

Dear PNoWB members and partners,

We would like to inform you of two upcoming events and ways in which you can be involved: The World Bank/IMF Annual Meetings in Washington D.C; and PNoWB's Annual Conference and celebration of its 10th anniversary in Brussels, Belgium.

- 1) World Bank/IMF Annual Meetings - PNoWB will send a delegation comprised of Board members and international secretariat staff to Washington D.C. from 6 to 9 October. During this week, PNoWB delegates will participate in the Program of Seminars and Civil Society Policy Forum; serve as panel discussants in policy sessions; meet with donors; receive an update on IDA 16 from the World Bank's Resource Mobilization team; attend events on Capitol Hill; and have the opportunity to present your concerns and questions directly to senior development, economics and finance stakeholders in the form of parliamentary questions.

Immediately following the Washington meetings, the PNoWB Board will hold its annual retreat and plan for the upcoming Annual Conference.

- 2) PNoWB Annual Conference 2010 - The Belgian Presidency of the EU and the Belgian Parliament, in partnership with PNoWB, the World Bank and IMF, will host the Network's 2010 Annual Conference in Brussels, Belgium from 2 to 4 December. We are currently in the process of defining the programme and would greatly value your input and suggestions to help us identify issues that are of interest and concern to you and your country. These priorities will then be reflected in the three-day agenda. To-date, the following four themes have been identified: financing for development; evidence-based policy making; aid effectiveness and alignment; MDG progress review.

We would be pleased to receive your suggestions for topics to be included in the Annual Conference programme by 15 October.

[IMPORTANT NOTICE: A follow-up message will be sent shortly with more information on how to register for the PNoWB 2010 Annual Conference.](#)

We encourage you to keep up-to-date with all of the Network's latest news and activities by regularly checking our Website. The last edition of our Review has been posted on <http://www.pnowb.org/> too, with articles from economic experts and development leaders, including, among others, IMF Managing Director Dominique Strauss-Kahn; European Commissioner Kristalina Georgieva; and IFC Special Representative to Europe Imoni Akpofure. Thank you for your continued interest in the Parliamentary Network on the World Bank.

Sincerely,

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