



Africa All Party Parliamentary Group

Annual Report

2009-2010


Chair's Introduction

Since October 2009 the Africa APPG has held or co-hosted meetings covering a wide range of topics, including oil and politics in Nigeria, the West African drugs trade and the political instability in Kenya. The Group also hosted the launch of the IMF report *Sub-Saharan Africa and the Great Recession* in October 2009 and the joint OECD-African Development Bank's European launch of the *African Economic Outlook 2010* in May 2010, the first time it has ever been launched in the U.K. We held two receptions, a parliamentary reception in honour of leading members of the Africa Diaspora in October 2009 and a luncheon to celebrate International Women's Day in March 2010. The Group's fifth report *Land in Zimbabwe: Past Mistakes, Future Prospects* was published in December 2009 to wide acclaim, both in the UK and southern Africa.

Looking ahead we are hosting, jointly with other Development APPGs, a meeting on business and development with a VIP guest speaker from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation on 20th July, followed by a reception. In October we shall host the second annual Diaspora reception. We shall soon select the next topic for the APPG to hold an inquiry on, with the aim of publishing a report late this year or early 2011.

I'd like to thank all those who served as officers and members of the executive committee in 2009-2010 and all those members who took part in Africa APPG meetings and who were involved in the inquiry on land reform in Zimbabwe.

As always, I would like to thank the Royal African Society for their advice, administration and support of the Group.



Hugh Bayley MP
Chair, Africa APPG

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Meetings Held

8th October 2009: Parliamentary reception with leading members of the African Diaspora

Speakers: Alache Ode, Diaspora Volunteering Partnership Manager, VSO; Nick Blazquez, Managing Director, Diageo Africa

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20th October: Launch of IMF report *The Great Recession and Sub-Saharan Africa*

Speakers: Saul Lizondo, Deputy Director of the African Department, IMF; Abebe Aemro Selassie, Head of the Regional Studies Division, African Department, IMF; Gareth Thomas, Reader, Economic History, LSE

Chair: Sally Keeble MP

28th October: Oil, Power and Politics in Nigeria

Speakers: Michael Peel, Author, *A Swamp Full of Dollars* and Former FT correspondent; Dr Raufu Mustapha, University of Oxford; Patrick Smith Editor, Africa Confidential

Chair: John Robertson MP

24th November: West Africa's International Drugs Trade

Speakers: Professor Stephen Ellis, Professor, Free University (VU) Amsterdam; Alexandre Schmidt, Regional Representative for West Africa, UNODC, Dakar; Dr. Kwesi Aning, Conflict Prevention Management and Resolution, Department, Kofi Annan International Peacekeeping Training Centre; Gabriel Denvir, Head, Drugs Section, International Directorate, Home Office.

Chair: Sally Keeble MP

11th January 2010: Kenya: Still on the brink?

Speakers: Maina Kiai, Former Chair, Kenya National Human Rights Commission; Michela Wrong, Author, *It's Our Turn To Eat: The Story of a Kenyan Whistleblower*

Chair: Nigel Evans MP

**14th January: Roundtable discussion with Professor Maurice Iwu, Chair,
Nigerian Electoral Commission**

23rd February: Accessing Medicine

Speakers: Peter Piot, Director, Global Health Institute, Imperial College, former Director of UNAIDS; Jon Pender, Director, Government Affairs, GSK; Hannah Kettler, Economist and Senior Programme Officer, Gates Foundation; Javier Guzman, Director of Research at the George Institute George Institute

Chair: Stephen O'Brien MP

Joint with London International Development Centre

8th March: Parliamentary luncheon to celebrate International Women's Day

Speakers: Marie Staunton, Chief Executive, Plan International UK; Ellen Wratten, DFID/Nike Foundation Girl Effect Hub; Titi Banjoko, Founder, Director of Africa Recruit; Rupal Mistry, Programme Manager, Common Ground Initiative, Comic Relief

Chair: Sally Keeble MP

Joint with Plan International (UK)

**11th March: Roundtable discussion with Baroness Kinnock, Minister of State,
Africa, Asia and the UN.**

26th May: Launch of OECD-African Development Bank *African Economic Outlook 2010*

Speakers: Henri-Bernard Solignac-Lecomte, Head of the Africa and Middle East Desk of the OECD Development Centre; Désiré Vencatachellum, Lead Research Economist in the Development Research Department, African Development Bank; Alison Evans, Director, Overseas Development Institute; Ju Ping, Institute of Development Studies

Chair: Hugh Bayley MP

Joint with OECD Development Centre

Treasurer's Report

From the period January 1st 2009 to December 31st 2009

Net resources at bank reported at January 1st 2009 £1,465.58

Net resources at bank at December 31st 2009 **£1,465.58**

Note: (1) A payment was made on June 23rd 2010 to the Royal African Society to defray part of the total cost of the Zimbabwe Report. The balance remaining is **£465.58** at June 30th 2010.

Lord Freeman
Hon. Treasurer

June 22nd 2010