



PARLIAMENTARY NETWORK ON THE WORLD BANK

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Dear PNoWB member,

It is my honour and pleasure to extend to you an invitation to attend the 10th annual conference of the Parliamentary Network on the World Bank (PNoWB) from 2 December through 4 December in Brussels, Belgium. This event is made possible by the support of the Belgian Parliament and the Belgian Presidency of the European Union.

PNoWB's 2010 Annual Conference and 10th Anniversary celebration comes at a key moment for development cooperation. The world has five years remaining to meet the Millennium Development Goals amidst continued financial challenges, rapid urbanization in many of the world's poorest countries, a growing list of political, governance and security concerns, and an ever-increasing amount of large-scale natural disasters, to name just a few. In short: development effectiveness is more important than ever before.

Parliamentarians and their civil society counterparts have a key role to play realizing increased development effectiveness. From identifying and operationalizing alternative mechanisms for development financing and ensuring that development-related legislation is evidence-based, to increasing aid effectiveness through budgetary oversight, elected lawmakers are the key link between development policy, practice, and outcomes.

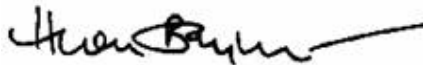
During the three days of the conference – which will focus on financing for development; evidence-based policymaking in development; aid effectiveness and alignment; and MDG review – we will have the honor of welcoming Parliamentarians and Heads of State from all corners of the world, as well as Managing Directors of the International Monetary Fund and World Bank Group.

The 2010 PNoWB Annual Conference will also enable the partial renewal of PNoWB's Board, which comprises of twelve members elected for three years. If you wish to stand for election to the Board, please inform the Head of PNoWB's International Secretariat, Mr. Jerome Evrard, by Friday, November 19, using the contact information at the bottom of this letter.

Representatives from donor country parliaments are kindly asked to cover the cost of their own travel to the conference, as well as their accommodation while in Brussels. Under exceptional circumstances and upon request, the organizers may consider covering hotel and travel expenses for developing country parliamentarians. Please note that the PNoWB conference budget is limited, and that application for support does not guarantee funding. As for accommodations, please note that a block reservation has been made at a Brussels hotel; Please reserve your space – and apply for sponsorship if eligible – by filling out and sending the reply form to conference@pnowb.org or by fax on +33 1 40 69 31 64 by November 12.

I look forward to what is sure to be an engaging three days of discussion, debate and learning and hope to see you in Brussels.

Sincerely,



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