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Dear Member,

On behalf of the Parliamentary Network on the World Bank & IMF, it is my pleasure to invite you to the **2022 Global Parliamentary Meeting on 6, 10 and 11 October 2022**, jointly organised with the World Bank Group and the International Monetary Fund. The theme of this year's conference is ***"Innovative Solutions for Turbulent Times."***

In July 2022, heads of agencies issued a statement calling for urgent action to address the global food security crisis. They stressed that the disruption in supply chains caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, combined with the war in Ukraine, have severely impacted the intertwining food, fuel, and fertilizer markets. A resulting spike in food prices has led many countries to implement export restrictions, further exacerbating the food crisis for the most vulnerable. The statement calls for prioritizing immediate support to the vulnerable, facilitating trade and international food supply, increasing food production, and investing in climate-resilient agriculture. In this context, parliaments play a key role in the immediate and long-term recovery efforts by enacting laws and overseeing government policy.

The meeting will be an occasion for parliamentarians to share experiences and best practices with senior management and experts from the World Bank Group & IMF on how to address the food crisis from the perspective of supply chain disruptions and the urgent need for climate financing amidst limited fiscal space, it will also provide an update on human capital progress in the Sub-Saharan Africa region.

The connection details will follow. The International Secretariat of the Parliamentary Network will prepare the event programme and send it to you in due time. Sessions will be held in English, French and Spanish. I invite you to confirm your attendance by clicking on this link <https://form.jotform.com/222074153967358> and filling out the online registration form. **The deadline for confirmations September 30.** For further information, please contact jpo1@parlnet.org or parliamentarians@worldbank.org.

With my very best wishes,

The Rt Hon Liam Byrne MP, UK
Chair of the Parliamentary Network
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