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**Invitation to Virtual Parliamentary Meeting on Pandemics and COVID-19; 24 April 2020; 15:00-16:30 CET**

Dear Honorable,

On behalf of the Parliamentary Network on the World Bank & IMF and the World Bank Group, I invite you to a **Virtual Parliamentary Briefing on Pandemics with a Special Focus on COVID-19** on **24 April 2020 at 15:00-16:30 Central European Time**. Details on connecting to the meeting will follow shortly.

The meeting will convene legislators from countries most affected by or at risk of COVID-19 with World Bank Group senior management and health experts to exchange views on the response to the current coronavirus outbreak and pandemics in general.

At this critical time, parliaments have been at the forefront of this unprecedented global challenge, being called upon to pass exceptional laws, supplementary budgets and grant special powers to their governments to cope with this major disaster, while considering how to deal with the economic security of the country during and after the pandemic.

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the social and economic impacts of pandemics and what additional actions parliamentarians can take to offset economic shocks to countries. Furthermore, participants will look at strategies for legislators to counteract the spread of pandemics through more robust public health systems and policy actions to improve human capital results.

Kindly confirm your presence until 21 April 2020 by filling out the following [form](https://form.jotform.com/PNOWB/virtual-briefing-p) (<https://form.jotform.com/PNOWB/virtual-briefing-p>). For additional information please contact [jpo1@parlnet.org](mailto:jpo1@parlnet.org) or [parliamentarians@worldbank.org](mailto:parliamentarians@worldbank.org).

I hope that you will be able to join us for this critical conversation and remain at your disposal for all further information.

With my best wishes,

The Rt Hon Liam Byrne MP, UK  
Chair of the Parliamentary Network  
on the World Bank and IMF

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