

GLOBAL PARLIAMENTARY FORUM SPRING MEETINGS 2022

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PROGRAM AGENDA

5 VIRTUAL SESSIONS | 13-20 APRIL 2022



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ABOUT THE EVENT

The **Global Parliamentary Forum** is the flagship event of the **Parliamentary Network** and takes place once a year at the **World Bank/IMF Spring Meetings (SMs)**. The event gathers Parliamentarians from around the world to engage in dialogue with **World Bank** and **IMF Senior Management** to share knowledge about the most pressing development and economic issues.

The Forum aims to establish a platform for collective dialogue to look at public policies and best practices to face the current global challenges and promote global action. By providing up-to-date information to parliamentarians on the **World Bank** and **IMF's** current activities and facilitating access for legislators to **International Financial Institutions (IFIs)**, the Forum creates effective possibilities for dialogue and impact, particularly at the country and regional level. To achieve better development outcomes, this year's Forum will put a special emphasis on **climate change** and **green finance, debt, and youth**.

The worldwide community is making efforts to mitigate the consequences of COVID-19 and counteract the impact of the health pandemic on the global economy, employment, and human capital. The crisis underscored the strong links between human and planetary health; natural disasters, ecosystem loss and other climate shocks will not stop during the COVID-19 response and recovery phases. Climate change is the greatest challenge humanity is currently facing and today's actions will determine how well countries will be able to handle future risks and shocks. Amid the climate challenge, countries are facing a dramatic increase in public debt, which poses a great challenge to their governments to bring about financial, economic, and social recovery. The pandemic has also posed risks to young generations through disruptions in access to essential services and lack of access to proper education. These challenges are disproportionately affecting youth and threatening the globe with an uneven recovery and growing inequalities between and within countries.



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Nevertheless, there is a unique opportunity today to create economies that are more sustainable, inclusive, and resilient. Through the legislative oversight of public finance, Parliamentarians have a critical role to play in restoring human capital, while ensuring a green, resilient, and inclusive recovery; as well as reaching the objectives of **COP26** and the **2030 Agenda**.

The **Global Parliamentary Forum** is an opportunity for representatives from across the globe to gather and engage for meaningful collaboration between MPs, senior management, and experts of the **World Bank Group** and the **IMF**. It will be structured into 3 sessions:

- A **Townhall** which will launch the Forum and serve as an occasion for parliamentarians from around the globe to engage with their peers and IMF & World Bank senior management on the most pressing global development issues.
- A session on **Debt** will be the occasion for legislators to discuss with World Bank and IMF high level experts on how to manage debt in a transparent and accountable manner to better recover from the pandemic, while addressing medium and long-term development issues.
- A session on **Climate Finance** will look at how parliamentarians can work together with IFIs to draw the path towards achieving the 2030 Agenda in the context of COVID-19 recovery, notably through green finance and infrastructure, while prioritizing the **COP26** commitments. This session will be used to present the PN Parliamentary Toolkit to its membership, aimed promoting knowledge sharing between MPs on relevant development topics.



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ABOUT THE PARLIAMENTARY NETWORK

The **Parliamentary Network on the World Bank and International Monetary Fund** (the **PN**) is a platform for parliamentarians from World Bank and IMF member countries to advocate for increased accountability and transparency in development cooperation. The PN has over 1000 members in Africa, Asia, Europe, and the Americas, supported by its international secretariat and guided by its Board, currently made up of nine (9) Members of Parliament. The **Rt Hon. Liam Byrne MP**, UK is the current **Chair of the Network**. Membership is open to all parliamentarians serving a current mandate.

The **PN** through its members and events creates a space where parliamentarians can engage with the World Bank and IMF in a transparent manner and participate actively in shaping the international development agenda. Through its work, the Network empowers MPs to take an active part in development programmes and policies of both institutions. Its mission is to provide a platform for knowledge exchange between parliamentarians and the World Bank and IMF with the goal of rendering legislators better equipped to carry out their oversight functions; actively contribute to the work of the World Bank and IMF; and provide informed feedback and invaluable insights to better tailor World Bank and IMF programmes and initiatives to the people the institutions aim to serve.

Wednesday 13 April 2022 | 09:00 - 10:30 AM

Pandemic Preparedness and Health Resilience

This roundtable discussion will bring together members of the **Panel for a Global Public Health Convention**, the **International Forum on Global Health**, the **Parliamentary Network on the World Bank and International Monetary Fund**, **UNITE Global Parliamentarians Network**, and the **Global Fund**, to discuss the way forward to prevent pandemics, and parliamentarians' role in this process.



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Thursday 14 April 2022 | 09:00 - 10:30 AM

Global Young MP Initiative: Innovations to Eliminate Learning Poverty

The **Global Young MP Initiative** will convene parliamentarians aged 40 and under around the theme of "*Innovations to Eliminate Learning Poverty*." The meeting, co-hosted by the **International Parliamentary Network for Education**, will explore pioneering approaches to modernize education systems to ensure that all children know how to read and understand a basic text by age 10.

Monday 18 April 2022 | 09:00 - 10:00 AM

Virtual Parliamentarian Townhall with World Bank and IMF Senior Leadership

The **Townhall** will serve as an occasion for parliamentarians from around the globe to engage with their peers and **IMF & World Bank senior management** on the most pressing global development issues.

Welcome and Moderation

- **The Rt Hon. Liam Byrne MP, UK**
Chair of the Parliamentary Network on the World Bank & IMF

Speakers:

- **Kristalina Georgieva**, Managing Director, IMF
- **David Malpass**, President, WBG

Q&A with parliamentarians



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Tuesday 19 April 2022 | 09:00 - 10:30 AM

Session on Debt Management: Transparency and creativity for equitable growth

Before the COVID-19 pandemic, debt was already at record highs in emerging and developing economies. The pandemic is pushing a growing number of these countries into debt distress. The session on debt will be the occasion for legislators to discuss with **World Bank and IMF high level experts** how to manage debt in a transparent and accountable manner to better recover from the pandemic, while addressing medium and long-term development issues.

Welcome and Moderation

- **Hon. Marlene Malahoo Forte QC, MP**,
Minister of Legal and Constitutional Affairs, Jamaica tbc

Speakers:

- **Carmen Reinhart**, Senior Vice President and Chief Economist,
World Bank Group
- **Ceyla Pazarbasioglu**, Director of the Strategy, Policy, and Review
Department (SPR)
- **Emmanuel Alvarez Agis**, Founding Partner and Director of
Macroeconomics, PxQ Consulting

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Wednesday 20 April 2022 | 09:00 - 10:30 AM

Session on Climate Finance and Smart Infrastructure for a Greener and More Inclusive Recovery

The session on **Climate Finance** will look at how parliamentarians can work together with IFIs to draw the path towards achieving the **2030 Agenda** in the context of COVID-19 recovery, notably through green finance and infrastructure, while prioritizing the **COP26** commitments. This session will be used to present the **PN Parliamentary Toolkit** to its membership, aimed promoting knowledge sharing between MPs on relevant development topics.

Welcome and Moderation

- **The Rt Hon. Liam Byrne MP, UK**
Chair of the Parliamentary Network on the World Bank & IMF

Speakers:

- **Fabio Natalucci**, Deputy Director of the Monetary and Capital Markets Department, IMF
- **Demetrios Papathanasiou**, Global Director, Energy and Extractives Global Practice, Infrastructure Practice Group, World Bank

Q&A with parliamentarians



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