

CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENT

ALL AFRICA PARLIAMENTARY CONFERENCE ON THE MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT GOALS AND POST 2015 DEVELOPMENT AGENDA

Theme:	Parliaments, the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), and the post-2015 development agenda
Date:	21 – 25 May 2012
Venue:	United Nations Conference Centre, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
Organisers:	United Nations Millennium Campaign (Africa Regional Office), African Network of Parliamentarians on the MDGs
Hosts:	Parliament of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia and Office of the Resident Coordinator of the United Nations and Resident Representative of UNDP (Ethiopia)
Partners:	Commonwealth Foundation, MDGs Select Committee of the National Assembly of Nigeria, the Inter-Parliamentary Union, United Nations Economic Commission for Africa, United Nations Development Programme and the African Union.

Rationale:

- To enhance the role of African parliamentarians in the ongoing processes to accelerate and review progress towards the realization of the MDGs and to design the Post 2015 development framework in the context of the changing global political and economic environment.

Objectives:

- Provide a platform to review the progress of the MDGs;
- Develop shared strategies for accelerating the achievement of the MDGs;
- Foster collaboration between African MPs and their networks, and civil society networks and coalitions for the achievement of the MDGs;
- Develop a strategy for effective participation of African parliaments and parliamentarians, in collaboration with their civil society, in the consultation process towards a post-2015 development agenda, and
- Expand the network of parliamentarians on the MDGs and foster stronger collaboration among parliamentary networks across Africa for the achievement of the MDGs.



Outputs:

- Conference report
- Communiqué to be released on African Liberation Day
- Published status reports on the state of MDGs in African countries
- Guidelines for parliamentary-led consultations towards a post-2015 agenda
- Launch of the Commonwealth Foundation *Breaking Point* research project on the MDGs

Conference structure:

- 21 May: Coordination and planning pre-meeting of the Network of African Parliamentarians on the MDGs (APN-MDGs)
- 22 – 24 May: All Africa Parliamentary Conference on the MDGs
- 25 May: African Liberation Day interaction between the Steering Committee of the APN-MDGs and the AU
- 25 – 26 May: Inception workshop of the Commonwealth Foundation/ United Nations Millennium Campaign's collaborative *Breaking Point research* project on the MDGs.

Target audience: The conference will be attended by 150-200 participants from parliaments, civil society, the United Nations system, intergovernmental organisations, private sector, and the donor community.

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