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Thursday 2 December – *hosted by the European Parliament*

14.00-18.00 PNoWB annual general meeting (plenary)

The Annual General Meeting of the Parliamentary Network on the World Bank is open to Members of Parliament only.

19.30-21.00 Opening reception – *Hosted by the City of Brussels at the Grand Place*

Bertin Mampaka, Deputy Mayor, Head of international cooperation, City of Brussels
Charles Michel, Minister for Development Cooperation, Belgium
Kristalina Georgieva, European Commissioner for International Cooperation, Humanitarian Aid and Crisis Response
Hugh Bayley, MP, UK, Chairman, PNoWB

09.00-09.30 Welcome address by Hugh Bayley, Chairman, PNoWB (plenary)

09.30-10.45 Parliament's Role in Financing for Development (plenary)

Official Development Assistance (ODA) is perhaps the most well-known and closely monitored form of development financing, but it is far from the only option that a country has to raise funds for poverty reduction and development programs.

Development finance has changed dramatically in the past decade. Today, sustainable financing for development includes mobilizing domestic financial resources through taxation systems; attracting foreign direct investment and other forms of private capital; increasing trade revenues; reducing external debt; and cooperating on a global level to address international financial issues. Furthermore, fighting corruption and increasing policy coherence also bring countries closer to sustainable development financing.

Parliaments have a critical role to play in mobilizing the national and international political support required for innovative financing mechanisms. This session aims to stimulate discussion on the various development financing tools available to countries, and the role of legislators in mobilizing both internal and external funding for development.

Moderator: Alain Destexhe, MP, Belgium, Vice-Chairman, PNoWB

Closing the 'infrastructure gap': how to mobilize and deploy budgetary resources effectively
Hugh Bredenkamp, Deputy Director, IMF Strategy, Policy and Review Department,
International Monetary Fund

International trade reform and regional trade
Said el Hachimi, Counsellor,
World Trade Organisation

Stemming illicit financial flows from South to North
Raymond Baker, Founder and Director,
Global Financial Integrity

Aid and innovative financing mechanisms
Carlos Braga, Director, Economic Policy and Debt in the Poverty Reduction and Economic
Management Network (PREM), World Bank Group

10.45-11.15 Break

11.15-12.45 Simultaneous Breakout Sessions

- **Making the private sector an engine for Development**

The relationship between economic growth and poverty alleviation is not necessarily a linear one. While more traditional approaches to poverty alleviation emphasize the role of the government and the public sector, newer approaches are emerging that recognize the private sector as an engine for growth and development.

This session seeks to engage panelists and participants in a discussion about 1) how the private sector can be a tool for development, 2) what role parliamentarians can play in this process and 3) responsible ways to encourage private sector growth in developing countries.

Moderator: Oliver Griffith, Head of Communications for Western Europe,
International Financial Corporation

The place of public policy in the development of the private sector
Hervé Gallepe, Parliamentary liaison, Agence Française de Développement

'Fixing' government so the private sector can grow
Alhaji Alhassan Azong, MP, Ghana, Minister of State for Public Sector Development

Neil Gregory, Chief Strategy Officer,
International Finance Corporation, World Bank Group

- **Building partnerships between parliaments and civil society for increased oversight and development effectiveness**

The wider development community in recent years has embraced the concept of strengthening active citizenship to help build effective states and a more equitable development environment. Development cooperation has become about fostering community ownership through participation, oversight and input.

As part of the focus on country ownership, development actors at all levels are waking up to the importance of reinforcing parliament's oversight capacity; strengthening local civil society actors; and fostering stronger relations between these two entities.

This session will present examples of how parliamentary/CSO cooperation is leading to improved development outcomes in a variety of settings, and suggest good practices that may be replicated in other countries.

Moderator: Alain Destexhe, MP, Belgium, Vice-Chairman, PNoWB

The role of civil society in legislative strengthening and development oversight
Scott Hubli, Director of Governance Programs,
National Democratic Institute for International Affairs (NDI)

Increasing dialogue between parliament and civil society, Nigeria's experience
Auwal Ibrahim Musa, Executive Director,
Civil Society Legislative Advocacy Centre (CISLAC), Nigeria

Building partnerships between parliaments and civil society
Olivier Pierre-Louveau, Parliamentary Development Knowledge Manager,
Agora Portal for Parliamentary Development (Agora)

Case studies in parliamentary/CSO cooperation for increased development effectiveness
Mark Baskin, Research Professor, Center for International Development,
State University of New York (SUNY/CID)

Parliaments and CSO cooperation in the changing aid architecture
The Association of European Parliamentarians with Africa (AWEPA)

- **Post-crisis challenges for low-income countries and the role of legislators**

The global economic crisis has had a severe impact on low-income countries. However, in contrast to previous world economic downturns, low-income countries have largely reacted to the crisis with a robust domestic policy response, according to the International Monetary Fund (IMF).

Past gains from macroeconomic stabilization and debt reduction, together with increased IMF crisis financing, have created space in many countries for short-term stimulus. In addition, the Fund cushioned the effects of the global financial crisis on low-income countries by significantly scaling up its support to LICs in 2009, increasing program flexibility, and reforming its loan instruments.

This session will highlight post-crisis challenges faced by low-income countries, with a focus on the role that legislators can play as their governments seek to restore economic growth in the wake of the crisis.

Moderator: Hugh Bayley, MP, UK, Chairman, PNoWB

Christian Mumssen, Division Chief, Strategy, Policy and Review Department,
International Monetary Fund

Henry Banyenzaki, MP, Uganda
Head of Chapter, PNoWB Uganda

Bert Koenders, Former Minister for Development Cooperation, the Netherlands,
Founding member and first Chairman, PNoWB

13.00-14.00 Lunch

14.15-15.30 Evidence-Based Policymaking for Development (plenary)

Evidence-based policymaking is an approach that helps legislators and governments to make well-informed decisions about policies, programs and projects by putting the best available evidence at the heart of policy development and implementation.

It is a rigorous approach that draws on data, lessons-learned, and quantitative as well as qualitative analysis. In evidence-based policy making, researchers, policy makers and civil society actors work together to ensure that development cooperation policy is informed by on-the-ground realities, community priorities and the latest research.

This session aims to provide legislators with an overview of how they can work with academics, institutions, citizens and colleagues from neighboring countries to better inform national-level policy making.

Moderator: Hugh Bayley, MP, UK, Chairman, PNoWB

The role of open data in evidence-based policy making
Caroline Anstey, Vice President for External Affairs,
World Bank Group

From research to policy: lessons learned in policy-influencing strategies
Enrique Mendizabal, Head of Research and Policy in Development (RAPID),
Overseas Development Institute (ODI)

Completing the evidence-based cycle: ensuring that evaluation findings and recommendations inform development cooperation strategies
Vinod Thomas, Director General and Senior Vice President,
Independent Evaluation Group (IEG), World Bank Group

15.30-16.00 Break [Board elections open]

16.00-17.15 Policy solutions to reach the poorest of the poor (plenary)

Nearly three billion poor people in developing countries lack access to the basic financial services needed to help them manage their precarious lives. Access to financial services—whether in the form of savings, credit, money transfers, or insurance—is a fundamental tool for improving a family’s well-being and productive capacity. It empowers the poor by reducing their vulnerability and offering them opportunities to improve their lives.

From the founding of the Grameen Bank in Bangladesh in 1976 to the exponential growth of microfinance programs today, promoting financial inclusion of the “poorest of the poor” has gained increasing traction in efforts to alleviate poverty.

This session will examine a number of policy solutions to reach excluded populations, and ways that G20 recommendations are being translated into on-the-ground, pro-poor policies.

Moderator: Kathryn Imboden, Consultative Group to Assist the Poor (CGAP)

A three point agenda for pro-poor development finance
Nuria Molina, Director,
European Network on Debt & Development (Eurodad)

Principles for innovative financial inclusion - from G-20 principles to policy action
Kathryn Imboden, Policy Advisory Consultant,
Consultative Group to Assist the Poor (CGAP)

Programmatic examples: reaching the poorest of the poor
Hassan Zaman, Lead Poverty Economist,
World Bank Group

[17.30 Board elections close]

<p>19.30-21.30 PNoWB 10th Anniversary Reception & Board Elections Results <i>Hosted by the World Bank Group at Hotel Sofitel Europe, Place Jourdan</i></p>
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09.00-10.30 Simultaneous Breakout Sessions

- **Africa towards 2015**

With five years remaining on the MDG clock, Africa has an unprecedented opportunity to make considerable headway towards achieving the goals. Alongside the recent acceleration in economic growth, progress towards meeting the MDGs has been sufficiently robust that many African countries are likely reach some, if not most, of the goals by 2015 or shortly thereafter.

But Africa still needs to address a number of persistent, long-term development challenges as part of efforts to reach the MDGs, including low levels of human capital, limited legal and property rights for African women, poor service delivery, infrastructure deficits, and climate change. Good governance --including greater transparency and accountability in the management of limited public resources-- is also central to realizing Africa's opportunities to achieve the MDGs.

This session, organized by the World Bank, seeks to engage panelists and participating parliamentarians in a discussion about 1) priorities for international assistance to Africa; and 2) the role of parliamentarians in securing sustainable, balanced growth and achieving the MDGs.

Moderator: Iyabo Obasanjo, MP Nigeria, Chair of the Senate Health Committee

MDGs and accountability, what role for MPs?

Gabriel Negatu, Director of Governance and Reform,
African Development Bank

Shanta Devarajan, Chief Economist for Africa,
World Bank Group

Overseas Development Institute, speaker to be confirmed

- **Meeting the health MDGs: A conversation between researchers, legislators and programmatic experts**

Ten years ago, the world's governments committed to reduce child mortality, improve maternal health and combat HIV/AIDS, TB and malaria. Yet, a child born in a developing country is still over 13 times more likely to die before the age of five than one born in a developed country; a woman dies in childbirth nearly every minute; and for every two people who begin HIV treatment, five others become newly infected with the virus.

The success of the Millennium Declaration and Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) requires major improvements in health systems and health outcomes across the developing world. Achieving the Health MDGs is a complex and challenging task. Rapid progress is needed if these goals are to be achieved by 2015. This is a demanding agenda even in stable, well-governed low income countries. The situation is particularly difficult in countries with poor and deteriorating economic and social conditions, weak governance and ineffective government-donor relationships.

This session is a conversation between health systems researchers, legislators and on-the-ground programmatic experts discussing what is needed to meet the health MDGs by 2015.

Moderator: Marleen Temmerman, Senator, Belgium, Medical Doctor, University of Gent

The Global Fund and parliamentarians: partners in saving lives
Svend Robinson, Senior Advisor, Parliamentary Relations,
Global Fund for AIDS, TB and Malaria (GFATM)

Paul Charles Waibale, Project Director, Prevention organizational systems AIDS Care & Treatment Project, Management Sciences for Health, Nigeria

Political action on health MDGs: learning from best practices
Marleen Temmerman, Senator, Belgium, Medical Doctor, University of Gent

David Hercot, Health Policy and Financing Unit, Department of Public Health,
Institute of Tropical Medicine, Antwerp, Belgium

- **Disaster risk reduction: An instrument for achieving MDGs**

The devastating and lasting impact of the 2010 Haiti earthquake and flood in Pakistan is a strong reminder that disasters pose a serious threat to achieving the MDGs. Each year, disasters push millions of people back into severe poverty, poor health, and limited access to clean water and food. Around 85% of people affected by earthquakes, cyclones, floods and droughts live in developing countries, and the direct costs of dealing with natural disasters in the past ten years have amounted to nearly a trillion dollars, excluding the additional billions of dollars required for disaster relief and recovery.

Changes are required to ensure that investments in MDG initiatives and socio-economic development will be disaster resilient and protect people and their livelihoods. Such changes demand strong commitment and political leadership, for which parliaments are strategically positioned.

This session, organized by the United Nations Strategy for Disaster Reduction (UNISDR) will discuss how Parliamentarians can play a strategic role in creating synergies between disaster risk reduction and climate-change adaptation, and in making disaster risk reduction an instrument for achieving the MDGs.

Moderator: Sálvano Briceño, Director,
United Nations International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (UNISDR)

Effective investment in disaster risk reduction through global partnership
Saumura Tioulong, MP, Deputy Chair, Second Standing Committee on Sustainable Development, Finance and Trade, Inter-Parliamentary Union

Argentina's experience in local DRR legislation
Dr. Nelly Gray de Cerdán, Senator of Mendoza, Argentina

Protecting the environment through disaster risk reduction
Abdou Sane, MP, Chair of National Parliamentarian Network for Disaster Risk Reduction and UNISDR Champion for Disaster Risk Reduction in West Africa, Senegal

Promoting synergies between disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation through legislation

Representative, the Philippines

- **Economic development and the MDGs, is population a factor?**

If we consider the major global issues facing us today: climate change, energy scarcity, severe poverty, food price volatility, and the financial crisis, why should anyone be concerned about population? The simple answer is that virtually all of these issues relate in some critical way to population growth.

The world's population is projected to top nine billion in the next 50 years. Compare that to the fact that in 1960—only 50 years ago— the total human population was three billion. In a single century, the human population will have tripled. This staggering statistic should make us pause.

This session, organized by Asian Forum of Parliamentarians on Population and Development (AFPPD), will focus on parliamentary advocacy in support of the International Conference for Population and Development (ICPD) Program of Action. By educating and empowering women, and giving them access to sexual and reproductive health, we can save lives, fight poverty, and accelerate progress to achieve the MDGs.

Moderator: Pinit Kullavanijaya, Senator, Thailand, Medical Doctor, AFPPD Secretary-General

Janette Garin, MP, Philippines, PNoWB Board member

Beyond the numbers: The role of population in economic development and the health MDGs
Eduard Bos, Lead Population Specialist, Health, Nutrition and Population Unit of the Africa Region, World Bank Group

Speaker from the European Parliament

10.30-11.00 Break

11.00-12.15 Dialogue with the International Monetary Fund

With Dominique Strauss-Kahn, Managing Director (plenary)

Opening remarks by Mr. André Flahaut, Speaker, Belgian House of Representatives, and Mr. Didier Reynders, Belgian Minister of Finance

12.30-13.30 Lunch reception at the Cercle Gaulois

13.45-15.00 Development Effectiveness: Towards 2015 and Beyond (plenary)

The Paris Declaration on Aid Effectiveness and the Accra Agenda for Action seek to reform the way development aid is delivered and managed in order to strengthen its impact and effectiveness and to accelerate the achievement of the MDGs. Both documents were signed at the High-Level Forum (HLF) on Aid Effectiveness —2005 and 2008 respectively— hosted by the OECD-DAC working party.

As the development community prepares for the 4th HLF in the end of 2011 – which will take stock of progress made towards aid effectiveness principles as defined in these two documents—there is much speculation that the principles will be refined and updated.

This session will focus on the role of legislators in increasing aid effectiveness and in holding their own governments-- as well as institutional signatories including the World Bank-- to account for commitments made in the Paris Declaration, the Accra Agenda and the UN Millennium Declaration.

Moderator: Janette Garin, MP, Philippines, PNoWB Board member

Parliamentary engagement with the MDGs

Kevin Deveaux, Parliamentary Development Policy Advisor,
United Nations Development Program (UNDP)

Preparing for the 4th High-Level Forum on Aid Effectiveness: increasing parliamentary participation

Alexandra Trzeciak-Duval, Head of the Policy Co-ordination Division,
OECD Development Co-operation Directorate

Patrick Guillaumont, President,
Foundation for Study and Research in International Development

IDA and aid effectiveness: lessons learned in multilateral financing

Axel van Trotsenburg, Vice President of Concessional Finance and Global Partnerships,
World Bank Group

15.00-15.15 Break

<p>15.15-16.30 Dialogue with the World Bank Group With Sri Mulyani Indrawati, Managing Director (plenary)</p>

16.30-17.00 Final plenary session & closing remarks

With PNoWB newly elected Board members

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