



The APPG for Africa
Report
(September 2016-September 2017)

Overview

In 2016 the Africa APPG streamlined its strategic direction by appointing seven officers to represent the five main regions of Africa, and establishing five key economic, political and social themes affecting the development of Africa. Themes for the 2016/2017 parliamentary year included 'Trade with and within Africa, with a focus on Brexit', 'Parliamentary and democratic oversight', 'Quality of decision making within UK Visas and Immigration' and 'Creative economy in Africa'.

In September 2016, the APPG took a delegation of three MPs (Chi Onwurah, MP, Anne McLaughlin, MP and Amanda Holloway, MP) to Namibia and South Africa to conduct further research for its 2017 inquiry on 'Brexit, EPAs and UK-Africa Trade Agreements'. Funded by the Royal African Society and Commonwealth Parliamentary Association UK (CPA-UK), the delegation comparatively analysed the level of parliamentary and legislative oversight of the negotiation of terms of EPAs in South Africa and Namibia. Through conversations with various stakeholders, including officials from the Department of Trade and Industry in South Africa, Namibia Trade Forum and the Speaker of the Namibian Assembly, the delegation gained a better understanding of how the SADC EPA was negotiated and used this knowledge to make suggestions on factors that both the UK and Africa should take into consideration when negotiating future trade agreements.

In February 2017 the group released its inquiry titled "**Africa-UK Trade and Development Cooperation Relations in the Transitional and Post Brexit Period**". The report consisted of the findings from the September delegation as well as an essay series, written by experts and stakeholders such as Dr Akinwumi Ayodeji Adesina from the African Development Bank which focused on the background, political economy and post Brexit opportunities and scenarios that EPAs present.

The group continues to meet with visiting delegates from African countries to better inform the APPG's agenda and aims to develop and establish connections with African Universities, Think Tanks and NGOs as well as diaspora groups. The group also encourages smaller organisations to get more involved by submitting evidence to their enquiries.

Officers and Executives 2016-2017

Following the general election of June 8 2017 the group held its inaugural meeting on 5 July 2017. The elected and non-elected officers of the group are as follows:

Chair:	Chi Onwurah MP
Co-Chair from the Lords:	Lord Chidgey
Vice-Chairs:	Lord Purvis (North Africa)
	Jeremy Lefroy MP (East Africa)
	Pauline Latham OBE MP (East Africa)
	Lord McConnell (West and Central Africa)
	Baroness Northover (Southern Africa)
	Lord Oates (Southern Africa)
Secretary:	Patrick Grady MP
Treasurer:	Baroness Uddin

Non-elected officers include

Hon. President:	Lord Steel of Aikwood
Hon. Vice-Presidents:	Baroness Chalker of Wallasey Lord Lea of Crondall

Publications

February 2017: [Africa-UK Trade and Development Cooperation Relations in the Transitional and Post Brexit Period](#)

The report aims to unpack the opportunities that Brexit, and the new trade policies that will arise out of it, has provided both Africa and the UK to engage in mutually beneficial and fairer trade strategies and uses Economic Partnership Agreements (EPA) as the basis through which these opportunities are identified. It consists of two parts, an essay series and a case study (informed by the aforementioned MP led delegation to Namibia and South Africa). The essay series, written by experts and stakeholders such as Dr Akinwumi Ayodeji Adesina from the African Development Bank, focuses on the background, political economy and post Brexit opportunities and scenarios that EPAs present. The case study seeks to understand the role that Parliament and civil society played during these countries' EPA negotiations. By using these two countries' experiences with EPAs, the delegation report is able to make suggestions on factors that both the UK and Africa should take into consideration when negotiating future trade agreements.

Africa in Parliament regular Westminster bulletin.

Delegations

17.09.16 – 24.09.16 Inquiry delegation to Namibia and South Africa on Economic Partnership Agreements.

Members of the Africa APPG (Chi Onwurah (MP), Amanda Holloway (MP), Anne McLaughlin (MP)) along with the Africa APPG coordinator (Hetty Bailey) visited Namibia and South Africa as part of the APPG Africa's inquiry into Economic Partnership Agreements (EPA) between the EU and regional economic areas in Africa. The delegation was arranged by the Africa APPG with costs for the MPs funded by CPA-UK and for the APPG coordinator by Royal African Society. Richard Dowden, director of the Royal African Society, also accompanied the delegation.

The delegation focused on understanding these countries' experiences with Economic Partnership Agreements, in particular the level of democratic oversight and parliamentary scrutiny of these agreements. Lessons from the delegation acted as the case study for the APPG's inquiry into Africa-UK Trade Relations post Brexit.

Meetings Held

01.11.2016 Roundtable on “Supporting participation of women & Rule of Law in DR Congo”

Speakers: Kongosi Mussanzi and Furaha Mussanzi - Human Rights Activists representing COMMON CAUSE UK, Centre Résolution Conflicts (CRC)

Chair: Anne McLaughlin MP

In collaboration with UK Women's International League for Peace & Freedom

18.01.2017 Meeting with Simon Waddington and Suntou Touray (Coordinator of the United Democratic Party in England) on the Gambia.

Chair: Chi Onwurah MP

24.01.2017 Roundtable with Rob Davies Minister of Trade and Industry, South African Trade Ministry Republic of South Africa

Chair: Chi Onwurah, MP

02.02.2017 Meeting with Paul Arkwright (British High Commissioner to Nigeria)

Chair: Chi Onwurah MP

07.02.2017 Namibia/South Africa Delegation Report Back Meeting

Speakers: Chi Onwurah (MP), Anne McLaughlin (MP), Amanda Solloway (MP)

Chair: Chi Onwurah MP

28.02.2017 2017 Inquiry Report Launch

Speakers: Ruth Bergan (Coordinator of the Trade Justice Movement), Mohammad Razzaque (Head of International Trade Policy at the Commonwealth Secretariat) and James Wharton MP (DFID Parliamentary Under Secretary of State)

Chair: Chi Onwurah MP

08.03.2017 Meeting with Salihu Mohammed Lukman, Director General of Nigerian Progressive Governor's Forum

Chair: Chi Onwurah MP

22.03.2017 Meeting with Charles Usie, Nigeria Country Manager Christian Aid

Matthew David (Parliamentary Assistant to Chi Onwurah, MP) on behalf of Chi Onwurah MP

22.03.2017 Meeting with Abebe Selassie, Director of the African Department (AFR) at the International Monetary Fund

Chair: Jeremy Lefroy MP

28.03.2017 Meeting with Wandile Dlodlu, Coordinator of the Swaziland United Deomcratic Front

Chair: Lord Oates

16.04.2017 Meeting with Bisi Alimi, Executive Director of The Bisi Alimi Foundation

Chair: Chi Onwurah MP

13.06.17 Economies to Watch: Galvanising business for the future of the DRC with Moise Katumbi and Zeinab Badawi

Chair: Lord Lea of Crondall

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05.07.2017 Inaugural meeting and election of officers

Chair: Chi Onwurah MP

17.08.2017 Challenges and opportunities in Africa's digital technology sector

Chair: Chi Onwurah MP

Speakers: Oluwaloni Olamide Olatubosun (Founder, Lifebank), Amadou Dafe (Co-Founder, Gebeya), Mafal Lo (Co-Founder, Firefly media), Juliana Costa (Co-Founder, Real Food), Odunayo Eunice Eweniyi (Co-Founder, Piggybank), Wilson Kutegeka (Founder, Clinic Master), Chukwuwezam Obanor (Co-Founder, Prep class), Tawanda Kembo (Co-Founder, BitFinance) Olumide Adeyiga Olusanya (Founder, Gloo NG), Justin Coetsee (Founder, Go Metro), Kena Amoah (Co-Founder, KudoBuzz), Onyekachi Izukanne (Co-Founder, Trade depot), Trevor Kimenye (Founder, Ongair), Oyindamola Ogundeyi (Founder, Fashpa), Bosun Tijani (CEO, CC Hub)

25.09.2017 Fringe Event at Labour Conference on "Trade and investment in Africa after Brexit" briefing

Speakers: Barry Gardiner MP (Shadow Secretary of State for International Trade and Shadow Minister for Energy and Climate Change), Chi Onwurah MP (Shadow Minister for Industrial Strategy and Chair of the Africa All-Party Parliamentary Group), Maximiliano Mendez-Parra (Senior Research Fellow, Overseas Development Institute) and Patrick Obah (Board Member, Trade Mark East Africa)

In collaboration with ODI and TOP APPG

Income & Expenditure Statement

This statement of the APPG for Africa covers the period from 15th September 2016 to 29th September 2017.

Date	Description	Expenditure	Income	Balance
15.09.2016	Opening balance brought forward	-	-	£305.81
29.09.2017	Closing balance	-	-	£1720.00

AAPP G Expenditure Report 15 September 2016 – 29 September 2017	Funded by				Total
	Income from CPA	Income from Brand Communic - ations	in kind from Royal African Society	Birmingha m University	
	£	£	£	£	£
Delegation to South Africa & Namibia					
Flights	3,492	-	2,328	-	5,820
Hotels	1,876	-	1,220	-	3,096
Local travel & accommodation	1,453	-	-	-	1,453
Total delegation expenditure	6,821	-	3,548	-	10,369
AAPPG Reports					-
Report production printing and design	-	963	1,328	-	2,290
Launch event	-	1,037	-	-	1,037
Total AAPPG report costs	-	2,000	1,328	-	3,327

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Future events	-	-	-	1,720	1,720
Staff costs	-	-	27,988	-	27,988
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	6,821	2,000	31,864	1,720	42,405

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