

Africa All Party Parliamentary Group

Annual Report

2010-2011

Chair's Introduction

Since June 2010 the Africa APPG has held or co-hosted regular meetings on a wide range of topics from the situation in Libya, to Africa's illicit capital flight, to HIV/AIDS and the Millennium Development Goals to gender politics in Swaziland.

We have been honoured over the last 12 months to host many high profile guests including Bill Gates, who discussed his work with the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation; Helen Clark, Administrator for the United Nations Development Programme, who launched the Human Development Index with us in November 2010, and, most recently, His Excellency Jean Ping, Chair of the African Union who discussed the challenges and limitations of the African Union over lunch on 4th July.

We have hosted the London launches of both the IMF's 2010 Sub-Saharan Africa Regional Economic Outlook in October 2010 and the OECD-African Development Bank's 2011 African Economic Outlook last month. We have held two large parliamentary receptions, the first on the challenges of investing in Africa and the second to launch a new national Diaspora advocacy initiative 'Africa-UK'.

In August we published a submission to the National Security Council's Strategic Defence and Security Review entitled 'Security and Africa'. This year we are examining the Department for International Development's Bilateral Aid Review and the impact it will have on Africa, which will be published shortly. In the autumn we intend to undertake a study visit to the European Union.

I'd like to thank all those who served as officers and members of the executive committee in 20010-2011, particularly new Members of Parliament who have been so generous with their time, and all those members who took part in Africa APPG meetings and who were involved in the submission on security and Africa.

As always, I would like to thank the Royal African Society for their advice, administration and support of the Group. Alex O'Donoghue, the APPG coordinator, is leaving us at the end of this month and on behalf of the Group I wish to thank her for her support and wish her well in the future.

Hugh Bayley MP Chair, Africa APPG

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6th July 2011

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Meetings Held

14th July 2010: General briefing with Rt. Hon Andrew Mitchell MP, Secretary of State for International Development

Chair: Hugh Bayley MP

20th July 2010: Parliamentarians Ending Poverty with Bill Gates *followed by a short reception*

Speakers: Bill Gates, Co-Chair and Trustee of The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation; Alan Duncan MP, Minister of State for International Development; Douglas Alexander MP, Shadow Secretary of State for International Development; Harriet Lamb Executive Director of the Fairtrade Foundation; Aaron Oxley, Executive Director of RESULTS-UK; Malcolm Bruce MP, Chair of the IDC

Chair: Mishal Husain (BBC News at Ten & BBC World News)

In collaboration with the development APPGs

28th October: Aids in Africa; What hope of meeting this Millennium Development Goal?

Speaker: Stephen Lewis, former UN Secretary-General's special Envoy for HIV/AIDS

in Africa 2001-2006

Chair: David Cairns MP

1st November: IMF launch: Sub-Saharan Africa Regional Economic Outlook

Speakers: Abebe Aemro Selassie, Head of the Regional Studies Division of the African Department and the IMF's Mission Chief for South Africa; Roger Nord, Senior Adviser, African Department, with responsibility for West and South-East Africa,

Chair: Richard Dowden, Director, Royal African Society

3rd November: Governance and Accountability in Africa: Challenges in 2011 *followed by a short reception*

Speakers: Abdul Tejan-Cole, Africa Regional Director for the Open Society Foundations, former head of Sierra Leone's Anti-Corruption Commission; Binaifer Nowrojee, Executive Director of Open Society Initiative, East Africa; Takawira Musavengana, Human Rights & Democracy Building Programme Manager, Open Society Initiative, Southern Africa.

Chair Lord Chidgey

In collaboration with and sponsored by the Open Society Institute.

23rd November: UK Launch of the Human Development Report 2010

Speakers: Helen Clark, Administrator, United Nations Development Programme; Michael Anderson, Director General for Policy and Global Issues, DFID

Chair: Hugh Bayley MP

In collaboration with the Overseas Development Institute and APGOOD

9th February 2011: Post-referendum Sudan, and the Lord's Resistance Army

Speakers: Henry Bellingham MP, Minister for Africa; Professor Tim Allen, Professor of Development Anthropology, LSE and author 'The Lord's Resistance Army: Myth and Reality';

Chair: Sir John Holmes, former UN Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Discussion

In collaboration with Crisis Action

14th February: The Challenges of Investing in Africa. *Parliamentary Reception*

Speakers: Clive Newell, First Quantum Minerals; George Boden, Global Witness; Jim Drummond, DfID and Malcolm Bruce MP, Chair IDC

Chair: Hugh Bayley MP

In collaboration with the APPG on Great Lakes Region of Africa Sponsored by Maitland PR.

16th February: Launch of AFRICA↔UK. *Parliamentary Reception*

Speakers: Stephen O'Brien MP, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State, DfID, Rt Hon Harriet Harman MP; Hugh Quarshie, actor; Chi Onwurah MP, Dr Titi Banjoko.

Chair: Hugh Bayley MP

Sponsored by Africa-UK, A Common Ground Initiative (CGI) Project. CGI in funded and managed by Comic Relief

8th March: Africa's Missing Millions: Illicit Financial Flows

Speaker: Dev Kar, Global Financial Integrity; John Christensen, Director Tax Justice

Network

Chair: Paul Blomfield MP

In association with Global Financial Integrity, Oxford

15th March: Swaziland: A Kingdom in Crisis

Speakers: Siphiwe Hlope, founder and director of SWAPOL; Professor Alan Whiteside, Founder, Health Economics and HIV/AIDS Research Division, University of KwaZulu-Natal

Chair: Baroness D'Souza

In association with Positive Women and ACTSA

30th March: Briefing on Somalia with Henry Bellingham MP, Minister for Africa

Chair: Hugh Bayley MP

4th April: Arab Spring: Libya Briefing

Speakers: George Joffe, Research Fellow at the Centre of International Studies, Cambridge University; Mans Nyberg UNHCR

Chair: Baroness Stern

9th May: Cote D'Ivoire: A New Kind of Intervention?

Speakers: Xavier Chatel, French Embassy; Daniel Balint-Kurti, Global Witness; Dr Tim Young, Senior Lecturer on Africa, School of Oriental and African Studies; Adam Berthoud, Save the Children UK

Chair: Richard Dowden, Director, Royal African Society

In collaboration with Save the Children

23rd May: The Demophile Deal for Africa: Blueprint for a new Western Policy Towards Africa

Speakers: Sylvie Aboa-Bradwell, Executive Director, African Peoples Advocacy; Stephen Chan, OBE, Professor of International Relations, SOAS

Chair: Pauline Latham OBE MP

In collaboration with Africa-UK and the African Peoples Advocacy

14th June: London launch of OECD-African Development Bank *African Economic Outlook 2011* Theme: Africa and its Emerging Partners *Followed by a reception*

Speakers: Henri-Bernard Solignac-Lecomte, OECD, Vinaye Ancharaz, AfDB, Razia Khan, Standard Chartered, Jonathan Glennie, Overseas Development Institute

Chair: Hugh Bayley MP

In collaboration with Africa-UK, OECD, ADB, UNDP, UNECA Sponsored by Africa-UK

15th June: China and the Changing Face of Africa: Addressing the Sustainability of the Relationship

Lecture by Dr. Martyn Davies, CEO, Frontier Advisory

29th June: The Role of the Extractive Industry in International Development

Breakfast meeting with Anglo American, Wardell-Armstrong, IOM3, Global Witness, Revenue Watch and Transparency International

Chair: Lord Chidgey

In collaboration with APPG on Great Lakes Region of Africa Sponsored by Anglo-American

4th July: The challenges and limitations of the African Union

Lunch meeting with His Excellency Jean Ping, Chair of the African Union Commission and Stephen O'Brien, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for International Development

Chair: Lord Lea of Crondall

Treasurer's Report

From the period January 1st 2010 to December 31st 2010

Net resources at bank reported at January 1st 2010 £1,461.80

Less: payment to Royal African Society to defray £1,000.00

part of the total cost of the Zimbabwe report

Net resources at bank at December 31st 2010 £461.80

NB: (1) On 20^{th} January 2011 a payment of £2,000 was received from Save the Children UK. The balance on 6^{th} July 2011 is £2,461.80.

Lord Brooke of Sutton Mandeville Hon. Treasurer

July 6th 2011