



Parliamentarians Ending Poverty

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Parliamentarians Ending Poverty

The UK has long been at the forefront of international efforts to fight global poverty, helping to lift millions of people around the world out of poverty and set the international agenda. Over the past decade tremendous progress has been made: the number of people living in extreme poverty has been reduced by half, over a billion people have gained access to clean water and more girls are enrolled in primary school than ever before.

Yet, as we approach the end of the Millennium Development Goals in 2015 and adjust to the impact of the global financial crisis, it is clear that huge challenges remain: every 3 seconds a child dies from extreme poverty.

Parliamentarians have a crucial role to play in helping people in the developing world help themselves out of poverty, whether it is through the eradication of extreme poverty and hunger; the reduction of maternal and child mortality; conflict prevention; the reduction in the spread of HIV and AIDS, TB, Malaria and other diseases; or the achievement of universal primary education.

The APPGs on International Development is a loose coalition of All Party Parliamentary Groups (APPGs) and other cross party associations which aims to raise awareness about global poverty within Parliament. The group includes hundreds of MPs and Peers from across the political spectrum, including many former ministers, who are Members of a wide range of APPGs working on related topics. This booklet gives details of these APPGs, including how to join, and it is hoped that this will be a useful resource for Parliamentarians interested in these issues.

The coalition also provides a platform for inspirational leaders in the field of international development to address Parliamentarians through its lecture series *Parliamentarians Ending Poverty*. In 2010 the coalition held its inaugural event with Bill Gates, which attracted 130 MPs and Peers. In 2012, 27 APPGs and CPA UK are hosting His Holiness the Dalai Lama as the second meeting in this series. We hope this series will inspire Members to become more involved in international development issues and look forward to working together on future occasions.

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Africa All Party Parliamentary Group

The Africa APPG aims to engage Parliamentarians on issues that affect the continent as a whole, across a range of policy areas including international development, foreign affairs, and business. It was launched in 2003 by Hugh Bayley MP and Lord Lea of Crondall.

With over 100 Members from both Houses, the Group holds regular meetings, briefings and receptions with experts and high profile speakers. We arrange visits, such as a recent study tour to Brussels, and publish reports on issues including HIV/AIDS, corruption and the Bilateral Aid Review. Each of our reports has received an official government response and important changes in UK Government policy have resulted from this – for instance a quadrupling of our aid for people with HIV/AIDS in Africa, and a new Bribery Act.

We additionally work closely with a programme called Africa-UK to link Parliamentarians with members of the African Diaspora.

The Royal African Society, Britain's prime Africa organisation, provides the administration for the Africa APPG. As such, Africa APPG membership benefits include invitations to RAS's Business Breakfasts and Annual Lecture (recent speakers include Kofi Annan and Mallam Sanusi Lamido Sanusi, Governor of the Central Bank of Nigeria), and a weekly *Africa in the News* bulletin.

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Royal African Society



The All Party Parliamentary Group on Agriculture and Food for Development

“More than 1 billion people suffer from chronic hunger, and most of them are small farmers. We need to raise their productivity so that they have extra output, which can be saved for lean years, or sold so they can have money to send their kids to school. We will also need to feed the additional 3 billion people that will populate the earth in the next 50 years...The difference to a small farmer between having the old seed or the new seed is the difference between starving and thriving.” Bill Gates (Gates Foundation)

More people suffer from chronic hunger today than at any other time in history. MDG 1, to reduce by half the proportion of people who suffer from hunger, is so far off track that it is now moving in the wrong direction. To achieve MDG 1 115 million people must be lifted out of chronic hunger each and every year up until 2015 – and this would still only be half of the global problem. The cost of this under-nutrition to the developing world is estimated to be some \$20 – 30 billion per year.

The All Party Parliamentary Group on Agriculture and Food for Development was formed in October 2008 in response to the on-going food price rises in the developing world.

The APPG seeks to bring together Parliamentarians concerned with agriculture, nutrition and wider food and water security in the developing world. This cross -party group aims to engender progressive and informed discussion both within Westminster and beyond by bridging the gap between policy makers, academics and practitioners in the field whilst also giving a voice to the ‘unheard’ 700 million smallholder farmers in the developing world, and the 2 billion people they support.

Over the last two years, the APPG has hosted a programme of week-long study visits for UK Parliamentarians to Kenya, Tanzania, Ghana and South Sudan to review the current situation and the UK’s role in tackling chronic hunger there.

If you are interested in finding out more about the APPG please visit:

www.agricultureandfoodfordevelopment.org



The All-Party Parliamentary Group on Agroecology

“An agroecological approach recognises the multifunctional dimensions of agriculture and facilitates progress towards a broad range of equitable and sustainable development goals.”

International Assessment of Agricultural Knowledge, Science and Technology for Development

The All-Party Parliamentary Group on Agroecology (APPGA) exists to raise awareness about sustainable farming practices among Parliamentarians, civil society and organisations and helps develop policies that promote sustainable agroecosystems and protect farming as a way of life.

The APPGA has an extensive membership of MPs and Peers in the UK Parliament and is chaired by Baroness Miller of Chilthorne Domer and Mr Rob Ffello MP. It also enjoys support from a wide range of public members and key stakeholders. It is a very active group that has regular meetings that are well attended. In 2012 alone we have hosted successful meetings on the Common Agricultural Policy, Environmental Law, Democratising Agricultural Research in West Africa and Safeguarding British Soils. We continue to work on and develop these themes through policy proposals, Early Day Motions, Parliamentary Questions and facilitating high-level dialogues.

We have ambitious plans for the 2012/13 parliamentary session, which is guided by the genuine cross-party support we receive from both MPs and Peers, with a very strong executive drawn from the Liberal Democrats, Labour Party and Conservatives alike.

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ALL PARTY PARLIAMENTARY CLIMATE CHANGE GROUP

"To raise awareness of the threat of climate change and to promote policies which counter that threat"

The All Party Parliamentary Climate Change Group (APPCCG) is a coalition of 145 Parliamentarians from all parties, along with over 150 businesses, NGOs, academic institutions, and embassies. The APPCCG exists to raise awareness about climate change among Parliamentarians, businesses, and civil society, and to develop policies to effectively combat climate change. Our chair is Joan Walley MP, and our Secretariat is based at The CarbonNeutral Company. Membership is open to all businesses, NGOs, MPs and Government departments with an interest in tackling climate change and promoting a low carbon future.

The APPCCG hosts a wide variety of events, featuring UK and foreign government ministers, international climate experts, and business leaders; and covers all aspects of climate change and climate policy, from climate science to sustainable development to carbon accounting and green investment. Past events have included meetings with Al Gore, Yvo de Boer, Sir Nicholas Stern, Mikhail Gorbachev, Dr. Sayeedur Rahman Khan (Bangladeshi High Commissioner); Joseph Muchemi (Kenyan High Commissioner); and Laleshwar Singh (High Commissioner of Guyana).

The APPCCG has also conducted parliamentary inquiries in the past, gathering and analysing evidence on the political background and implications of climate policy. At the international climate negotiations in Copenhagen, the APPCCG launched *Climate Change Equity: Is It a Plan, an Aspiration, or a Fashion Statement?*, the report of an innovative joint inquiry with the parliament of Bangladesh.

For more information about the APPCCG or to discuss becoming a Member, please contact Neha Sethi Nijhon at the APPCCG Secretariat on 020 7833 6035 or e-mail climatechangegroup@carbonneutral.com.



The All Party Parliamentary Group for Debt, Aid and Trade (APPG DAT) was created in 2005 with the aim of bringing together Parliamentarians concerned with macroeconomic issues within the international development debate.

The group looks to foster cross-party interest and support for: increased debt relief; the need for increased international aid delivered in a more efficient manner; and to promote an equitable international trading system for developing countries. It meets regularly with key stakeholders to discuss such pivotal issues.

In Parliament, the All Party Group provides a range of briefings for its Members to utilise and organises events to bring together Parliamentarians and interested stakeholders. It monitors developments in parliament relating to macroeconomic issues and international development. The group also actively promotes and raises awareness of international development issues in Parliament via a range of parliamentary tools. These include:

- the suggested tabling of parliamentary questions (both written and oral)
- the proposal of Early Day Motions
- organising adjournment or topical debates in the chambers as well as the introduction of Private Members and 10 Minute Rule Bills
- conducting inquiries

The APPG enjoys genuine cross-party support from both Houses, with a very strong executive drawn from the Labour Party, Conservative and Liberal Democrats alike.

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The All Party Parliamentary Group for Earth and Environmental Sciences

“To inform and educate on all issues relating to Earth and Environmental Sciences”

The All-Party Parliamentary Group for Earth and Environmental Sciences was formed in 2000 by Professor Allan Rogers (former MP for the Rhondda) to provide a forum for debate and an opportunity for MPs to meet with experts from academia and key representatives from relevant organisations and be informed about Earth and Environmental sciences.

With such fast moving technical and scientific advancement, it was recognised that MPs need an arena for informal debate that brings together key representatives from all stakeholder groups.

The Group has held more than 80 meetings at which more than 150 presentations have been given and attendees have participated in discussion and debate on a wide range of topical issues, including flooding, tsunamis and earthquakes, nuclear waste disposal, minerals and mining, conflict diamonds, fossil fuels and alternative energy, coastal erosion, climate change, land contamination, landslides, and aggregates etc. Two full-day conferences have also been held; the first in October 2004 ‘Improving the Effectiveness of Education Resources for Earth Science and Industry’ and the second in November 2005 ‘National Disasters Day’.

Recent meetings have included a joint meeting organised in conjunction with the APPG on HIV/AIDS and the APPG on Global Tuberculosis. The Earth and Environmental Sciences Group have also held meetings with the Parliamentary and Scientific Committee, APPG on Mining Communities, APPG on Peak Oil and others.

Chair - Martin Caton MP
Vice-Chairs - Roger Williams MP, Duke Montrose
Secretary - Rt Hon Kevin Barron MP
Treasurer - Lord Oxburgh

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The All-Party Parliamentary Group on Global Education for All

Education is a basic right and is the foundation for strong, prosperous and peaceful societies around the world. It is the most effective development intervention available, contributing powerfully to economic growth, poverty reduction and better health. Despite this, 67 million children of primary school age do not attend school. With progress slowing in the last few years, there could be more children out of school in 2015 than there are today.

The APPG on Global Education for All represents a group of over 65 MPs and Peers from across the political spectrum who have come together to support strong UK action on achieving the Education for All goals. The Group aims to raise greater awareness of the factors affecting the provision of education globally, and the Government's obligations to help to meet the education-related Millennium Development and Education for All Goals.

The group was launched on September 14th, 2010 at a parliamentary event, '1GOAL: Education for All' with Gary and Danielle Lineker. Since then we have held events on: girls' education, international funding for education, teachers, inclusive education for disabled children, and education in Nigeria. We also organised a delegation to visit Nigeria in February 2012.

The APPG is closely involved with the Global Campaign for Education UK's annual schools campaign 'Send My Friend to School'. The campaign runs in approximately a third of UK schools every year, engaging thousands of schoolchildren with the issue of education for all. In September we will be holding a parliamentary reception showcasing the 2012 campaign 'Go for Gold', which is inspired by the London 2012 Olympics. We will also hold events on the role of the private sector in education, and on women and skills development.

Co-Chairs: Baroness Goudie and Justin Tomlinson MP

Vice-Chairs: David Blunkett MP, Annette Brooke MP, Chris Heaton-Harris MP, Jason McCartney MP, Alison McGovern MP, Pamela Nash MP, Fiona O'Donnell MP, Andrew Percy MP, Baroness Sharp of Guildford and Mark Williams MP

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All-Party Parliamentary Group on Global Health

At a time of rapid globalisation and growing instability, global health is emerging as an important concept and has been adopted as a key policy theme by the UK Government. The APPG on Global Health has been set up to connect Parliamentarians with a growing global health community of academics and civil society groups and to inform and improve policy in this area.

It recognises that:

- **Health is global and interdependent** – it is no longer possible to separate health issues between countries. We increasingly face the same global threats and rely on the same people and technologies for solutions.
- **Policies that most affect health are not always health policies** – other policies have enormous impact on health determinants and solutions.
- **Health needs collaboration** – between countries, sectors, departments and organisations. Cross-sectoral collaboration on global health is critical.

The new APPG will focus on these underlying cross-cutting health issues which affect us all wherever we live and will seek to work with other APPGs dealing with health and development issues.

The Group will offer policy recommendations and advice to Parliament and the Government on these key issues, drawing on the interest and knowledge of its Members and the expertise of the wider global health community.

For more information please go to www.appg-globalhealth.org.uk or contact the APPG Coordinator Vanessa Halipi (halipiv@parliament.uk).

KEY FACTS

TB is curable and preventable, yet in 2010:

1.45 million people died from TB.

8.8 million people fell ill with TB, the number has been declining since 2005.

In the UK 8,483 cases of TB were reported in 2010.

There were an estimated 650,000 cases of multidrug-resistant TB (MDR-TB).

1 in 10 people infected with TB will become sick with active TB in their lifetime.

TB is a leading killer of people infected with HIV.

Sources: World Health Organisation and UK Health Protection Agency



All-Party Parliamentary Group on Global Tuberculosis

Tuberculosis (TB) is curable with cheap medicines, but continues to kill millions every year.

The APPG on Global Tuberculosis brings together MPs and Peers with an interest in tackling this devastating and preventable disease. We work to raise the profile of this issue in Parliament and to improve policies to eradicate TB in the UK and globally.

Since the group was formed six years ago there has been significant progress in efforts to tackle TB. The number of people infected with active forms of TB and dying from the disease has decreased globally and there has been a renewed focus on research and development into new vaccines, drugs and diagnostics that are fundamental to tackle the disease.

Despite this progress TB continues to kill 3800 people every day. That is almost 3 people every minute for a disease that can be treated with a course of antibiotics. Rates of TB are also now rapidly increasing in the UK and there are now more new cases of TB each year than new cases of HIV.

In spite of the obvious challenges we face, the message is clear. We are beginning to build momentum and get on the front foot in the fight against the disease. Now is the time to step up our efforts, only then will lives that are needlessly lost be saved and this year's (2012) World TB Day theme of 'Stop TB in my lifetime' be achievable.

"The APPG on Global TB has been an invaluable resource in the fight against tuberculosis in the UK and internationally. The work of the group clearly has a high impact, keeps this treatable and preventable disease high on the political agenda, influences UK Government policy, which in turn has the potential to have a positive impact on governments in the global North and South" **Health Protection Agency**

An active and engaged APPG is an important component to ensuring the UK Government is continuing to be at the forefront of combating the disease.

To join the group and to support our work, please contact the APPG's Policy Adviser, Simon Logan: Logans@parliament.uk or 020 7499 8238. **Website:** www.appg-tb.org.uk



ALL PARTY PARLIAMENTARY GROUP on the GREAT LAKES REGION of AFRICA



The Great Lakes region of Africa - the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Uganda, Rwanda and Burundi - has been the scene of some of the worst human suffering of this century and the last, including the 1994 Rwandan genocide and the ongoing conflict in eastern DRC, which has resulted in an estimated 5.4 million deaths since 1998. Enormously endowed with natural resources, from timber to diamonds, water to oil, the area has the potential to become an economic driving force and source of inspiration for the entire continent – or a source of instability.

The Group aims to: ensure that the Great Lakes Region is on the political agenda of the Government; to encourage discussion of regional issues; and to provide a channel for contacts with Great Lakes experts, NGOs and Parliamentarians in the DRC, Rwanda, Uganda and Burundi. In the past year, the APPG has met with Burundian President Pierre Nkurunziza, head of the United Nations peacekeeping mission in the DRC, Roger Meece, and philanthropist George Soros, among many others. It has hosted parliamentary delegations from Great Lakes' parliaments and has mounted field visits to the DRC and Rwanda.

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ALL-PARTY PARLIAMENTARY GROUP ON HIV AND AIDS



HIV and AIDS projects around the world are saving lives. Millions of people are alive today who would have died without access to life-saving HIV treatment. Thanks to funding, their children are spared orphan-hood and communities are beginning to weather the epidemic.

But sadly more than half of people living with HIV in the developing world do not have access to HIV treatment. For every 2 people starting on HIV treatment 5 more become infected, and HIV remains the leading cause of death for women of reproductive age worldwide.

The APPG on HIV and AIDS works to ensure that the millions of people who do not have access to HIV treatment and prevention, are not forgotten. We work to challenge our Government and others to aim higher in responding to the epidemic, and support Parliamentarians around the world in advocating for funding and combating HIV related stigma.

The group holds regular public meetings, as well as participating in debates, briefings and international meetings and conferences to ensure that HIV remains on the political agenda.

Our inquiries have a global reach. The Director of the International AIDS Society said:

“The APPG on HIV and AIDS is an inspiration to Parliamentarians across the world. It was the first cross-party group of its kind, and has demonstrated how political leadership on AIDS can make a real difference. The MPs and Lords involved in the group have shown fantastic global leadership.”

We hope you will join us and add your leadership to the challenge of HIV and AIDS.

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The APPG on Human Trafficking

The APPG on Human Trafficking was set up in July 2006 by former MP, Anthony Steen. It is currently co-chaired by Peter Bone MP and Baroness Butler-Sloss.

Human trafficking is modern day slavery. It is a global business which generates huge profits for the traffickers and crime syndicates – the UN estimates that human trafficking is the second most lucrative organised criminal activity after drug smuggling. A trade of this scale requires interventions at multiple levels if it is to be tackled effectively.

The APPG's purpose is to raise awareness of the scale and effects of human trafficking and contribute to making the UK more hostile to traffickers and more compassionate to victims. The APPG enjoys cross-party support in both Houses.

The Human Trafficking Foundation - whose Chairman, Anthony Steen, is Special Adviser to the APPG - provides Parliamentarians with expert advice and coordinates regular meetings with key players in the anti-trafficking field.

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APPG for International Development and the Environment

The All-Party Parliamentary Group for International Development and the Environment aims to provide a forum for greater discussion of sustainable development, ensuring that international development is fully rooted in environmental stewardship and the need for careful management of natural resources, and further ensuring that environmental policy takes full account of the needs of the poor and their aspirations for a better quality of life.

The APPG for International Development and the Environment was established in November 2010 because Parliamentarians wanted a Westminster platform to consistently make the links between global poverty and natural resources. The group works with other APPGs and with NGOs, businesses and other groups outside of parliament.

The secretariat for the APPG for International Development and the Environment is provided by the International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED). The group is also supported by the Development and Environment Group of BOND, the UK membership body for international development organisations.

The officers of the group are (Joint Chairs) Martin Horwood MP, Laura Sandys MP, Mark Lazarowicz MP, Lord Teverson, Rt Hon Michael Meacher MP, Caroline Lucas MP, (Vice Chairs) Sir Peter Bottomley MP, Pauline Latham MP, Baroness Kinnock, Lord Hannay, Lord Cameron of Dillington, Baroness Miller of Chilthorne Domer, Rt Hon Lord Foulkes and Mark Durkan MP.

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The All Party Parliamentary Group on Landmines and Unexploded Weapons of Conflict

Chairman: Pauline Latham OBE MP

"Millions of people live with [the fear of landmines]. And every day people die or suffer horrific injuries from abandoned weapons left behind after conflict".

The All Party Parliamentary Group on Landmines and Unexploded Weapons of Conflict will draw attention to the humanitarian consequences of the manufacture and use of landmines and cluster munitions, and to raise the profile of the humanitarian benefits of mine and other unexploded ordnance clearance, campaigning for appropriate policy change and acting as a focal point for debate and the exchange of ideas, views and information.

The APPG and the Secretariat will adhere to the International Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on Their Destruction (The Ottawa Treaty), the Oslo Convention on Cluster Munitions and the UN Convention on Certain Conventional Weapons as it relates to mines other than anti-personnel mines.

The APPG will strive to support efforts to resolve the humanitarian issues around mine clearance in post conflict areas of the world and supports all efforts to abandon the use of mines in conflicts.

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The All-Party Parliamentary Group on Malaria and Neglected Tropical Diseases (APPMG)

The Group provides a forum for thought and discussion with leading world experts on how to control Malaria and Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs) all chronic disabling infections. The Group is a strong advocate in and out of Parliament for all those who are committed to tackling these diseases.

The many interest groups are working on malaria control are willing to exchange ideas and help each other. The results are evident: mosquito net coverage is increasing and the best drugs are now cheaper and more widely available. Deaths from malaria have fallen by 26% and the number of recorded cases by 17% since 2000.

Our aim is to work for total eradication of malaria which is the only long term solution.

There is however, growing resistance to the new artemisinin based drugs, and insecticides. Other challenges are access to remote communities and sustainable financing.

In addition the Group's role is to raise the awareness of many NTDs and the misery they cause millions in the developing world. Many of these diseases can be easily cured if finance and other resources are available.

The Group publishes two reports a year: one in the summer on malaria and one in the autumn on NTDs. Please let us know if you would like a copy.

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The All-Party Parliamentary Group on Microfinance

Almost 3 billion people in the world do not have access to formal financial services and instead rely on irregular and unreliable mechanisms to borrow or save. Microfinance offers poor people access to basic financial services such as loans, savings, money transfer services and insurance, giving people the tools that they need to take charge of their own financial lives. Microfinance has an important role to play in contributing towards the achievement of all of the Millennium Development Goals, particularly those relating to eradicating hunger and poverty and the empowerment of women.

The purpose of the APPG on Microfinance is: to raise awareness of microfinance and the role it can play in reducing poverty; to improve the practice and delivery of microfinance; and to provide a forum for communicating new developments in the field of microfinance and associated services.

In 2011 the APPG held a parliamentary inquiry, which culminated in the report 'Helping or hurting: what role for microfinance in the fight against poverty?' The report was widely praised and has been influential in the UK Government's thinking on new microfinance programmes that are currently in development. In 2012 we are focusing on taking forward the recommendations of the inquiry, for example we recently held a roundtable meeting with investors in microfinance which focused on how investors can contribute to social impact in the sector. Future events include a reception to celebrate our tenth anniversary and work on financial sector regulation.

Co-Chairs: Harriett Baldwin MP, Lord Boateng and Annette Brooke MP

Vice-Chairs: Stephen Lloyd MP and Mary Macleod MP

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All Party Parliamentary Group on Migration

With a [cross-party membership of MPs and Peers](#), the group's mission is to provide a continued opportunity for public and political discourse on challenges and opportunities relating to contemporary migration flows in the UK.

Key activities undertaken by the APPG on Migration include meetings in parliament on immigration issues, as well as meetings in different regions of the UK with key Parliamentarians and other stakeholders. Briefing papers for meetings are produced and published on this site as well as a running commentary on parliamentary debates relating to migration.

The APPG is chaired by **Jack Dromey MP**, Member of Parliament for Birmingham Erdington, who oversees group activities and materials. The group's parliamentary liaison officer is **Awale Olad**, who can be contacted on 0207 920 6426 or a.olad@migrantsrights.org.uk.

The secretariat of the APPG on Migration is the [Migrants' Rights Network](#), a registered charity. The APPG is registered with the [House of Commons](#).



Apgood continues to bring together Members from all political parties and both Houses of Parliament to discuss the key issues on the development agenda: What will replace the Millennium Development Goals? Should we create a new aid deal for the most fragile states? What comes after aid? Are we making progress in development? How can we build resilience amongst poor communities?

As one of the longest-standing APPG's Apgood has a long and proud record of attracting senior global figures to talk to UK Parliamentarians and the development community. Under the current chair, David Laws MP, recent speakers have included Secretary of State for International Development, Andrew Mitchell MP, President of the World Bank, Robert Zoellick and Head of the United Nations Development Programme, Helen Clark.

The group's work is supported with briefings, meetings and research by Britain's leading think tank on development and humanitarian issues, the Overseas Development Institute (ODI). You can contact the secretariat through Jonathan Tanner at j.tanner@odi.org.uk or on 0207 9220431.





APPG on POPULATION, DEVELOPMENT AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH

Chair: Baroness Tonge

Vice-Chairs: Richard Ottaway MP and Geoffrey Clifton-Brown MP

Secretary: Baroness Flather

Treasurer: Lyn Brown MP

- f* Provides a forum for discussion by MPs and Peers on population, development and sexual and reproductive health issues;
- f* Has an active committee which plans and runs the Group's business;
- f* Holds meetings open to Members addressed by prominent experts on population, family planning, reproductive health, young people, sex education, development and the environment including climate change;
- f* Has consultations and briefings with population, reproductive health and development NGOs and the Department for International Development;
- f* Initiates and takes part in parliamentary debates on population, development, sexual and reproductive health, encouraging increased DfID funding to meet countries' needs for access to relevant services;
- f* Participates in study tours to developing countries to improve understanding of family planning and reproductive health needs and services;
- f* Participates in national, international and UN conferences on population, development and reproductive health and rights, and allied issues; and
- f* Encourages the establishment of and maintains contact with similar parliamentary groups worldwide.

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ALL PARTY PARLIAMENTARY GROUP ON STREET CHILDREN

Around the world there are millions of children living in poverty and squalor: typically they have no access to healthcare or education, and often have no security, no hope, no love. They are street children – but above all children – who deserve the care and protection of adults. **The Rt Hon Sir John Major**

Whether a runaway from Derby or a street child in Delhi, the APPG on Street Children exists to protect the rights of children worldwide and raise the various issues they face. This work will include receiving reports of human rights violations against children globally and communicating concerns to Parliamentarians, ambassadors and governments. The APPG acts as the vital interface between policy and practice, by being a platform from which to discuss, debate and highlight the issue of vulnerable children around the world, including in the UK.

The realisation of street children's rights continues to be a major issue facing governments and societies worldwide, including the UK and Europe, yet still gains far too little attention. Stigmatised and marginalised within society, it is these children who fall through the gaps of legislation and development initiatives, and who are even persecuted by those meant to be protecting them. One estimate put the number of street children worldwide as 100 million; lacking food, shelter, medical care and protection.

The APPG on Street Children endeavours to keep its Members up to date by providing media watch bulletins, an engaging calendar of events, briefings and meetings. We are eager to gather as many voices as possible to advocate for the rights of street children and would very much value your contribution.

The Secretariat is provided by the Consortium for Street Children.

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Associate Parliamentary Group for Sudan and South Sudan

The past two years have marked a particularly historic era for Sudan and South Sudan with a referendum in which the South Sudanese voted overwhelmingly for secession, the expiration of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement (CPA) which ended Africa's longest running civil war, and jubilant celebrations as South Sudan became the world's newest country on the 7th July 2011. Following this historic event, the APG for Sudan became the APG for Sudan and South Sudan, and has readjusted to focus on two new countries, which continue to have many overarching issues.

Yet since the beginning of 2012, issues left unresolved from the CPA have led to a dramatic escalation of tensions between the two countries, amidst warnings of a major humanitarian crisis and with dire consequences for the economies of both countries. Sudan and South Sudan continue to face monumental challenges, and the UK will continue to have an important role to play over the next few years.

The Associate Parliamentary Group (APG) for Sudan and South Sudan was formed in 1998 in response to concerns raised by Sudanese diaspora groups about the political, economic and social situation in their country. Since its inception the group has acted as a key forum in Parliament for actively debating and highlighting key issues, working hard to promote the causes of peace, human rights, justice and development for the peoples of Sudan and South Sudan across the political spectrum in Westminster and Whitehall.

The APG has established a growing membership of over 100 British MPs and Peers across political parties. In addition, the Group has an active wider membership including Sudanese and South Sudanese individuals and associations, non-governmental organisations, academics, researchers, media and human rights groups. Since its inception in 1998 the group has acted as the key forum in Parliament for actively debating and highlighting key issues.

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Third World Solidarity was established on 10th April 1986 by a few dedicated activists working for peace, justice, democracy and human rights improvement in developing countries from London. TWS has organised 100s of seminars, conferences and demonstrations to achieve its aims in many countries including the USA, UK, India, Pakistan, Morocco, Portugal, Greece, France, Germany and has participated in China, Iran, Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bulgaria and South Korea. The All Party Parliamentary Group on TWS was formed in 2005 by Chair Dave Anderson MP for Blaydon and organises regular meetings in the Palace of Westminster on issues relating to our aims from Palestine to Kashmir, including Ethiopia, Columbia, Cuba, Afghanistan, and North Korea to youth issues in the UK. TWS is a NGO that depends on Members and supporters for their membership and donations/sponsorships and does not get any funding from any Government or other institutions.

TWS past speakers include Ahmed Bin Bella, Benazir Bhutto, Tony Benn, Hillary Benn, Sir Gerald Kaufman, Waleed Al Muallam, Lord Ahmed of Rotherham, Sir Malcolm Rifkin MP QC, Stephen Timms MP, Lord Hylton, Baroness Warsi, Baroness Hanham, Joseph Stiglitz and Gore Vidal. TWS stands for the equality of nations and peoples, the democratisation of international relations, the elimination of poverty and the right to development.

Third World Solidarity stands opposed to all violations of human rights, particularly those perpetrated on grounds of race, religion, creed, class or gender. The organisation opposes extremism and terrorism of any kind, whether perpetrated by state or non-state, and stands for harmony, tolerance and diversity. **Third World Solidarity** is a sovereign body independent of any government. However, the organisation will seek to work constructively with any government where its policies and activities accord with, or are complementary to, the aims set out by this Mission Statement. **Third World Solidarity** will campaign against governments where their policies and actions run counter to our basic principles. **Third World Solidarity** is a democratic organisation, its membership is open to all those able and willing to subscribe to this Mission Statement, irrespective of their nationality, political party or religious belief. **Third World Solidarity** seeks co-operation and partnership with similar or complementary institutions whose aims and objectives are in sympathy and accord with our own.



THE ALL PARTY PARLIAMENTARY GROUP FOR TIBET



The All-Party Parliamentary Group for Tibet (APPGT), founded in 1986, consists of MPs from all the main parties who have an interest in and concern for the Tibetan cause and Tibetan people. The stated purpose of the group is: “To put pressure on Her Majesty’s Government to encourage negotiations between the Chinese government and the Dalai Lama and the Tibetan government in exile, whilst recognising that Tibet is an occupied country which had independent links with Britain.”

Since its foundation, the APPGT has helped host and co-ordinate the Dalai Lama’s time in Westminster whenever he has visited London, the last occasion being in 2008 where he addressed MPs and Peers and gave evidence to the Foreign Affairs Committee.

Whenever possible, the APPGT arranges meetings with visiting Tibetan MPs, Ministers, ex-political prisoners and academics in order to give greater exposure to Tibet in Westminster and to enable MPs to become better informed about the current situation in Tibet. In November 2011, the APPGT welcomed Tibet’s new Prime Minister in Exile, Lobsang Sangay, to Westminster. This followed a visit to Westminster by Lhamo Tso, the wife of imprisoned filmmaker Dhondup Wangchen.

Tibet Society is the Secretariat of the All Party Parliamentary Group for Tibet. Following a visit of Tibetan MPs to London in 2005, Tibet Society, working with the APPGT, initiated an MP exchange programme that took a delegation of British MPs to Dharamsala in 2007. This has been followed by further reciprocal visits, the latest being in October 2011 when five British MPs visited Dharamsala.

A log of when Tibet has been raised in parliament is maintained by Tibet Society on its website and can be found at www.bit.ly/TSParl.

THE ALL PARTY PARLIAMENTARY GROUP FOR TIBET

The current officers are:

Chair: Fabian Hamilton; **Vice-Chairs:** Lord Avebury, Lord Alton of Liverpool, James Gray, Kate Hoey, Lord Steel of Aikwood; **Treasurer:** Martin Horwood; **Secretary:** Mark Pritchard
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APPG on Trade Out of Poverty – TOP



“We must recognise the damage we do by blocking or restricting trade. In part this is a moral question for us, but we are also aware that we are missing the potential of millions of great people whose initiative is being shut off. Over the years I have seen what can be done when the poorest are unable to fulfill their potential. Especially in these difficult times we should be opening our horizons to the dynamism and creativity among the world’s poorest so that together we move forwards not backwards”.

Dr Mo Ibrahim, Member of the Trade Out of Poverty Advisory Board

The All-Party Parliamentary Group on Trade Out of Poverty campaigns to: persuade developed countries to open their markets unconditionally to all Least Developed and Low Income Countries; and for poor countries to open their markets to each other and to build up the capacity of the least developed countries to trade.

Trade is the only proven path to prosperity, as Brazil, China and India – now middle income countries – have shown. The remaining poorest countries account for a fifth of the world’s population but less than a fiftieth of world trade. So it is vital to remove barriers, be they over (tariffs), hidden (rules of origin), indirect (subsidies), self-inflicted (barriers between poor countries) or natural (poor infrastructure).

Our aims include:

1. Opening up rich country markets *unconditionally* to *all* the poorest countries
2. Simplifying trade rules
3. Ending rich country export and domestic subsidies which hit poor countries’ trade
4. Helping reduce tariffs between poor countries
5. Supporting investment in roads, ports and administrative structures.

The UK and EU, USA and other prosperous countries can implement this agenda individually without waiting for the unanimity required to complete the Doha Round.

Trade Out of Poverty’s Co-Chairs, who span the political spectrum – Hilary Benn, Ming Campbell, Lord (Michael) Hastings, Peter Lilley and Clare Short – joined together to promote research and awareness on all these issues to enable the world’s poorest people to trade their way out of poverty.

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The All Party Parliamentary Group on Transatlantic and International Security

The APPG on Transatlantic and International Security exists to create awareness of the potential threats and challenges to the international system and the Transatlantic Alliance that British Parliamentarians should be conscious of. It brings together a team of committed and interested Members, and has developed a solid reputation within Westminster and Whitehall for its impartiality, integrity and a measured approach to foreign policy based on national interest not partisan advantage.

With this goal in mind, the APPG provides Parliamentarians with up-to-date information on international security issues, global defence concerns, international incidents and the efforts being made to comment and react to them in Britain and abroad. The APPG provides: research to Members on subjects of their choice; holds briefings, hearings and enquiries on topics of concern; brings together internationally renowned experts to be questioned and provide their opinion on latest developments; and provides a forum for debate and discussion on related subjects.

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THE ALL-PARTY PARLIAMENTARY GROUP ON THE UNITED NATIONS

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The All-Party Parliamentary Group on the United Nations (UN APPG) is a cross-party group supporting the aims and ideals of the United Nations. Our primary objective is to raise awareness among MPs and Peers about: the UN; its myriad contributions across the areas of peace and security, development and human rights; the scope of international law and its relevance to the UK; and, crucially, about the applicability of the UN to the people who make up the British electorate.

The UN APPG meets six to eight times a year to provide a platform for high-level international speakers. Recent speakers have included: Sir Mark Lyall Grant (UK Permanent Representative to the UN); Dr Edward Luck (Special Adviser to the UN Secretary-General on the Responsibility to Protect); Baroness Williams of Crosby; Ambassador Lakhdar Brahimi (former Foreign Minister of Algeria, former UN envoy and member of The Elders); Margot Wallström (Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General on Sexual Violence in Conflict); and Dr Francis Deng, (UN Special Adviser for the Prevention of Genocide).

The United Nations Association of the UK (UNA-UK) acts as the secretariat for the UN APPG. UNA-UK is an independent charity that provides information and analysis on the work of the UN.

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“Promoting wellbeing should be at the heart of politics”

The All-Party Parliamentary Group on Wellbeing Economics was formed in March 2009 by Jo Swinson MP and Lord Richard Layard.

It exists to:

- Provide a forum for discussion of wellbeing issues and public policy in Parliament;
- Promote enhancement of wellbeing as an important government goal;
- Encourage the adoption of wellbeing indicators as complementary measures of progress to GDP;
- Promote policies designed to enhance wellbeing.

OFFICERS: Chair: Jo Swinson MP, Vice Chair: Julian Huppert MP, Treasurer: Helen Goodman MP, Secretary: Caroline Lucas MP

To forward the group’s agenda, its Members have tabled Early Day Motions about wellbeing; tabled questions to, and held debates with, Government Ministers; and held a number of successful speaker meetings with leading policy makers, academics, think tanks and NGOs.

The Centre for Well-being at **nef** (the new economics foundation) provides the secretariat to the Group.

For further information please visit www.parliamentarywellbeinggroup.org.uk or contact the administrator at laura.stoll@neweconomics.org or 0207 820 6339.



CPA UK: BRINGING PARLIAMENTARIANS TOGETHER, LINKING WESTMINSTER TO THE WORLD

The Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA) is the professional association of all Commonwealth Parliamentarians, an active network of over 17,000 Parliamentarians from Commonwealth Parliaments and Legislatures.

CPA UK is one of the largest and most active branches in the CPA community and delivers a unique annual programme both in Westminster and overseas. Governed by an Executive Committee of Parliamentarians from all main parties and with a membership of Members from both Houses of Parliament, CPA UK undertakes international parliamentary outreach on behalf of the UK Parliament and the wider CPA. Its specific focus is on parliamentary diplomacy and parliamentary strengthening activity, seeking to foster co-operation and understanding between parliaments, promote good parliamentary practice and advance parliamentary democracy.

Through activities including conferences, seminars, bilateral delegations and fellowships, CPA UK offers Parliamentarians – from the UK and around the world – the opportunity to deepen their understanding of international issues and to explore first-hand the challenges faced by countries across the Commonwealth. Topics discussed at our events vary, ranging from peacebuilding to climate change and aid effectiveness to women’s participation in politics. CPA UK activities often serve as a launch-pad for coordinated international action between Parliamentarians, laying the foundations for long-lasting positive relationships between individuals, committees and All Party Parliamentary Groups.

Any Parliamentarian can participate in CPA UK programmes and events; for more information on upcoming projects or to discuss how to get involved, please do contact us.

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BRITISH GROUP OF THE INTER-PARLIAMENTARY UNION

Who are we? The British Group, along with MPs from 161 other parliaments world-wide, comprises the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) which was founded in 1889 by a British Parliamentarian, Randal Cremer, and his French counterpart, Frederic Passy (both subsequent recipients of the Nobel Peace Prize). The BGIPU has a membership of over 600 Parliamentarians from both Houses and across all parties and, on request, can provide limited funding support to APPGs to engage in parliamentary outreach. Its key aim is to advance the parliamentary dimension of Britain's foreign relations.

What does the IPU do? The IPU promotes global understanding and cooperation through parliaments to advance democracy, peace, good governance and human rights. It is the focal point for world-wide parliamentary dialogue and it works to foster harmony and co-operation among peoples, particularly through seeking the firm establishment of representative democracy.

What can I do as a Member of the BGIPU?

- In a time of complex geo-political shifts, expand your understanding of global issues, particularly regarding multilateralism and cross-cutting issues like climate change, conflict prevention and human rights
- Advance the key role that parliaments play in international affairs, including through the IPU
- Promote parliamentary capacity building and bolster democratic norms and institutions
- Encourage sustainable development and economic growth through aid effectiveness and global trade
- Participate in specialist international IPU conferences in the UK and abroad
- Support inward parliamentary visits to promote best practice parliamentary processes and a better understanding of the UK and its interests
- Join outward delegations to advance Britain's bilateral interests with international counterparts
- Represent the British Group at IPU Assemblies and other international meetings
- Seek election to the Executive Committee to guide BGIPU operations

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- *Debate Packs*, produced for many Chamber and Westminster Hall debates.

Parliamentarians Ending Poverty



A full list of APPGs can be found in the APPG Register at:

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm/cmallparty/memi01.htm>

A Guide to the Rules Governing APPGs can be found at:

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