

Nigeria: President Yar'Adua Urges Equitable Global Economic System

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President Umaru Muse Yar'Adua has called for the emergence of a global economic system predicated on fairness, justice and equity as the panacea to build a world of shared prosperity, peace and security.

The President who made this call on November 12, while declaring open the 29th Annual Forum of Parliamentarians for Global Action in Abuja, noted "Considering that the issues of poverty, unemployment and migration have recently engaged the serious attention of the international community, the theme of your Forum, Poverty and Unemployment: Eradicating the Root Causes of Migration, could not have been more timely and appropriate."

According to him, It is gratifying to see the world's parliamentarians pro-actively deploying their legislative influence in engaging global socio-economic, development and political challenges, and driving the entrenchment of democratic good governance, justice, equity, and development across the world.

While wishing them a very fruitful and fulfilling deliberations, the President expressed delight at the choice of Abuja, as host of the 29th Annual Forum of Parliamentarians for Global Action. And enjoin them to make out time to enjoy the beauty and unique ambience of Abuja.

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President ready to seek help on Nigeria's poverty

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President Umaru Musa Yar'Adua has said his government is prepared to engage the international community in combating poverty and unemployment in the country.

While declaring open the 29th Annual Conference of Parliamentarians for Global Action in Abuja on Monday, the President observed that poverty and unemployment were the root causes of migration of Nigerians to countries of Europe and America.

He said it was necessary for countries of the world to come together and fight poverty, particularly through assistance from the developing nations of the world.

Yar'Adua said many Nigerians die in the process of trying to migrate to foreign countries, adding that those who eventually make it to these countries are either faced with the harsh realities of inhuman treatment or deportation.

While admitting the negative factors of poverty and unemployment as being responsible for migration, he noted that if successive governments on the continent had risen up to tackle these problems, the menace of migration would have been checked.

Yar'Adua said his seven-point agenda, when fully implemented, would reduce poverty and unemployment to the lowest level.

He said his administration was committed to the demonstration of unequalled respect for the rule of law, and the desire for peace and security in the country.

He said the PGA should create a platform to provide the needed impetus for shared prosperity, peace and security between the developed and the developing nations.

Acting President of the PGA and Deputy Speaker of New Zealand Forum, Mr. Ross Robertson, praised Nigeria's leading role in Africa, noting that the forum was pleased to host its 29th session in Abuja .

He said the PGA would focus on poverty, unemployment and migration with a view to establishing a workable solution to the global problems, which were particularly endemic in Africa and other underdeveloped nations.

He thanked Yar'Adua for his exemplary leadership, noting that Nigeria needed such leadership to sustain its renascent democracy.

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Nigeria: PGA Urges Musharaf to Call Off Emergency Rule

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The Parliamentary Global Action has called on Pakistan president, General Pervez Musharaf to call off the emergency rule which he has imposed on the country.

In a communiqué marking the end of its 29th annual forum held in Abuja , the organization said the president must lift the suspension of the nation's constitution and restore the powers of the judiciary.

Reading the communiqué on behalf of PGA, Senator Bassey Ewa Henshaw said General Musharaf should also, "release promptly, political leaders and judicial officers incarcerated, restore fundamental rights especially freedom of expression and also hold free and fair elections as scheduled."

The PGA also called on General Musharaf to relinquish his dual role as president as well as army chief of Pakistan before the end of November 2007.

Senator Henshaw said the position of PGA is part of the international pressure on the Pakistan President to restore rule of law in that country.

"It was out of pressure that he agreed to hold polls in February and when he was further pressurized he has agreed to hold the elections as scheduled in January, so our position is to further pressurize him to restore rule of law to Pakistan," Henshaw said.

On the issue of migration from less developed nations of the world to Europe and America , Senator Henshaw said the PGA has resolved to pursue vigorously policies and programs of government targeted at poverty reduction and employment creation.

"We resolved to work and collaborate with other political and international for a in which we participate to work advocate and support implementation of policies and laws aimed at poverty reduction and employment generation in recognition of the fact that poverty and unemployment are often catalysts leading directly and indirectly to large scale displacement of people and forced migration," Henshaw added.

He said PGA members have resolved to urge their governments to become part of international collaboration to give migrants fair treatments and socially integrated in their destination countries.

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Local MP to Chair International Forum

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Manukau East MP, Ross Robertson, is to chair the International Council Meeting of the 29th Parliamentarians for Global Action (PGA) Annual Forum to be held in Nigeria next week.

“The theme of the Forum, ‘Poverty and unemployment – the root causes of migration’ is, of course, particularly pertinent in the African environment, but there are parallel issues here in New Zealand with our Pacific people and others who have sought refuge in New Zealand,” Ross Robertson commented.

He will also chair and speak at a key panel session regarding the identification of the root causes of migration and immigration.

Ross Robertson said that his work as an MP over 20 years in South Auckland had given him some real insights into the motivations, needs and stresses of both poverty and migration.

“Many of my constituents are refugees and migrants. These are the lucky ones as many many more still languish in camps and villages throughout Africa hoping for a better life in the future.

“Others come from the Pacific Islands, and, as we know, there are others who would like to come to New Zealand to join their families and also for jobs and security.

“Poverty and migration have been linked since time began. Our role is to ensure that those who seek a better life can find it largely through overseas aid or diplomacy,” he said.

The meeting and following conference are being held in the Nigerian Parliament in Abuja, Nigeria between 10 – 13 November.

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Liberia: President Sirleaf And Nigerian President Hold Talks in Abuja

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President Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf and entourage have returned home from a two-day visit to the Federal Republic of Nigeria. While in Abuja, the Liberian President and her counterpart, His Excellency Umaru Musa Yar'Adua, discussed bilateral and sub-regional issues.

An Executive Mansion release says both leaders also discussed Liberia's debt relief. The President was accompanied by Finance Minister, Dr. Antoinette Sayeh; Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, Cllr. Jamesetta Howard-Wolokollie and Maryland County Senator, Hon. Gloria Musu Scott.

In another development, an award has been conferred on President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf for her steadfastness in defending justice and democracy in Liberia and Africa. The Defender of Democracy Award was conferred on the President by Parliamentarians for Global Action (PGD) at its 29th General Assembly held in Abuja.

Receiving the award, President Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf called on parliamentarians around the world to work together with Civil Society Organizations to make other nations stronger, noting that Civil Society Organizations play an important role in nation-building, especially in the promotion of reformed agenda. The President described the award as rewarding and a recipe for Liberia's renewal.

The Parliamentarians for Global Action (PGA) was established in 1978 to defend democracy around the world. It has more than 1300 members in 118 countries.

The President of the Nigerian Senate, Honorable Bassey Henshaw has been elected the new President of the group.

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World Parliamentarians Meet in Abuja on Migration



118 lawmakers from across the globe have identified poverty and unemployment as the root causes of migration.

The lawmakers under the auspices of the Parliamentarians for Global Action (PGA), met on Monday, September 12, in Abuja, Nigeria's capital city, to discuss the causes and effect of Migration on global economy ahead of achieving the vision 2020 goal.

Parliamentarians for Global Action, is an active network of over 1,300 individual, democratically elected members of Parliament from approximately 100 countries worldwide.

Declaring open the 29th Annual Forum of the Parliamentarians at the ECOWAS Secretariat Nigeria's President Umaru Musa Yar'adua said, his administration has resolved to join in the fight against poverty as highlighted in his 7-goal agenda.

The President asked members of the Parliamentarians to braze-up to the challenges of promoting democracy, peace, justice and development throughout the world.

Also speaking at the two-day event, the PGA's Acting President, Mr. Ross Robertson said after more than 100 years of parliamentary service, members owed it a duty to collectively eradicate poverty and unemployment due to its overall consequence on nations.

He said the strength of a great army can be resisted but not that of migration and the problems associated with it.

PGA had been initially set up to address the critical need for disarmament, but has since taken on global issues such as conflict prevention and management, international law and human rights, population, empowerment of women, and economic reform.

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Pictures of President Umaru Musa Yar'Adua at Parliamentarians for Global Action (PGA)

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President Umaru Musa Yar'Adua, Senate President, David Mark, Sen. Bassey Ewa-Henshaw, Chairman, Parliamentarians For Global Action (PGA) Nigeria Group and acting President Of PGA, Hon. Ross Robertson Arriving For the 29th edition of the group Annual Forum today Monday in Abuja.



From right, visiting US Deputy Secretary of State, John Negroponte, President Umaru Musa Yar'Adua, Vice President Goodluck Jonathan and Minister of Foreign Affairs, Ojo Maduekwe at the State House, Abuja.



From left, President of the Senate, David Mark, President Umaru Musa Yar'Adua, acting President of Parliamentarians for Global Action (PGA), Hon. Ross Robertson And Chairman, Pga, Nigeria Group, Sen. Bassey Ewa Henshaw at the opening of 29th Annual Forum of PGA in Abuja.

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