to the diligent oversight of every branch of government. Discussion will highlight the necessity of holding both public and private actors to account to ensure that financial integrity becomes a national competitive advantage. By closing legislative gaps and demanding rigorous accountability across all state functions, Parliament serves as the ultimate safeguard for the public trust, signaling to the global market that the nation is a secure and stable environment for investment.

### **Speakers:**

***Roby Senderowitsch***, Practice Manager for Public Administration, Governance Global Department, World Bank Group

***Chady Adel El Khoury***, Assistant General Counsel, Financial Integrity Group, Legal Department, IMF

***Hon. Ting Ru He MP***, Singapore

### **Moderator:**

***Hon. Javier Maroto***, Senator, Spain; First Vice-President of the Senate; Board Member, the Parliamentary Network on the World Bank & IMF

### **Discussion**

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3:00 pm – 4:15 pm	<b>Fragile and Conflict-Affected States: Legislative Leadership for Stability and Growth</b>	IMF HQ2 Conference Hall #2 1900 Pennsylvania Ave NW
	<p>By 2030, nearly 60% of the world’s extreme poor will live in fragile and conflict-affected areas. To meet this challenge, the global community is shifting from reacting to crises toward a proactive prevention mandate. This session explores how the IMF and the World Bank Group partner with governments, parliamentarians, and policymakers to address the economic roots of instability before conflict takes hold.</p> <p>The World Bank Group will explore the <b>four strategic shifts identified in its FCV strategy refresh</b>, i.e. anticipate better, differentiated approaches, deliver on the jobs agenda, and strengthening our toolkit and partnerships.</p> <p>The IMF will focus on its <b>Fragile and Conflict-Affected States Strategy</b> which provides tailored, long-term support to help vulnerable nations achieve macroeconomic stability and exit fragility. This framework acts as a vital preventive tool for countries at risk of instability from internal shocks or external spillovers.</p>	
	<p><b>Speakers:</b>  <b>Shubham Chaudhuri</b>, Director, Fragility, Conflict and Violence, World Bank Group   <b>Jihad Azour</b>, Director, Middle East and Central Asia Department, IMF   <b>Hon. Neila Tazi</b>, Senator, Morocco, Vice-Chair, Parliamentary Network on the World Bank and IMF</p>	
	<p><b>Moderator:</b>  <b>Hon. Karina Gould MP</b>, Canada</p>	
	<p><b>Discussion</b></p>	
4:15 pm – 4:30 pm	<b>Coffee Break</b>	IMF HQ2 Conference Hall #2 1900 Pennsylvania Ave NW
4:30 pm – 5:30 pm	<b>A Conversation with IFC Managing Director Makhtar Diop</b>	IMF HQ2 Conference Hall #2 1900 Pennsylvania Ave NW
	<p><b>Moderator:</b>  <b>Hon. Sven Clement MP</b>, Luxembourg, Chair, the Parliamentary Network on the World Bank and IMF</p>	
5:30 pm – 6:30 pm	<b>Reception</b>	IMF HQ2 Conference Hall #2 1900 Pennsylvania Ave NW

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7:45 am – 9:00 am	<b>Breakfast Bar</b>	IFC Auditorium 2121 Pennsylvania Ave NW
8:00 am – 8:45 am	<b>Late Badge pick-up for Participants World Bank I Building</b>	1850 I Street NW
9:00 am – 10:00 am	<p><b>Jobs: The Role of Parliamentarians, Governments, and Regulations</b></p> <p>In the next decade, some 1.2 billion young people will reach working age in emerging and developing countries. On current trends, the same countries will create some 400 million jobs in the same period, leaving a massive gap. The WBG and the IMF are supporting job creation via investments in basic infrastructure (digital, education, energy, healthcare, etc.), but job creation at scale will depend on private investments. Parliamentarians have a central role: Predictable and transparent regulations are essential to attract investment and enable entrepreneurs to start, operate, and grow businesses. The session also explores how policymakers can shape job creation in an era defined by AI, productivity shifts, and evolving global growth patterns. Bringing together parliamentarians and experts from the World Bank and IMF, the discussion will highlight perspectives from low-income and emerging economies, areas often underrepresented in global debates.</p> <p><b>Speakers:</b>  <b>Marina Mendes Tavares</b>, Senior Economist, Research Department, IMF  <b>Hon. Giulio Centemero MP</b>, Italy, President, PAM</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b>  <b>Hon. Aia Eza Gomes da Silva MP</b>, Angola, Board Member, Parliamentary Network on the World Bank and IMF (TBC)</p> <p><b>Discussion</b></p>	IFC Auditorium 2121 Pennsylvania Ave NW

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10:00 am – 11:00 am

## **Unlocking Private-Sector Investment in Emerging Markets**

IFC Auditorium  
2121 Pennsylvania  
Ave NW

This session examines how emerging markets can attract and sustain private-sector investment amid rapidly evolving financial landscapes. Drawing on insights from parliamentarians and experts from the World Bank Group and IMF, the discussion will explore opportunities and constraints facing investors.

The discussion will explore opportunities and constraints facing investors, and policies and regulations that drive private-sector investment while building resilient labor markets capable of withstanding technological change. The session will draw on perspectives from the latest IMF Global Financial Stability Report—examining how digital financial innovations such as stablecoins could reshape investment flows in emerging economies—and IFC’s strategies to mobilize private capital and support firm-level growth. Discussion will also focus on diversifying economies, attracting private investment, protecting innovation, and bridging the skills gap. By ensuring that global volatility does not compromise local opportunity, parliamentarians, policymakers, and development partners can work together to translate macroeconomic strategy into meaningful private-sector investments and jobs.

### **Speakers:**

**Jeff Chelsky**, *Manager, SME and Enterprise Development, World Bank Group*

**Charles Cohen**, *Senior Advisor, the Monetary and Capital Markets Department, IMF*

**Mario Guadamillas**, *Practice Manager, Finance, Competitiveness & Innovation, World Bank Group*

**Hon. Salim Merah MP**, *Algeria*

### **Moderator:**

**Hon. Aïssata Tall Sall MP**, *Senegal, Vice-Chair, Parliamentary Network on the World Bank and IMF*

### **Discussion**

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**1) M300: Legislation to Facilitate Energy Access**

Room L-101  
2121 Pennsylvania  
Ave NW

This session explores the role of effective legislative frameworks in the expansion of affordable, reliable, and sustainable energy access. Parliamentarians and development experts will discuss policy tools that remove regulatory barriers, attract investment, and accelerate electricity deployment, particularly in underserved and low-income regions. The conversation will highlight practical legislative approaches that can drive inclusive energy transitions and support national development goals.

**Speakers:**

**Jie Tang**, *Practice Manager for Energy, Western and Central Africa Region, World Bank Group*

**Yadviga Semikolenova**, *Practice Manager for Energy, Eastern and Southern Africa Region, World Bank Group*

**Moderator:**

**Hon. Aia Eza Gomes da Silva MP**, *Angola, Board Member, Parliamentary Network on the World Bank and IMF*

**2) Gender and Development: Gender Equality as a driver for sustainable development**

Room L-108  
2121 Pennsylvania  
Ave NW

This session explores the state of gender equality and how equal opportunities for women and men can advance sustainable development. Parliamentarians and development experts will discuss the role that the legislative branch can play in addressing structural constraints for gender equality, unlocking women's economic potential and driving job creation and economic growth.

**Speakers:**

**Norman Loayza**, *Director of the Global Indicators Group, World Bank Group*

**Moderator:**

**Hon. Amira Saber**, *Senator, Egypt*

**3) Investing in People: Human Capital & Health**

Room L-105  
2121 Pennsylvania  
Ave NW

People are a nation's greatest asset — yet human capital progress has stalled, and quality, affordable health care remains out of reach for millions. A new report and index reveal that the places where people live, grow, and work are decisive in shaping health and human capital outcomes. As the World Bank Group works with

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countries and partners to reach 1.5 billion people with better health services by 2030, parliamentarians have a critical role to play. This session will explore the evidence and discover how legislative leadership can direct investments and policies where they matter most — accelerating progress and delivering stronger results for people and the economy.

**Speakers:**

**Alaka Holla**, *Lead Economist, People Chief Economist Unit, World Bank Group*

**Luc Laviolette**, *Head of the Secretariat for the Global Financing Facility, World Bank Group*

**Moderator:**

**Dr. Ricardo Baptista Leite**, *Founder & President, UNITE Parliamentarians Network for Global Health*

**4) Water Forward**

Water is the foundation of a livable planet. Moreover, water security is part of the foundational infrastructure for growth and jobs. However, 4 billion people experience water scarcity every year, with several billion vulnerable to floods and droughts. Through Water Forward, the WBG seeks to improve water security for 400 million people by 2030 through seven scalable solutions. This session explores how parliamentarians can support the effectiveness and sustainability of water-related interventions.

**Speakers:**

**Saroj Kumar Jha**, *Director of the Water Global Practice, World Bank Group*

**Moderator:**

**Hon. Roberto Zuñiga MP**, *Panama (TBC)*

Room L-103  
2121 Pennsylvania  
Ave NW

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12:30 pm – 1:50 pm **Buffet Lunch**

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**World Bank Group Global Young MP Initiative**  
*(Open to all parliamentarians age 45 and below)*

<b>Time</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Venue</b>
2:00 pm – 2:45 pm	<b>Setting the Strategic Direction of the Initiative with the 2026-2028 Steering Committee</b>	IFC Auditorium 2121 Pennsylvania Ave NW
2:45 pm – 3:15 pm	<b>Opening Remarks</b> <b>Speaker:</b> <i>Jay Heimbach, Vice President, External and Corporate Relations, World Bank Group</i> <b>Moderator:</b> <i>Young MP TBD</i>	IFC Auditorium 2121 Pennsylvania Ave NW
3:15 pm – 5:30 pm	<b>Capacity Building Workshop: Parliamentary Oversight and Management</b> <p>This interactive session will focus on government accountability to citizens and the critical role that legislative oversight plays in enforcing such accountability. Special attention will be paid to the various oversight tools and mechanisms – such as committees, parliamentary questions and interpellations – available to parliamentarians. A case study will be used to highlight the role of parliaments in curbing corruption.</p> <b>Facilitator:</b> <i>Dr. Rick Stapenhurst, Associate Professor, McGill University</i>	IFC Auditorium 2121 Pennsylvania Ave NW

## IMF Young Parliamentary Initiative (YPI) *(By invitation only)*

The IMF is launching the Young Parliamentary Initiative (YPI) to integrate the voices of young leaders into global economic policy. Led by young MPs, this initiative empowers the next generation to address urgent challenges, including cost-of-living pressures and the impact of AI on the global workforce. The session will culminate in the co-design of a Forward-Looking Roadmap, institutionalizing young parliamentarians as strategic partners in shaping the policies that define the future of their youth constituents.

**Tuesday, 14 April 2026**

Time	Topic	Venue
1:30 pm	<b>All IMF-invited Young MPs meet in the IFC Main Lobby for a group escort to IMF HQ1 building.</b>	IFC Main Lobby
1:45 pm – 2:15 pm	<b>Introduction &amp; Group Photo</b> <b>Speaker:</b> <b>Nigel Clarke</b> , Deputy Managing Director, IMF	IMF Headquarters 1 Building: HQ1-3-476
2:15 pm – 2:30 pm	<b>Welcome &amp; Strategic Overview</b> <b>Speakers:</b> <b>Karen Ongley</b> , Assistant Director, IMF <b>Hon. Sven Clement, MP</b> (Chair, Parliamentary Network) <b>Hon. Anna Gelderd, MP</b> , UK (Board Member, Parliamentary Network)	IMF Headquarters 1 Building: HQ1-3-476
2:30 pm – 5:15 pm	<b>Listening to Perspectives of Young MPs</b> A consolidated high-level feedback session and policy dialogue covering: IMF – mandate, structure, policies/lending; Employment, cost-of-living, and institutional perception, Jobs, technology, and the future of work, Social trust, governance, and social protection. <b>Moderators:</b> <b>Federica Onori, MP</b> (Italy) and <b>Amira Saber, MP</b> (Egypt)	IMF Headquarters 1 Building: HQ1-3-476
5:15 pm – 6:00 pm	<b>Closing Remarks</b> <b>Speaker:</b> <b>Julie Kozack</b> , Director, Strategic Communications Department, IMF	IMF Headquarters 1 Building: HQ1-3-476
6:30 pm – 7:30 pm	<b>Reception &amp; Closing Dinner for IMF Young MPs Initiative</b> <b>Host:</b> <b>International Monetary Fund</b>	IMF Headquarters 1 Building: HQ1-3-476

Time	Topic	Venue
8:30 am – 9:30 am	<b>IMF European Department Breakfast with MPs from Europe</b>	IMF HQ1 Dining Room 3, HQ1-1-317

**Note on Additional Meetings:** Bilateral or groups between MPs from other regions and IMF departmental staff can be facilitated upon request.

**Deadline:** Requests must be received by April 13, 2026 at 11:00 am ET, to ensure coordination.

## Annex: Reading Material

### IMF Recommended Reading List

[Fragile and Conflict Affected States](#)

[Financing Peace and Stability](#)

[Fighting Tech-Fueled Crime](#)

[Bridging Skill Gaps for the Future: New Jobs Creation in the AI Age](#)

[The Art of Money Laundering – IMF F&D](#)

[The Art of Taxation](#)

[High Debt, Hard Choices](#)

[Can Advanced Economies Avoid Debt Distress?](#)

[Debt Reckoning. \[https://www.imf.org/en/Publications/fandd?cid=ca-com-compd-pubs\\\_rotator\]\(https://www.imf.org/en/Publications/fandd?cid=ca-com-compd-pubs\_rotator\)](#)

[Europe: How It Can Turn Adversity to Advantage](#)

[Stablecoins, Tokens, and Global Dominance](#)

[More Data, Now What?](#)

[International Trade: F&D Topics](#)

[Macroeconomic Challenges of Fragility and Policies for Stability and Growth:](#)

### Jobs: The Role of Parliamentarians, Governments, and Regulations

[World Bank Group President Blog: How to create jobs for the world's 1.2 billion new workers](#)

[World Bank Group Scorecard Jobs Indicator](#)

### Fragile and Conflict-Affected States: Legislative Leadership for Stability and Growth

[World Bank Group Refreshed Strategy for Engaging in FCV Settings \(consultations\)](#)

[World Bank Group Refreshed Strategy for Engaging in FCV Settings \(PPT\)](#)

[Fragile and Conflict Affected States](#)

[Financing Peace and Stability](#)

### Anti-Corruption, Good Governance and Financial Crime

<https://www.worldbank.org/en/programs/anticorruption-for-development>

[Fighting Tech-Fueled Crime](#)

[The Art of Money Laundering – IMF F&D](#)

### Financing Firm Growth Report

<https://www.ifc.org/en/insights-reports/2025/financing-firm-growth>

[Bridging Skill Gaps for the Future: New Jobs Creation in the AI Age](#)

[High Debt, Hard Choices](#)

[Macroeconomic Challenges of Fragility and Policies for Stability and Growth](#)

## **M300: Legislation to Facilitate Energy Access**

[M300: Energizing Africa](#)

## **Gender and Development: Gender Equality as a driver for sustainable development**

[Women, Business and the Law \(WBL\) 2026 report](#)

[WBL Economy profiles](#)

## **Investing in People: Human Capital & Health**

[Human Capital Flagship Report](#)

[Human Capital Index Plus \(HCI+\)](#)

[HCI+ Infographic](#)

[Health Works Campaign](#)

[Press Release: Progress Toward 1.5 Billion Health Care Goal Advances as Countries Adopt](#)

[National Health Compacts](#)

## **Water Forward**

[Water Strategy Implementation Plan](#)

## **Additional Material**

[Can Advanced Economies Avoid Debt Distress?](#)

[Debt Reckoning](#)

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