

**SIXTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE
OF
THE PARLIAMENTARY NETWORK ON THE WORLD BANK
(PNoWB)**

**OCTOBER 21-23, 2005
HELSINKI, FINLAND**

BEYOND THE 2005 YEAR OF DEVELOPMENT: WHAT NOW?

DRAFT PROGRAM -- SUBJECT TO CHANGE

The annual conferences of the Parliamentary Network on the World Bank, now in its sixth edition, bring together some 200 parliamentarians from around the world with representatives from the World Bank and other multilateral organizations, academia, civil society and the private sector. The objectives are to identify what parliamentarians can do to promote action on pressing development issues, and to help strengthen the accountability and transparency of international financial institutions.

This "Year of Development" has presented an unprecedented opportunity to build political support behind efforts to reach the Millennium Development Goals. In Helsinki, participants at the Sixth Annual PNoWB conference will review the outcomes of July's G8 "development summit" in Gleneagles, Scotland and September's United Nations World Summit in New York as well as preview December's important WTO ministerial meeting in Hong Kong on the Doha Development Agenda. The discussions will center around the theme: *Beyond the 2005 Year of Development: What Now?* This year's conference will also present the recently-appointed World Bank President Paul Wolfowitz his first occasion to meet PNoWB members.

The annual conference doubles as PNoWB's general assembly. The Helsinki conference will review the Network's progress report on its activities since its last annual meeting in February 2004 as well as elect a new board.

Hosted by the Parliament of Finland, the conference is organized by the Parliamentary Network on the World Bank, in collaboration with the World Bank, the Parliament and Finland's Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21

5:30 PM -7:30 PM

REGIONAL WORKING SESSIONS

Parliamentarians will meet separately in six breakout groups according to region for informal discussions on regional cooperation among MPs, interaction with the World Bank and other multilateral organizations, and development policies. The objectives are to present PNoWB's mission and activities as well as to prepare questions for Saturday's meetings with the leadership of the World Bank, the IMF and the WTO. The discussion will be facilitated by a parliamentarian from the region.

- SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA
Discussion led by: **XXXX**, Member of Parliament
- MIDDLE EAST and NORTH AFRICA
Discussion led by: **XXXX**, Member of Parliament
- EASTERN EUROPE and CENTRAL ASIA
Discussion led by: **XXXX**, Member of Parliament
- SOUTH and EAST ASIA
Discussion led by: **XXXX**, Member of Parliament
- LATIN AMERICA and CARIBBEAN
Discussion led by: **XXXX**, Member of Parliament
- DONOR COUNTRIES (DAC MEMBERS)
Discussion led by: **XXXX**, Member of Parliament

8:00 PM – 10:00 PM

OPENING DINNER

Venue: Scandic Continental Hotel

Speeches by:

- PNoWB Representative
- World Bank Representative

Speaker Options:

Sonia Gandhi, Indian National Congress Party Chairman
Fidel Ramos, Former President, Republic of Philippines
Gertrude Mongella, President, Pan African Parliament

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22

8:45 AM

Buses leave hotel for the Parliament

9:15 AM - 10:45 AM

FIRST SERIES OF PARALLEL WORKSHOPS

THE ROLE OF PARLIAMENTARIANS IN ...

Room

Session A

... Tackling Climate Change

Description: The international community struggles to agree on how to address the causes and consequences of climate change. Where consensus does exist, parliamentarians find it challenging to translate international treaties into national legislation. The session will briefly review the current scientific and political debate before identifying what parliamentarians can do to tackle climate change.

Organizer: Global Legislators Organization for a Balanced Environment (GLOBE)

Chair: xxx, Member of Parliament

Invited Speakers:

Petteri Taalas, Director, Finnish Meteorological Institute

Speakers to be added

Room

Session B

... Designing and Implementing Poverty Reduction Strategies

Description: Studies have found that while individual parliamentarians have been included in Poverty Reduction Strategy consultations, parliaments as an institution in general remain excluded. Drawing on experiences from several PRS countries, including on PNoWB's "Parliamentarians in the Field" program, this session will identify specific steps governments, parliamentarians and civil society can take to further involve parliament in the design and implementation of Poverty Reduction Strategies.

Organizer: The World Bank Institute and The World Bank's Poverty Reduction and Economic Management (PREM) Network

Chair: xxx, Member of Parliament

Speakers:

Rasheed Draman*, Program Coordinator, Parliamentary Centre, Canada

Katrina Sharkey*, Senior Operations Officer, The World Bank

Room

Session C

... Beating Back the HIV/AIDS Epidemic

Description: to be added

Organizer:

Chair:

Speakers: *to be added*

Room

Session D

... Clinching A Pro-Poor Deal on Trade in Agricultural Products (and Handling New Textile Quota Regime)

Description: Agriculture remains the economic driving force in many developing countries, and agricultural growth is often the cornerstone for poverty reduction. In low-income countries, some 70 percent of the population depends on agriculture for their livelihoods. But high tariffs, \$300-billion-a-year domestic farming subsidies in rich countries, and complicated health and safety regulations make it difficult for poor countries to trade in farming products. This session will review the current status of the WTO negotiations on agricultural trade and explore what parliamentarians can do in the Doha Development Agenda towards a pro-development conclusion. Separately, the session will look at the role of parliamentarians in addressing the fall-out of the end of the textile quotas phase-out.

Chair: xxx, Member of Parliament

Invited speakers:

Mary Robinson, Executive Director, Realizing Rights: The Ethical Globalization Initiative (former President of Ireland and UN High Commissioner for Human Rights)

Nathan Nabeta Igeme, Minister for Trade, Uganda

11:00 AM - 12:30 PM

SECOND SERIES OF PARALLEL WORKSHOPS

THE ROLE OF PARLIAMENTARIANS IN ...

Room

Session A

... Ensuring Accountability: How to strengthen the parliamentary voice on development and global issues

Description: Parliaments, designed in part to provide a check on power and a link between rulers and citizens, are struggling to meet fresh demands borne by globalization. Decisions made in international fora and corporate boardrooms are increasingly affecting local constituents, but the information-sharing infrastructure and the global decision-making structures lag behind. Concerned with the future of democracy and multilateralism, parliamentarians are now responding to the global governance challenge. The session will connect parliamentarians with representatives from key stakeholders and seek concrete suggestions from these groups on how to strengthen the parliamentary voice on development and global issues.

Chair: xxx, Member of Parliament

Invited Speakers:

Academics

Anne-Marie Slaughter, Dean, the Woodrow Wilson School, Princeton University, USA

Francis Fukuyama, Professor and Director, International Development Program, Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies, USA

Noreena Hertz Associate Director, Centre for International Business and Management, Cambridge University, United Kingdom

Civil Society and Media Representatives

Martin Khor, Director, Third World Network

Fareed Zakaria, Editor, Newsweek International

Serge Martin, Editor, Le Monde

Private Sector Representatives

Business Coalition on HIV/AIDS

The Shell Foundation

The UN Global Compact

The Sustainable Agriculture Initiative Platform

World Business Council for Sustainable Development

Room

Session B

... Addressing Global Inequality: Presentation of the *World Development Report 2006* on Equity and Development

Description: The World Bank's *World Development Report 2006* explores the role of equity in development. Inequalities in incomes, in health and in educational outcomes have long been a stark fact of life in many developing countries. When such inequalities in outcomes arise from unequal opportunities there are both intrinsic and instrumental grounds for concern. Because inequalities in opportunities are often accompanied by profound differences in influence, power and social status, whether at the level of individuals or groups, they have a tendency to persist. The report concludes inequity is inimical to long-run development and needs to be addressed by domestic and international policies and institutions. This session will include a presentation followed by a discussion of the report's findings.

Chair: xxx, Member of Parliament

Speakers:

Francisco H.G. Ferreira, co-leader of the 2006 World Development Report, The World Bank
xxx, civil society representative or academic

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Session C

... Realizing Good Intentions in Africa: Implementing NEPAD and the World Bank's new Africa Action Plan

Description: Africa's development challenges have been commanding particular attention during this "Year of Development." The Commission for Africa, which brought together public and private-sector leaders from both donor countries and Africa to design a comprehensive blueprint for addressing the development needs of the continent, delivered its report in March. Meeting at Gleneagles, Scotland in July, G8 leaders agreed to expand debt relief and boost aid for African countries. The World Bank, Africa's single largest donor, has responded with a new African Action Plan. In parallel, the implementation of the objectives set out in the New Economic Partnership for Africa (NEPAD) is moving ahead. The session will explore how parliamentarians from African nations and Africa's partner countries can help translate these strategies into real progress in the fight against poverty.

Chair: xxx, Member of Parliament

Invited Speakers:

Wiseman Nkuhlu, Chair, NEPAD Secretariat

Gertrude Mongella, President, Pan-African Parliament

K. Y. Amoako, Executive Secretary, Economic Commission for Africa

Matthew Martin, Director, Debt Relief International

xxx, The World Bank

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Session D

. . . Reaching a WTO Agreement on Trade in Services: Business Outsourcing, Short-Term Labor Migration, etc...

Description: The services sector—which include activities as different as transport of goods and people, health care, advertising, banking, insurance, accounting, engineering, sanitation, hotels and restaurants, distribution, education and communications—is the largest, fastest growing and most complex part of economic activity in most developed and developing countries. Services account for roughly two-thirds of global output and a significant share of global employment (70 per cent in high-income economies, but less than 30 per cent in most low-income economies). Ongoing WTO negotiations on services have achieved limited progress so far. This session will look at possible consequences of further services liberalization, and at what role parliamentarians can play.

Chair: xxx, Member of Parliament

Invited Speakers:

Carlos Braga*, Senior Advisor on Trade, The World Bank

Additional speakers to be added

Room

12:45 PM -2:00 PM

LUNCH (HOSTED BY PARLIAMENT OF FINLAND)

2:00 PM – 2:30 PM

OPENING SESSION

Paavo Lipponen*, Speaker, Parliament of Finland

Bert Koenders*, Member of Parliament, the Netherlands; Chair, Parliamentary Network on the World Bank (PNoWB)

2:30 PM – 4:00 PM

FIRST SESSION

Meeting the President of the World Bank

Paul Wolfowitz*, President, The World Bank

Chaired by:

Followed by discussion / webcast

4:00 PM – 4:30 PM

COFFEE BREAK

SECOND SESSION

4:30 PM – 6:00 PM

Meeting the International Monetary Fund

Anne O. Krueger, First Deputy Managing Director, International Monetary Fund

- OR -

Meeting the World Trade Organization

Pascal Lamy, Director General, World Trade Organization

Chaired by:

Followed by discussion

7:30 PM – 10:00 PM

RECEPTION AND DINNER

Sunday, October 23

7:45 AM – 8:45 AM

BREAKFAST MEETINGS

Suggested parallel breakfast meetings:

- ❖ IMF and its role in the poorest countries
- ❖ The World Bank Institute's Parliamentary Strengthening Program
- ❖ Development and disability
- ❖ Microfinance (CGAP)
- ❖ Indigenous people

Venue: Scandic Continental Hotel, Helsinki

9:00 AM

Buses leave hotel for the Parliament

9:30 AM – 11:00 AM

THIRD SESSION

Round Table Discussion: Making Aid More Effective

Description: In March 2005, 100 donor and developing countries signed up to the Paris Declaration on Aid Effectiveness, agreeing for the first time to measure efforts to improve the quality of aid with a set of indicators and targets. The development community is now moving to translate commitments made in Paris and other international gatherings into results on the ground. This is an urgent task. Too much aid is wasted on poor coordination among donors and with developing countries, hampering the fight against poverty and undermining public support for development assistance. What steps can parliamentarians take to help make aid more effective?

Chair: xxx, Member of Parliament

Invited Speakers:

Dani Rodrik, Professor of International Political Economy, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, USA

Donald Kaberuka, President, African Development Bank

Hilary Benn, Secretary of State for International Development, United Kingdom

Richard Manning, Chairman, OECD Development Assistance Committee

xxx, field-based CSO

11:00 AM – 11:30 AM

COFFEE BREAK

11:30 AM – 1:00 PM

FOURTH SESSION

Round Table Discussion: Beyond the Year of Development: What Now?

Chair: **Hilde Johnson**, Minister for International Development, Norway

Description: 2005 has been called a “make-or-break year” for development. As we ponder the outcomes of July’s G8 “development summit” in Gleneagles, Scotland and September’s United Nations World Summit just seven weeks ahead of WTO’s ministerial meeting on the Doha Development Agenda, what can be said of this “Year of Development”? Has the international community succeeded in instilling a sense of urgency in efforts to reach the Millennium Development Goals? Or is it business as usual? And where do we go from here? What can parliamentarians—in collaboration with the private sector, civil society, academia, governments and public organizations—now do to cement public support for the fight against poverty?

Invited Speakers:

Kemal Dervis, Administrator, United Nations Development Program (UNDP)

Josep Borrell, President, European Parliament

Nancy Birdsall, Center for Global Development

XXX, private sector or civil society

XXX, The World Bank

1:00 PM – 2:00 PM

FIFTH SESSION

PNoWB Activities and Organization

- Work Program
- Election of Board

Speakers:

Bert Koenders*, Member of Parliament, the Netherlands; Chair, PNoWB

Jean-Christophe Bas*, Manager, Development Policy Dialogue, The World Bank

Room

2:00 PM – 3:30 PM

CLOSING LUNCH (*Hosted by Parliament*)

END of CONFERENCE

OPTIONAL

4:00 PM – 6:00 PM

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*/ Speaker Confirmed

TRANSLATION

- **Simultaneous interpretation in English, French, and Spanish will be available in sessions taking place in the plenary room**
- **Simultaneous interpretation in English and French in all parallel sessions**

LOGISTICAL INFORMATION

CONFERENCE VENUE

PARLIAMENT OF FINLAND: MAIN Conference Center, Arkadiankatu 3

Most participants will be staying at the following HOTEL:

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