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Concept

On the occasion of the World Bank Group and International Monetary Fund (IMF) 2026 Annual Meetings in the Kingdom of Thailand, the Parliamentary Network on the World Bank and IMF (PN) will convene the Bangkok **Global Parliamentary Forum (GPF)** on **October 12-13, 2026**. The meeting will bring together parliamentarians, senior representatives of the World Bank Group and the IMF, and other key stakeholders to discuss pressing global economic and development priorities.

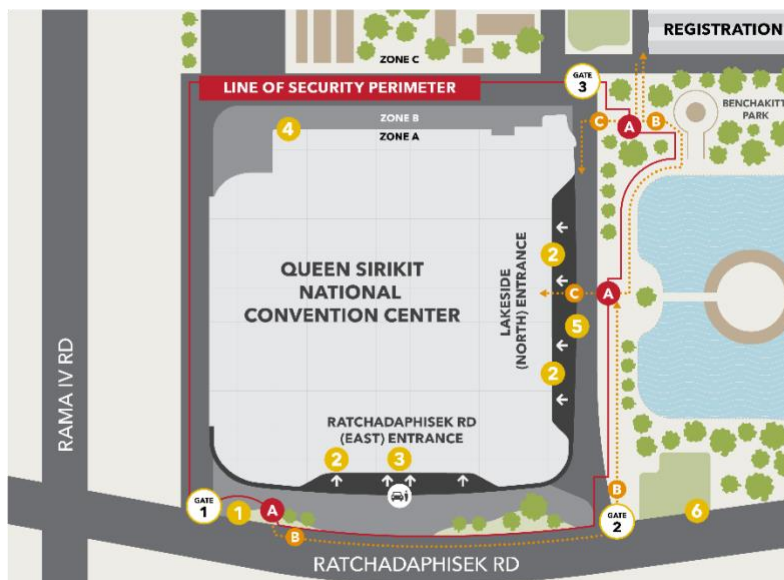
In alignment with the Annual Meeting's theme, "**The Kingdom of Thailand's New Horizons: Empowering People, Building Resilience**," the program will examine global development amid heightened uncertainty, geopolitical fragmentation, and pressures on growth, inflation, and fiscal stability. The Forum will also explore key policy priorities related to job creation, economic opportunity, and inclusive growth, examining how governments can foster productive employment, support workforce development, and respond to changing labor market demands in an increasingly digital and interconnected global economy. Discussions will touch upon the impact of artificial intelligence on sustainable growth, strategies to mobilize financing for sustainable development, creating enabling conditions for increased private sector participation, and the role of Parliaments in driving development progress.

Interpretation: Interpretation will be available in Thai, French, and Arabic on October 12, and in Thai and French on October 13.

Attire: In observance of the ongoing period of national mourning in the Kingdom of Thailand following the passing of Her Majesty Queen Sirikit, the Queen Mother, and Her Royal Highness Princess Bajrakitiyabha, participants are respectfully requested to wear dark or neutral-colored attire as a gesture of respect.

Venue, Logistics, and Resources

- **Venue:** The Forum will be held at the Annual Meetings Campus, the Queen Sirikit National Convention Center, 60 Ratchadaphisek Road, Khlong Toei Sub-district, Khlong Toei District, Bangkok 10110, Kingdom of Thailand.
- **Badge/Accreditation:** Badge pickup for registered participants will be available at the Registration Building adjacent to the Annual Meetings campus. Access will be limited to delegates who completed registration by the required deadline and received confirmation. On-site registration and guest passes will not be available.
- **Shuttle Service:** Complimentary shuttle buses will operate throughout the week between official Annual Meetings hotels and the Queen Sirikit National Convention Center. Shuttle schedules will be posted in hotel lobbies. [List of official hotels](#).
- **Meetings Websites:** Additional information is available through the official meetings websites:
 - [Government of Thailand](#)
 - [IMF website](#)
 - [World Bank Group website](#)



CAMPUS MAP

- 1 MRT (Subway) Entrance
- 2 Participant Entrance
- 3 Governor Entrance
- 4 Local Staff Badge Screening Point
- 5 Shuttle Bus Pick-up & Drop-off
- 6 Taxi Pick-up & Drop-off
- A Annual Meetings Badge Screening Point
- B Pedestrian Path from Road
- C Pedestrian Path from Registration into QSNCC

Program

SUNDAY, 11 OCTOBER 2026		
Time	Session	Venue
All day	Delegates Arrival Badge Collection <i>(after 12pm on Sunday, October 11, 2026)</i> Badges will be available only to delegates who completed registration by the deadline. Badge pickup for registered participants will be available at the Registration Building adjacent to the Annual Meetings campus. Same-day registration and visitor badges will not be available.	Queen Sirikit National Convention Center
MONDAY, 12 OCTOBER 2026		
Time	Session	Venue
8:30 am – 9:30 am	Late badge pick-up for GPF participants	Queen Sirikit National Convention Center
8:25 am – 9:30 am	IMF and World Bank Group 101 Breakfast with Young Parliamentarians (open to all young parliamentarians) Speakers: • Jakob Kopperud, Director, Government and Philanthropy Relations, World Bank Group • Tristan Hugh Walker, Deputy-Chief, Communication Department, IMF • Young Parliamentarians Moderators: Hon. Federica Onori MP, Italy, and Hon. Maureen Tabitha Mutinda, Senator, Kenya, Board Member, the Parliamentary Network on the World Bank & IMF	Room G-08

MONDAY, 12 OCTOBER 2026

Time	Session	Venue
9:30 am – 10:00 am	High-Level Exchange between Nigel Clarke, Deputy Managing Director, IMF, and Young Parliamentarians (open to all young parliamentarians) Speakers: • Nigel Clarke, Deputy Managing Director, IMF • Young Parliamentarians Moderators: Hon. Federica Onori MP, Italy, and Hon. Amira Saber, Senator, Egypt—Co-Chairs, IMF Young MPs Initiative	Room G-08
10:15 am – 11:30 am	Young Parliamentarians Listening Session: Perspectives from the Next Generation Moderators: Hon. Amira Saber, Senator, Egypt—Co-Chair, IMF Young MPs Initiative and Hon. Miguel Costa Matos MP, Portugal, Co-Chair, World Bank Group Young MPs Initiative	Room G-08
10:00 am – 11:30 am We strongly advise you to arrive at 9:40 as seating is limited.	World Bank Group Flagship Event: Small AI: More and Better Jobs The Bangkok flagship will put Jobs and AI at the center of the Annual Meetings, showing how developing countries can use AI to drive productivity, expand opportunity, improve essential services, and create more and better jobs. The event will build on the World Development Report 2026 to move from the promise of AI to what it takes to deploy it at scale, with a focus on Small AI, responsible deployment, and real development impact. It will give the World Bank Group a platform to showcase progress on its jobs agenda, set out the next phase of delivery, and demonstrate how AI can support better jobs and broader opportunity in developing countries. The message will then carry forward to the Seoul Digital Summit, reinforcing the WBG's leadership on practical, inclusive AI for emerging markets.	Room G-22
11:30 am – 12:45 pm	IMF Youth Dialogue Moderator: Dan Katz, First Deputy Managing Director, IMF	Room G-09
11:40 am – 12:35 pm	<i>Parliamentary Forum Lunch</i>	Room G-05

MONDAY, 12 OCTOBER 2026

Time	Session	Venue
12:45 pm – 1:00 pm	2026 Annual Meetings Priorities of the IMF and World Bank Group: The focus and agenda of the meetings Speakers: • Jay Heimbach, Vice President, External and Corporate Relations, World Bank Group • Julie Kozack, Director, Communications Department, IMF Moderator: Hon. Sven Clement MP, Luxembourg, Chair, The Parliamentary Network on the World Bank and IMF	Room G-02
1:15 pm – 1:35 pm	Keynote Address Speaker: • His Excellency Lertsak Pattanachaikul, Second Deputy Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Kingdom of Thailand Moderator: Hon. Sven Clement MP, Luxembourg, Chair, The Parliamentary Network on the World Bank and IMF	Room G-02
1:40 pm – 1:45 pm	Group Photo	Room G-02

MONDAY, 12 OCTOBER 2026

Time	Session	Venue
1:45 pm – 2:45 pm	Cybercrime and Financial Integrity: How Parliamentarians Can Protect Citizens and Strengthen Institutions Cybercrime and online financial fraud affect people’s daily lives through stolen savings, disrupted digital payments, higher business costs, weakened public services, and lost trust in institutions. Drawing on the International Monetary Fund Legal Department’s work on financial integrity, the session will examine how clear laws, stronger institutions, and parliamentary oversight can help countries address cyber-enabled financial crime, corruption, and illicit financial flows. It will focus on how parliamentarians can work with government, regulators, law-enforcement bodies, the private sector, and international partners to pass effective, implementable, and rights-respecting legislation; scrutinize implementation; approve resources; clarify institutional mandates; and support cross-border cooperation. Speakers: • Opening remarks: Yan Liu, General Counsel and Director of the Legal Department, International Monetary Fund • Brian Patterson, Deputy General Counsel, Legal Department, International Monetary Fund • Hon. Jakrapob Penkair MP, Parliament of Thailand (TBC) • Hon. Federica Onori MP, Italy Moderator: Hon. Jekaterina Rojaka MP, Lithuania	Room G-02
2:45 pm – 3:00 pm	<i>Coffee Break</i>	Room G-02

MONDAY, 12 OCTOBER 2026

Time	Session	Venue
3:00 pm – 4:10 pm	Multilateralism in Action: A Town Hall with World Bank Group and IMF Leadership On July 1, 1944, countries came together at Bretton Woods to establish the foundations of the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank Group—institutions designed to foster international economic cooperation in the aftermath of World War II. More than 80 years later, as the 2026 Annual Meetings return to Thailand for the first time in 30 years, the principles established at Bretton Woods continue to inform collective efforts to respond to a more complex, shock-prone, and fragmented global economy. Bringing together the senior leadership of the World Bank Group, the International Monetary Fund, the Parliament of the Kingdom of Thailand, and the ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly, this town hall will serve as a high-level forum for parliamentarians from around the world to deliberate on the future of multilateral cooperation. The discussion will consider how international institutions and lawmakers can work together to strengthen economic resilience, support job-rich growth, harness digital transformation and artificial intelligence responsibly, and deliver practical outcomes that improve lives and sustain public trust. Speakers: • Nigel Clarke, Deputy Managing Director, IMF • Paschal Donohoe, Managing Director and Chief Knowledge Officer, World Bank Group Moderator: Hon. Sven Clement MP, Luxembourg; Chair, the Parliamentary Network on the World Bank and IMF	Room G-02

MONDAY, 12 OCTOBER 2026

Time	Session	Venue
4:15 pm – 5:30 pm	The Role of Artificial Intelligence in Advancing Inclusive Growth Artificial intelligence has the potential to boost productivity, accelerate innovation, and support economic development — but only if its benefits are widely shared, both within and across countries. Realizing this potential will require effective governance frameworks that promote trust, manage risks, and ensure broad-based inclusion. This session will serve as a corollary to the World Bank Group flagship event on AI and will examine the role of AI as a force for inclusive and responsible development at scale. It will delve into the concrete frameworks laid out in the findings from the World Development Report 2026: The Promise of Artificial Intelligence. The IMF contribution will examine how AI is transforming economies and labor markets, and highlight the critical role of data, statistics, and governance in supporting inclusive and responsible AI adoption. In particular, the session will examine the policy and regulatory approaches needed to foster responsible AI adoption while mitigating potential risks, with a particular focus on the governance arrangements required to ensure inclusive and responsible deployment. Parliamentarians have a critical role to play in shaping the legislative frameworks that enable innovation, strengthen public confidence, support workforce adaptation, and ensure that the benefits of AI contribute to sustainable and inclusive growth. Speakers: • Jonathan Nagao, Global Director for Data and AI, World Bank Group • Bert Kroese, Chief Statistician and Data Officer and Director, Statistics Department, IMF • Hon. Sahar Nasr, Senator, Egypt (TBC) Moderator: Hon. Ravindra Airlangga MP, Indonesia	Room G-02
5:40 pm – 7:00 pm	Parliamentary Forum Reception - Open to all parliamentarians and parliamentary staff	Room G-05

TUESDAY, 13 OCTOBER 2026: *INTERPRETATION IN THAI AND FRENCH ONLY*

Time	Session	Venue
7:30 am – 8:00 am	Late Badge Pick-Up for Participants	Queen Sirikit National Convention Center
8:00 am – 9:00 am	<i>Breakfast for Participants</i>	Room 2-208C
9:00 am – 10:30 am	Financing Small Businesses: Smarter Credit, Taxation, and Partnerships for Growth Micro, small, and medium-sized enterprises (MSMEs) are the engines of global job creation and inclusive growth, yet they frequently encounter systemic barriers, including high financing costs, thin credit histories, and complex tax regimes. This closed-door plenary session convenes global parliamentarians, the IMF, and regional financial leaders to explore the vital intersection of macro-fiscal policy, domestic revenue mobilization, and private-sector development. The dialogue will examine how well-calibrated tax policy, modernized customs administration, and simplified compliance can incentivize business formalization and broaden the tax base without suffocating entrepreneurial growth. By bridging macroeconomic strategy with frontline financial inclusion—featuring insights from the largest SME funders across Thailand and the African continent—the session will highlight actionable strategies for expanding responsible credit access and building institutional trust through legislative frameworks, budget oversight, and public-private partnerships. Featured Speakers: • Rodrigo Valdés, Director, Fiscal Affairs Department, IMF • Sophie Sirtaine, Global Director, Financial Services, World Bank Group; CEO, CGAP. • Roy Agustinus Gunara, Chief Executive Officer, Thai Credit Bank Public Company Limited • Hon. Syerleena Abdul Rashid MP, Malaysia (TBC) Moderator: Hon. Estelle Youssouffa MP, National Assembly, France; Secretary of the Foreign Affairs Committee	Room 2-208C

TUESDAY, 13 OCTOBER 2026: INTERPRETATION IN THAI AND FRENCH ONLY

Time	Session	Venue
10:30 am – 10:45 am	<i>Coffee Break</i>	
10:45 am – 12:15 am	Reimagining Development Cooperation—From Global Recommendations to National Action Global development ambitions, support and advice will succeed only when they are translated into country-level political choices, institutions, budgets, and accountability. Parliaments are where many of those choices are authorized, contested, and scrutinized. This session will examine how parliamentarians can translate global development ambitions into nationally owned policies, financing, and implementation and become active partners in advancing investment, economic transformation, and job creation. It will ask what parliamentarians, World Bank Group country teams, philanthropic partners, and other actors can do together—and which reforms parliamentarians themselves are prepared to champion. The session will aim to clarify parliament's role in development cooperation, improve the connection between country priorities and the resources made available by the World Bank Group, identify the political, regulatory and institutional barriers to investment and job creation, and explore how parliamentarians and World Bank Group country teams and other partners can work together to mobilize domestic revenue, savings, pension and insurance assets, local financial institutions, responsible private investment, external capital, technology and other resources. Speakers: • Yemi Osinbajo, Co-Chair, Future of Development Cooperation Coalition • Gallina Vincelette, Vice President, Operations Policy and Country Services, World Bank Group • Hisham Abdo Kahin, Director, Operational Efficiency and Effectiveness, World Bank Group • Kate Hampton, CIFF • Hon. Arjun Kumar Karki MP, Nepal Moderator: Hon. Aia-Eza Nacília Gomes da Silva Troso MP, Angola; Board Member, the Parliamentary Network on the World Bank & IMF	Room 2-208C

TUESDAY, 13 OCTOBER 2026: INTERPRETATION IN THAI AND FRENCH ONLY

Time	Session	Venue
12:30 pm – 1:45 pm	<i>Parliamentary Forum Lunch</i>	Room G-05
2:00 pm – 3:00 pm	The Role of Guarantees in Capital Mobilization: Fireside Chat with MIGA's Managing Director Developing countries face an estimated \$4 trillion annual gap in the financing needed to achieve global development goals. Meanwhile, institutional investors manage at least \$280 trillion in assets, but perceived risks, political instability, currency fluctuations, and regulatory uncertainty prevent that capital from flowing to high-impact projects. Guarantees are the critical link between private capital and development needs. By protecting lenders and investors against non-commercial risks, MIGA provides the financial security required to fund essential projects, turning challenging environments into bankable opportunities. This session will deepen parliamentarians' understanding of MIGA, the home of the World Bank Group Guarantee Platform, and its role in mitigating risks and fostering confidence among investors to innovate, catalyze private capital, and create jobs. It will highlight how parliamentarians can strengthen the investment environments in their countries and support MIGA's work, particularly in the world's most fragile markets. Speaker: Tsutomu Yamamoto, Managing Director, Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency (MIGA), World Bank Group Moderator: Hon. Anna Gelderd MP, UK, Board Member, the Parliamentary Network on the World Bank & IMF	Room 2-208C
3:00 pm – 3:15 pm	<i>Coffee Break</i>	Room 2-208C

TUESDAY, 13 OCTOBER 2026: *INTERPRETATION IN THAI AND FRENCH ONLY*

Time	Session	Venue
3:15 pm – 4:30 pm	From Global Risks to Legislative Action: Parliamentarians and Financial Stability In an unpredictable global economy, decisions made in parliament can help protect people’s savings, jobs, businesses, and public finances. This plenary will offer parliamentarians a clear, practical look at the key risks highlighted in the October 2026 <i>Global Financial Stability Report</i>—from rising public debt and cyber threats to new pressures in the financial system—and what these mean for their countries and constituents. The session will also explore how new technologies, including artificial intelligence and digital financial assets, can create opportunities while requiring clear laws, consistent rules, and strong safeguards. By connecting global trends to national choices, the discussion will call on lawmakers to support legislation and oversight that strengthen resilience, protect public resources, and help ensure financial stability works for households and communities Speaker: • Jason Wu, Assistant Director, Monetary and Capital Markets Department, International Monetary Fund • Hon. Munkhsoyol Baatarjav MP, Mongolia Moderator: Hon. Faisal Saleem Rahman, Senator, Pakistan	Room 2-208C
4:30 pm – 5:45 pm	Concluding reception	2 - Rice View

WEDNESDAY, 14 OCTOBER 2026

Time	Session	Venue
10:30 am – 11:30 am	World Bank Group Flagship: Unlocking Investable Opportunities in Emerging Markets to Create Jobs This event is open and the event will be streamed to World Bank Live. What will it take to bring more private investment to emerging markets? World Bank Group President Ajay Banga will join investors, regulators, insurers, and development finance leaders to discuss how capital markets, local currency financing, guarantees, securitization, and policy reforms can reduce risk and create new investment opportunities. The conversation will look at how mobilizing more private capital can support businesses, economic growth, and job creation.	Room G-22

Selected 2026 Annual Meetings Public Events

Open to all registered parliamentarians

Kindly refer to the latest full schedule, and please be aware that certain events have restricted access:

[2026 Annual Meetings Schedule](#)

Institution	Event	Date	Time	Location: Queen Sirikit National Convention Center
WBG flagship event	World Bank Group Flagship: Capitalizing on Data to Expand Financing for MSMEs Micro, small and medium-sized enterprises (MSMEs) are a critical source of income and opportunity in developing economies. They account for 9 in 10 businesses, and three-quarters of all jobs. Yet millions of firms struggle to access the financing they need to grow and create more jobs. World Bank Group President Ajay Banga will join policymakers, regulators, and financial experts to explore how data and digitalization can help connect MSMEs to lenders and investors, and expand access to financing. The event will focus on how to unlock private capital at scale, with digitalization providing new and innovative opportunities for firms.	Oct 13	11:30 am – 12:30 pm	Room G22
IMF flagship event	Anti-Money Laundering and Anti-Corruption Thematic Fund (AMLAC)—Broadening Capacity Development Support for IMF Members	Oct 14	9:30 am – 10:30 am	Room G-07
IMF/Govt of Thailand	Bangkok Blueprint Launch Event	Oct 14	12:30 pm – 1:30 pm	Room G-01

Institution	Event	Date	Time	Location: Queen Sirikit National Convention Center
IMF flagship event	Global Debate: Forging Resilient and Dynamic Economies for the Future Speakers: Kristalina Georgieva, Managing Director, IMF; Ekniti Nitithanprapas, Minister, Ministry of Finance, Thailand; Kyriakos Pierrakakis, Minister of National Economy and Finance, Greece; Aliko Dangote, Founder, President, and Chief Executive Officer of the Dangote Group; Danny Quah, Professor of Economics, Lee Kuan Yew School	Oct 15	3:30 pm – 4:30 pm	Room G-01
IMF flagship event	AI and the Global Economy: Transformation in the Age of Disruption Moderator: Richard Quest, CNN: Speakers: Jack Clark, Co-Founder, Anthropic, Kristalina Georgieva, Managing Director, IMF, Tobias Meyer, CEO, DHL, Tiff Macklem, Governor, Central Bank of Canada	Oct 16	11:15 am – 12:15 pm	Room G-01