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The Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) are due to expire in 2015, and attention is now turning to what should replace them. A UN High-Level Panel of Eminent Persons (HLP) was convened in July 2012 by the UN Secretary-General; co-chaired by British Prime Minister Rt Hon. David Cameron MP, President Yudhuyono of Indonesia and President Johnson Sirleaf of Liberia. The panel was asked to look beyond 2015 to establish a universal agenda that would lead to the global eradication of extreme poverty. The 27 strong panel published their recommendations in May 2013 in a report entitled: A New Global Partnership – Eradicate Poverty and Transform Economies through Sustainable Development. Outlining a new set of development goals and indicators, the report places sustainable development, transformative economies, peace building and global partnerships at the core of the post-2015 rhetoric.

Parliamentarians were involved in the creation of the report, and there is some recognition of their role, and the role of parliaments, in advancing the new development agenda. It is clear that parliamentarians can play an even greater role than has been envisaged to date to ensure the development, implementation and longevity of the post-2015 goals.

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Following on from the success of the International Parliamentary Conference on the Millennium Development Goals (IPCMDGs): Reaching for 2015: Governance, Accountability and the Role of the Parliamentarian in November 2011, CPA UK, with support from the United Nations Development Programme, is now turning its attention to developing an International Conference that focuses on the future of global development indicators.

During the period of Monday 25 – Friday 29 November 2013, CPA UK will host the International Parliamentary Conference on the Post-2015 Development Agenda (IPCP2015) at the Houses of Parliament, London. We are delighted to invite your legislature to apply for up to two parliamentarians to participate in the conference. The conference programme will last three days and will bring together an audience of international parliamentarians and high profile experts from international and non-governmental organisations, civil society groups and academia from commonwealth and non-commonwealth countries.

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AIM

To build the capacity of parliamentarians to ensure that governance, transparency and accountability as necessary contributors to good development outcomes are at the core of the post-2015 development debate.

OBJECTIVES

A set of supporting and interlocking objectives designed to:

1. Inform parliamentarians of the current UN processes of the post-2015 development agenda by increasing the understanding of the High-Level Panel Report and outlining the outcomes from the United Nations MDG Review Summit.
2. Advocate for the continued involvement of parliamentarians in shaping the post-2015 development agenda.
3. Encourage discussion between parliamentarians on thematic and regional issues to identify the key challenges to be addressed in the post-2015 debate.
4. Examine what contribution good governance and the rule of law can make to development outcomes; how it can be measured and what targets should be included in the post-2015 development agenda.
5. Explore the mechanisms that parliamentarians can use to hold governments to account to ensure that international commitments to development are implemented at a local, national and regional level.
6. Analyse options for a global accountability and monitoring framework to ensure transparency and best practice permeates the implementation and measurement of all development indicators.
7. Examine how to strengthen inter-state, regional and global mutual accountability so that compliance is self-reinforcing.
8. Consider how the Commonwealth and other international and regional organisations might contribute to the post-2015 development agenda.
9. Explore opportunities in which parliamentarians can build partnerships with civil society, the private sector, multi-lateral institutions and marginalised groups to promote and deliver the post-2015 development goals through the policymaking process.
10. Examine how parliamentarians can scrutinise the work of civil society, the private sector and international donors to ensure that it is aligned with the post-2015 development goals.

OUTPUTS

To produce:

1. A conference communiqué highlighting priority issues for parliamentarians for presentation at the United Nations.
2. A toolkit for parliamentarians to assist delegates to influence, implement and monitor the post-2015 development agenda.

CPA UK and UNDP will work to:

3. Establish a set of recommendations from the IPCP2015 to be submitted to the High-Level Panel.
4. Promote, alongside other partners, the international debate on governance in the post-2015 environment.



The Doubletree by Hilton, Westminster Hotel. One of the top hotels in the vicinity of the conference venue.



Opening session of the IPCMDG Conference, 2011, London

PROGRAMME OUTLINE

Monday 25 November: Official arrival day and welcome reception

Tuesday 26 November: Conference Day 1

Contextualising the Post-2015 Development Agenda

As the 2015 deadline for achieving the MDGs is rapidly approaching the international community has begun debating the next stage in global development indicators. This year is shaping up as an important period in the post-2015 debate with the UN Secretary-General, Ban Ki-moon, expected to present his vision for the post-2015 development agenda based on the work of the HLP at the UN General Assembly Special Event on the MDGs in September. This event will advance thinking on the post-2015 agenda by reviewing the current status of and continued progress towards the achievement of the MDGs as well as examining lessons learned. In addition, the UN General Assembly Open Working Group (OWG) on Sustainable Development Goals plans to release an interim report in September 2013 and submit their final report at the 68th Session of the United Nations General Assembly by September 2014. Although the process of arriving at a post-2015 framework is UN led, broad participation from external stakeholders in civil society, the private sector, academia and politics must provide the backbone to the debate.

Wednesday 27 November: Conference Day 2

Strengthening Accountability

Lack of accountability has been identified as a major weakness in the implementation of the MDGs. Momentum is building for accountability issues to have a greater profile in the post-2015 development agenda. In response to this the introduction of a global monitoring and peer review framework, which would ensure transparency and enhance cooperation so that the international commitments are met, is fast gaining traction in the post-2015 rhetoric. Parliamentarians play a key role in monitoring and holding their executives to account in upholding their international, regional and national commitments. Parliaments must become the pillars of accountability in monitoring their governments through representation, lawmaking, budgeting and oversight functions.

Thursday 28 November: Conference Day 3

Building Partnerships

A central theme of the High-Level Panel Report was the forging of renewed global partnerships with a fresh vision and framework based on common humanity and principles of universality, equity, sustainability, solidarity, human rights and the right to development. Parliamentarians are an important link between governments and key stakeholders in civil society and the private sector, ensuring all voices are given an equal platform in advocating for and contributing towards the post-2015 development debate. Parliaments must also pay particular attention to and advocate for marginalised groups to ensure that their views are represented and reflected in the post-2015 development goals.

Friday 29 November: Official departure day/supplementary one-day seminar (optional)



FURTHER INFORMATION

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APPLICATION PROCESS

National Legislatures may apply for a maximum of two places for parliamentarians. To apply for places at the conference, please complete the enclosed Delegate Nomination Form and return it to CPA UK as soon as possible and by no later than **1800 GMT on Monday 2 September 2013**. Any application for a place received after the deadline is unlikely to be successful. **Delegate places will be awarded on a first-come-first-served basis; your legislature is therefore encouraged to apply for places as early as possible.**

Nomination Criteria

When selecting parliamentarians for nomination, you are requested to consider that:

- It is CPA UK policy to encourage broad participation in its events. Where possible please nominate Members from both government/majority parties and opposition/minority parties, and consider gender balance and youth representation when nominating
- The conference is aimed primarily at those Members with an interest and experience/knowledge of the subject matter
- Delegates should have a reasonable expectation of continuing in their parliamentary careers so that their participation in the conference is worthwhile both to themselves and to their parliament
- Delegates are expected to arrive for the start of the programme and to participate fully to its conclusion. Legislatures should nominate only delegates who will attend the entire programme

Notification of Delegate Places

CPA UK will inform legislatures of the outcome of applications for delegate places during the week beginning **9 September 2013**. We regret we are unable to answer queries about applications before this date. For those countries that require visas to enter the UK, it is advisable to apply for them as soon as possible after receiving confirmation of delegate places. Please note, CPA UK cannot assist in the visa application process.

Delegate Data

Biographical details, a digital photo, travel/accommodation details and any particular dietary requirements for each delegate attending the conference will be required. Forms for completion will be issued with the notification of delegate places and must be completed by **27 September 2013**.

ADMINISTRATION & LOGISTICS

Accommodation

Delegates will be responsible for booking and paying for their own accommodation. Details of the official hotel will be issued to all successful legislatures when they are notified of their places. The hotel will be in the immediate vicinity of the Houses of Parliament.

Funding

Delegates will be responsible for:

- Booking and paying for their accommodation
- Paying a delegate fee
 - A fee will be charged to cover the costs of delegates' official meals and functions, materials and transport. As a guide, the delegate fee – excluding accommodation costs - for attending the conference will be approximately £200.00. Exact fees will be invoiced and must be paid before the event
- Travel to and from the UK
- Travel to and from the UK point of arrival and the London hotel
- Lunches and evening meals – except those annotated as part of the official programme
- Personal expenses during the conference period (laundry, telephone, room service, mini-bars, DVDs, etc)

Spouses/Accompanying Persons/Children

Spouses, accompanying persons and children are not invited to the conference programmes. There are no exceptions to this rule.

Withdrawals/Cancellations/Liabilities

Legislatures are requested to inform CPA UK immediately if a delegate cancels, or if for any reason will not arrive in London as scheduled. Once legislatures have committed to delegate attendance and arrival details have been received, any cancellation fees or liabilities incurred by CPA UK as a result of a delegate failing to arrive or departing early will be passed to the nominating legislature Branch for reimbursement to CPA UK. Cancellations received between 7-1 days prior to the day of arrival, or on the day of arrival will result in a cancellation charge of 100% of the accommodation costs incurred.

We look forward to welcoming your delegate(s) to this important and valuable event.



Rt Hon. Sir Alan Haselhurst MP

Chairperson, CPA International & CPA UK Branch Executive Committee



THE COMMONWEALTH PARLIAMENTARY ASSOCIATION

Established in July 1911, the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA) is an active network of over 17,000 parliamentarians from Commonwealth Parliaments and Legislatures. Through dialogue, it seeks to foster co-operation and understanding between Parliaments, promote good parliamentary practice and advance parliamentary democracy. Each Commonwealth legislature that joins the CPA is invited to form an autonomous CPA branch be it a national, state, provincial or territorial legislature. A truly global body, the CPA currently comprises 175 branches throughout six continents and 53 countries across the world.

CPA UK

CPA UK is one of the largest and most active branches in the CPA community and delivers a unique annual international outreach programme in Westminster and overseas. CPA UK works to encourage parliamentary diplomacy and build parliamentary capacity on behalf of the UK Parliament and the wider CPA. Through

activities such as conferences, seminars, delegations and parliamentary strengthening teams, CPA UK provides Members with a practical, current and first-hand perspective on international issues facing fellow parliamentarians across the Commonwealth. Working with CPA UK's international outreach programmes also enhances Members' understanding of issues facing diaspora communities in their own constituencies.



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