



## Parliamentarians for Global Action



### **The Paris Declaration on Aid Effectiveness - The Role of Parliamentarians in Achieving Alignment: Health and Economic Growth in the Americas**

**United States Capitol, Room HC-8  
Washington, D.C.**

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### **AGENDA**

**10.30am – 11.00am    Introductory & Welcoming Remarks**

- Ms. Shazia Rafi, Secretary General, PGA
- Senator Bassey Ewa-Henshaw, (Nigeria), President, PGA
- H.E. Mr. Pierre Vimont, Ambassador of France to the United States

**11.00am – 12.15am    Panel I – General Overview of the Paris Declaration on Aid Effectiveness:  
Achieving Alignment to Advance Health, Reduce Poverty, and Promote  
Growth in the Americas**

- Getting to Paris and Beyond: Alignment and Empowerment – Finding common ground between donors and recipients and strengthening the voice of recipients
- Summary presentation of the Paris Harmonization and Alignment Agenda
- Looking towards the future in terms of country ownership, effective management, and mutual accountability between donors and recipients
- The Role of Legislators from donor countries
- The Role of Legislators from partner countries

**Chair: Hon. Naveed Qamar, MP (Pakistan), Member, PGA Executive Committee**

**Panelists:**

- Congressman Dennis Kucinich (D-OH; USA)
- Dip. Minou Tavaréz Mirabal (Dominican Republic), Member, PGA International Council
- Dip. Gabriel Herbas Camacho (Bolivia)
- Ms. Janet Entwistle & Mr. Filippo Cavassini (Joint Presentation), World Bank

**Discussion Session**

**12.15am - 12.30pm**      *Coffee Break*- Remarks given by Congresswoman Corrine Brown (D-FL, USA)

**12.30pm - 1.30pm**      **Panel II – Health Care and Growth: Issues and Challenges in the Americas**

- Linking International Trade Policy and National Development Strategies to ODA
- Aid Effectiveness: Health Access for Women and Girls
- Procurement Management Issues for Access to Health Care and Quality of Care
- Country Ownership and Donor Accountability in Economic Development Assistance
- Donor Response to Country Demand for Economic Development Assistance (Enterprise, Infrastructure, Education, and Training)

**Chair: Dr. Ruth Wijdenbosch, MP (Suriname), Member, PGA Executive Committee**

**Panelists:**

- Ms. Sarah Craven, Chief of Washington, DC, United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)
- Dip. Margarita Teodora Sucari Cari (Peru), Member, Foreign Affairs Committee, Health Committee
- Sen. Maria Perceval (Argentina), PGA Int. Law and Human Rights Convenor
- Mr. Ibrahim Sorie, MP, (Sierra Leone), Member, PGA Executive Committee

**Discussion Session**

**1.30pm – 2.30pm Lunch**

**2:30pm - 4:00pm**      **Panel III – Aid Flow and Challenges to Recipients**

- Aid Predictability and Conditionality in Partner Countries
- Bilateral Aid Challenges, Untying Aid and Progress
- Optimizing Country Mechanisms and Procedures
- Reconciling Transaction Costs Associated with ODA
- Aligning Emerging Market and Nongovernmental Donors with International Aid Architecture

**Chair: Mr. Kent Olsson, MP (Sweden), PGA Treasurer and Member, Executive Committee**

**Panelists:**

- Mrs. Ermelinda Meksi, MP, (Albania), former Minister of the Economy & of Economic Cooperation & Trade, Member, PGA Executive Committee
- Ms. Chantal Gill'ard, MP (Netherlands), Spokesperson Labour Party (PvDA), Development Cooperation and Medical Ethics / AWEPA Representative
- Sen. Jairo Clopatofsky (Colombia)

- Mr. Kilontsi Mporogomyi, MP (Tanzania), Vice President of the IPU Committee on Sustainable Development, Finance and Trade
- Ms. Karen Turner, Director, Office of Development Partners (USAID)

***Discussion Session***

**4:00pm - 4:15pm** *Coffee Break*

**4:15pm - 5:00pm** **Panel IV – Roundtable Discussion on Recommendations and Input on Alignment for the High Level Forum on Aid Effectiveness in Accra, Ghana (September 2008)**

***Chair: Hon. Ross Robertson, Assistant Speaker (New Zealand), Chair, PGA International Council***  
***Rapporteur: Mr. Peter Barcroft, Senior Program Officer, PGA Secretariat***

**5:00pm - 5:30pm** **Concluding Session: Review of Final Parliamentary Input Document for the High Level Forum**

**May 8, 2008**

**10.00am – 12.00pm:** **Briefing to the Staff of House Foreign Affairs Committee on the International Criminal Court and the Arms Trade Treaty, Rayburn House Office Building, Room 2255**

**10.30am – 1.00pm:** **Working Group Meeting on Development, Employment and Migration, United States Capitol, Room HC-8**

**3.00pm - 4.00pm:** **PGA/Population Action International Delegation to Congressman Russ Carnahan (D-MO; USA)**

**3.00om – 4.00pm:** **PGA delegation to the Inter-American Development Bank**

**5.00 pm – 7.00 pm:** **Evening Reception – The Washington Home of Stewart R. Mott – Remarks given by Senator Tom Harkin (D-IA; USA)**