



October 6, 2008

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Dear colleague,

I am pleased to invite you to participate in the Eighth Annual Conference of the Parliamentary Network on the World Bank (PNoWB). The conference, which will take place in Paris on November 20-22, will be hosted by the French National Assembly and the French Government as France holds the presidency of the European Union.

This year's conference will bring together some 150 parliamentarians and development leaders from across the globe. World Bank President Robert B. Zoellick and IMF Managing Director Dominique Strauss-Kahn have already confirmed their attendance. In addition, French Minister of the Economy, Industry and Employment, Madame Christine Lagarde, will host the opening dinner, and take part in the dialogue with parliamentarians.

The 2008 PNoWB Annual Conference will provide legislators from around the world with an excellent opportunity to discuss some of the central issues on the international agenda, including climate change, the food crisis and how to make development aid more effective. The conference will also seek to provide participating Members of Parliament with the practical knowledge, conceptual tools, and other resources to address these issues, and to foster development at the country and regional level.

The 2008 PNoWB Annual Conference will also elect a new PNoWB Board of eleven members. If you wish to stand for election to the Board, please inform PNoWB co-ordinator Zuleikha Salim Said by Friday, November 14, using the contact information at the bottom of this letter. The current Board will propose revising the election arrangements in order to ensure gender and geographical balance on the Board. I hope many of you will consider standing for election, with a view to leading the strengthening and consolidation of our network.

With regard to travel arrangements, representatives from donor country parliaments are kindly asked to cover the cost of their own travel to the conference, as well as their accommodation while in Paris. Under exceptional circumstances and upon request, the



organizers may consider covering hotel and travel expenses for developing country parliamentarians. Please note that the PNoWB conference budget is limited, and that application for support does not guarantee funding. As for accommodations, please note that a block reservation has been made at a Paris hotel; details are provided in the attached reply form. Please reserve your space by filling out and sending the attached reply form by October 23.

I hope you will be able to join us in Paris, and look forward to fruitful discussions on strengthening the development community's responses to the challenges that concern the constituents we represent.

Sincerely,

Hugh Bayley  
Member of Parliament (UK)  
Chair of the Parliamentary Network on the World Bank

**Annual Conference of the Parliamentary Network on the  
World Bank (PNoWB)  
Navigating Climate Change, Food Crisis and Financial Crisis  
to ensure growth and the delivery of effective aid  
November 20 to 22, 2008-Paris (France)**

**Preliminary Draft Program**

<b>Thursday, November 20</b> <b>Venue : Hotel Meridien Montparnasse</b>	
13:30	<b>Working Lunch for African and European MPs on the occasion of the French EU Presidency</b> <u>Organizer:</u> The Association of European Parliamentarians for Africa (AWEPA) <u>Venue:</u> Hotel Meridien Montparnasse (tbc) Welcome by AWEPA Secretary General Pär Granstedt
Afternoon	<b>PNoWB Opening Session</b> PNoWB Chair Hugh Bayley: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- General briefing on PNoWB mission and activities;</li> <li>- Vision for the PNoWB</li> <li>- The priorities of the outgoing Board</li> <li>- Conference objectives</li> </ul>
	<b>PNoWB EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Change of Articles</li> <li>- Approval of Board election rules and procedures</li> </ul>
	<b>PNoWB Preparations</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Prepare questions to the Heads of multilateral organizations</li> </ul>
Evening	<b>Welcome dinner at the Ministry for the Economy, Industry and Employment</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Welcome Speech: Christine Lagarde, Minister for the Economy, Industry and Employment</li> <li>- PNoWB Chair Hugh Bayley: Short statement from PNoWB</li> <li>- Keynote Speaker: Dominique Strauss-Kahn, Managing Director, IMF</li> <li>- The developing country perspective: Speaker to be identified, will also put forward previously prepared questions from MPs</li> </ul>

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<b>Friday, November 21</b>	
<b>Venue : Assemblée Nationale – Salle Colbert &amp; 1<sup>e</sup>, 7<sup>e</sup> and 9<sup>e</sup> Bureau</b>	
Morning	
	<b>Three parallel sessions:</b> The role of Parliamentarians in:
<b>1<sup>e</sup> Bureau</b>	<i>Supporting increased efforts for Agriculture and Development</i> Responsible for session: CGIAR (Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research)
<b>7<sup>e</sup> Bureau</b>	<i>Promoting a supportive environment for local private sector growth</i> Responsible for session: IFC (International Finance Corporation)
<b>9<sup>e</sup> Bureau</b>	<i>Developing the capacity of parliaments to help governments deliver on the Accra Development Effectiveness agenda</i> Responsible for session: WBI (World Bank Institute)
	<b>PNoWB Board election preparations</b> Discuss Regional Representation on the PNoWB Board
	Plenary session 1: Chair: Hugh Bayley, chairman PNoWB Welcome address: Marc Le Fur, Vice Speaker of the National Assembly and chair of the French chapter of the PNoWB
Noon	Plenary session 2: <b>Meet the President of the World Bank, Robert B. Zoellick</b> Presentation and Q&A with questions prepared in advance
	Lunch at National Assembly
Afternoon	Plenary session 3: <b>Investment, transparency and accountability in Extractive Industries</b> - EITI - Vanessa Herringshaw, Revenue Watch Institute
	Plenary session 4: <b>Joint PNoWB/AWEPA session: Adapting to Climate Change</b> - A Strategic Framework on Climate Change and Development - North-South parliamentary dialogue on climate change

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	Plenary session 5: <b>The accountability and transparency of International Financial Institutions</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- IMF governance reform: IMF EXR Director Caroline Atkinson</li> <li>- World Bank speaker tbc</li> <li>- One World Trust: Global Accountability Project</li> <li>- Mr. Bert Koenders, Minister for Development Cooperation, the Netherlands (tbc)</li> <li>-</li> </ul>
Evening	<b>Cocktail Dinner</b> <b>Hosted by Agence Française de Développement</b> <b>Dinner Speaker :</b> <b>Mr. Jean Michel Severino, Chief Executive Director AFD</b>

<b>Saturday, November 22</b>	
<b>Venue : Assemblée Nationale – Salle</b>	
Morning	
	<b>Three parallel sessions:</b> The role of Parliamentarians in:
	<i>Adapting to climate change through preparing for natural disasters</i> Responsible for session: The Global Facility for Disaster Reduction and Recovery (GFDRR)
	<i>Promoting micro finance</i> Responsible for session: Consultative Group to Assist the Poor (CGAP)
	<i>Addressing Climate and Food Security challenges in Africa</i> Responsible for session: AWEPA (The Association of European Parliamentarians for Africa)
	<b>Announcement of PNoWB Board election results</b>
	Plenary session 6: <b>Keynote Address:</b> Michael Spence, Nobel economics Laureate <b>Rethinking Growth: Learning from Experience and Adapting to New Challenges</b>
Noon	Plenary session 7: <b>The Evolving Aid Architecture and Making Aid more Effective</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Philippe Le Houerou, Vice President for Concessional Finance and Global Partnerships, the World Bank</li> <li>- Bernard Petit, Director, DG Development, European Commission (tbc)</li> </ul>
	<b>Lunch at the National Assembly</b> Informal gathering of new PNoWB Board
Afternoon	Plenary session 8: <b>Joint PNoWB/AWEPA EU-Presidency Seminar: North-South Dialogue &amp; Parliamentary action to address the Food Crisis</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- MEP Guy Mitchell (Ireland) (tbc)</li> <li>- World Bank speaker (tbc)</li> <li>- Mr Richard Mkandawire, Advisor on agriculture, NEPAD Secretariat, African Union (tbc)</li> </ul>
	<b>Parallel Regional Workshops</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Dialogue between MPs and World Bank Group representatives on regional strategy and programs</li> </ul>
	<b>Closing session</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Key points from outgoing PNoWB Board</li> <li>- Presentation of the new Board including chair and vice chairs</li> <li>- Decision on next steps</li> </ul>

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