



# World Bank Group Parliamentary Engagement

Engaging elected representatives as advocates of global development

## WHY ENGAGE?



Parliamentarians are valuable partners to the World Bank Group—they shape and review policies, debate and approve foreign aid budgets, ratify loans, and hold governments accountable for World Bank Group-financed programs. By engaging with elected officials, the World Bank Group effectively integrates the citizen's voice into projects.

Parliamentarians, in turn, have an interest in engaging with the World Bank Group, not only as a source of finance, but also for its convening power and expertise on the most pressing issues.

## PARLIAMENTARY ENGAGEMENT



The Global Parliamentary Engagement team serves as a convening platform for Members of Parliament (MPs) from around the world to engage with their international peers and the World Bank Group on shared development priorities. The team builds understanding of and support for the World Bank Group's goals, and promotes knowledge-sharing and development advocacy with and among legislators for sustainable country outcomes. It is held in the World Bank's External and Corporate Relations (ECR) Vice Presidency.





## ENTRY POINTS FOR ENGAGEMENT



### Global



Throughout the year, parliamentary delegates meet with experts and senior management in person or virtually. The two flagship events are the Parliamentary Workshops and the Global Parliamentary Conference at the Annual and Spring Meetings where MPs share knowledge and best practices as well as develop strategies for sustainable and inclusive development.

#### ***Other global engagements include:***

**Field Visits** allow MPs to witness the impact of World Bank Group projects on the ground, exchange with local stakeholders, and bring experiences and effective policies back to their national parliaments.

**The Global Young MP Initiative** serves as a platform for communication and collaboration among MPs 40 and younger on development challenges facing youth.

### Regional and Country



Parliamentarians connect with World Bank Group regional and country teams to collaborate on development initiatives, stay informed on their country's project portfolio, participate in consultations and project visits, and take advantage of training, knowledge and expertise for better country results.

**Thematic briefings** link parliaments to World Bank Group senior management and experts for the latest data and professional knowledge on specific development themes and topics to inform legislative debates, policy decisions, and program implementation.

**Capacity-building workshops** enhance MPs' skills in critical areas such as budget cycle, resource management, parliamentary administration, and the role of parliament in curbing corruption.

**Consultations** seek feedback and input from MPs on the Country Partnership Framework and Systematic Country Diagnoses, as well as World Bank strategy and policies, such as the Environmental and Social Framework, and gender.



## PARTNERSHIPS

**The Parliamentary Network on the World Bank and IMF** is the Bank's primary parliamentary interlocutor. It is an independent NGO that provides a platform for parliamentarians from World Bank and IMF member countries to advocate for increased accountability and transparency in development cooperation. <http://www.parlnet.org/>

**Other key partners** include numerous parliamentary organizations around the globe, as well as regional parliamentary bodies.



### STAY CONNECTED

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### USEFUL LINKS

#### Consultations Portal

<https://consultations.worldbank.org/>

#### Country Engagement

<https://www.worldbank.org/en/projects-operations/country-strategies>

#### Environmental and Social Framework

<https://www.worldbank.org/en/projects-operations/environmental-and-social-framework>

#### Access to Information

<https://www.worldbank.org/en/access-to-information>

#### Open Knowledge

The World Bank's "Open Data Initiative" provides MPs with free and open access to a comprehensive set of data about development and cutting-edge research.

<http://data.worldbank.org/>

<http://www.worldbank.org/en/publication/reference>



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