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**Invitation to a Virtual Parliamentary Briefing on Supporting Countries in Delivering the COVID-19 Vaccine
17 February 2021, 8:30-9:30 Washington D.C. (EST) | 14:30-15:30 Paris (GMT+2)**

Dear Honourable,

On behalf of the Parliamentary Network on the World Bank & IMF, it is my pleasure to invite you to the **Virtual Parliamentary Briefing on Supporting Countries in Delivering the COVID-19 Vaccine** taking place on **17 February 2021 at 8:30-9:30 Washington D.C. Time | 14:30-15:30 Paris Time**, jointly organised with the World Bank Group.

The COVID-19 pandemic is ravaging public health, societies, and economies in countries across the globe, reversing decades of progress in poverty reduction. Issuing vaccines on such an unprecedented global scale and ensuring that they reach those who need them most poses a huge challenge, especially for developing countries with limited health systems and infrastructure. Legislators remain key actors in the dispersal of vaccines by overseeing their governments' management of public immunizations to ensure good governance and equal access for those in need; passing legislation to promote necessary infrastructure and systems; and keeping an open line of communication with their constituencies to promote awareness and maintain public confidence.

The event will convene a roundtable of legislators, including the Board of the Parliamentary Network on the World Bank and IMF (PN) and key parliamentary partners, with World Bank Group senior management and health experts to discuss partnering to ensure fast and fair delivery of vaccines to people in all countries, and strengthening systems to implement large scale immunizations. The briefing will highlight in particular best practices and policies parliamentarians can adopt in their countries to ensure efficient, transparent, and equitable access to vaccines.

The agenda of the meeting and the connection details will follow. Sessions will be held in English, Spanish and French. Kindly confirm your presence by filling out the following registration [form](https://form.jotform.com/PNOWB/Briefing-on-Vaccines) (<https://form.jotform.com/PNOWB/Briefing-on-Vaccines>). For additional information, please contact jpo1@parlnet.org or parliamentarians@worldbank.org.

I hope you can join us for this timely and important virtual meeting.

With my very best wishes,

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