



PREVIEW

with the **COMMONWEALTH PARLIAMENTARY ASSOCIATION**
and the **WORLD BANK INSTITUTE**

817th WILTON PARK CONFERENCE

Monday 5 – Friday 9 June 2006

REDUCING POVERTY: THE ROLES OF PARLIAMENTS, GOVERNMENT AND NON-STATE ACTORS

themes and speakers invited

Speakers invited and themes proposed (*to be confirmed)

MONDAY 5 JUNE

1500-1515

Introduction to the Conference

Sheila MACKAY

Director, Wilton Park

Hon Denis MARSHALL, QSO

Secretary-General, Commonwealth Parliamentary Association, London

Dr Rick STAPENHURST

Senior Public Sector Specialist, Governance Team, World Bank Institute,
Washington DC

1515-1645

1 WHAT SHOULD BE PARLIAMENTARIANS' PRIORITIES TO REDUCE POVERTY?

Hon Somnath CHATTERJEE

Speaker, Lok Sabha, Parliament of India, New Delhi; Vice President, Commonwealth
Parliamentary Association

1715-1845

**2 WHAT POVERTY REDUCTION ACTIONS AND RESULTS CAN REASONABLY
BE EXPECTED OF DEVELOPING COUNTRY GOVERNMENTS AND
PARLIAMENTS?**

Hon Denis MARSHALL, QSO

Secretary-General, Commonwealth Parliamentary Association, London

TUESDAY 6 JUNE

0915-1045

**3 HOW ARE DONORS HELPING TO REDUCE POVERTY IN THE DEVELOPING
WORLD?**

Sam SHARPE

Director, Policy Division, Department for International Development, London

1130-1300

**4 WHAT SEQUENCING OF ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL POLICIES CAN BEST
ENSURE MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT GOALS ARE ACHIEVED?**

Hon Beth MUGO

Assistant Minister for Education, Ministry of Education, Nairobi

1530-1700

**5 THE ROLE OF PARLIAMENTS IN THE POVERTY REDUCTION STRATEGY
(PRS) PROCESS: PERSPECTIVES OF THE INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL
INSTITUTIONS**

Patricia ALONSO-GAMO

Chief, PRGF Operations Division, International Monetary Fund, Washington DC

- 1730-1900 **6 CONCURRENT DISCUSSION GROUPS**
- a. How Is The Media Helping Poverty Reduction Efforts?**
Russell LYNE
Head, Regional Development, Thomson Foundation, Cardiff
- b. How Is Fiscal Policy Best Supporting the PRS Process?**
Dag AARNES
Senior Economist, Assist Consulting, Oslo
- c. What Role for Trade Unions in the PRS Process?**
David DORKENOO
Head, International Department, Trade Union Congress, Accra

WEDNESDAY 7 JUNE

- 0915-0930 **7 BRIEF REPORTS FROM TUESDAY DISCUSSION GROUPS**

- 0930-1100 **8 WHAT ROLE FOR PARLIAMENTS IN IMPLEMENTING THE PRS PROCESS?**
Hon Saumura TIOULONG, MP
Member of Parliamentary Network on the World Bank; Member of Parliament, National Assembly of the Kingdom of Cambodia, The Hague
- Steven LANGDON**
Director, Africa Program, Parliamentary Centre, Ottawa

- 1130-1300 **9 HOW BEST TO LINK THE BUDGETARY PROCESS TO THE PRS PROCESS?**
Anne MAKINDA, MP
Former Minister and Chair of Environment and Poverty Reduction Committee; Member of Parliament, National Assembly of Tanzania, Dar es Salaam

- 1730-1900 **10 HOW ARE PARLIAMENTS ENSURING THE EXECUTIVE MAKES POVERTY REDUCTION AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PRIORITY?**
Hon Alban S.K. BAGBIN, MP
Minority Leader, Parliament of Ghana, Accra

- 2045-2200 **11 CONCURRENT DISCUSSION GROUPS: CASE STUDIES ON HOW PARLIAMENTARY CONSTRAINTS ARE BEING OVERCOME**
- a. Nigeria**
Senator Gbemi SARA-KI-FOROWA
Senator, National Assembly, Abuja
- b. India**
Professor Bharati RAY
Author; Educationist; former Member of Rajya Sabha and former Pro Vice-Chancellor, Calcutta University, Calcutta
- c. Jamaica**
Andrew HOLNESS
Member of Parliament, Kingston

THURSDAY 8 JUNE

- 0915-1045 **12 HOW ARE PARLIAMENTARIANS BUILDING PARTNERSHIPS AND BROAD BASED PARTICIPATION IN THEIR PRS EFFORTS?**
Mohamed Nurul HUDA
Member, Bangladesh Parliament, Dhaka

- 1115-1215 **13 EMPOWERING STAKEHOLDERS: BUILDING COALITIONS WITH NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANISATIONS**
Professor Mushtaq MIRANI
Former Member, Prime Minister's Task Force on Poverty Alleviation and Employment Generation, Mehran University of Engineering and Technology, Sindh

- 1215-1315 **14 HOW IS GENDER EQUALITY BEING BUILT INTO POVERTY REDUCTION STRATEGIES?**
Hon Lindiwe MASEKO
Chair, Commonwealth Women Parliamentarians; Chairperson of Portfolio Committees, Gauteng Provincial Legislature, Johannesburg

- 1500-1515 **15 BRIEF REPORTS FROM WEDNESDAY DISCUSSION GROUPS**

- 1515-1630 **16 WHAT ARE THE PRINCIPAL CONSTRAINTS TO PARLIAMENTARY INVOLVEMENT IN THE PRS PROCESS?**

Cheryl GILLAN, MP

Member, Commonwealth Women Parliamentarians Steering Committee; Member,
House of Commons, London

1700-1815

17 HOW BEST TO BUILD PARLIAMENTARY CAPACITY FOR GREATER INVOLVEMENT IN THE PRS PROCESS?

Rasheed DRAMAN

Programme Coordinator - Poverty Reduction and Head of Ghana Office, Parliamentary Centre, Accra

Dr Rick STAPENHURST

Senior Public Sector Specialist, Governance Team, World Bank Institute, Washington DC

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18 ACTION POINTS FOR THE FUTURE AND CONCLUDING REMARKS

Speaker to be advised

FRIDAY 9 JUNE

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Participants Depart

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