



Africa All Party Parliamentary Group

Annual Report

2012-2013

Chair's Introduction

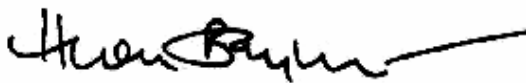
The Africa APPG has had another busy year, hosting 30 meetings in Parliament over the course of the year. We chose to focus our meetings schedule over the year on the topics of China's growing influence in Africa, the role of the African Union and best practice for business in Africa, which we selected as some of the key, continent-wide geopolitical trends affecting the continent. However we have maintained a flexibility that has allowed us to be responsive to political developments, for example hosting a series of three meetings on Mali as instability in the Sahel unfolded. We have been honoured to host African leaders including President Ali Bongo Ondimba of Gabon, President John Mahama of Ghana, and H.E. Dr. Nkosazana Dlamini Zuma, the Chairperson of the African Union Commission, as well as a broad range of Government officials, businesses, researchers, NGOs and members of the diaspora, and are extremely grateful to everyone who has agreed to meet with us over the year.

The Africa APPG does much more than simply organise meetings however. In March we gained approval from the Backbench Business Committee for a Westminster Hall debate on the post-2015 development agenda, in the run up to the final meeting of the UN High Level Panel on the post-2015 Development Agenda, in collaboration with a number of APPGs. I was delighted to see so many Members come together around this critical issue. We have introduced a weekly *Africa in Parliament* bulletin, which has been extremely valuable in bringing together parliamentary work on Africa in the Chamber, the Committees, by individuals Members and in APPGs, in both Houses and across the different Departments. We continue our work on our current inquiry on democracy and development in Africa, which we plan to publish by the end of 2013.

We remain indebted to our partners, both old and new, and are pleased to work ever closer with a wide range of individuals, organisations and institutions. Specifically we have strengthened our relationships with DFID, the FCO and various Embassies, who are invited to a growing number of our meetings and who receive our *Africa in Parliament* bulletin. This engagement allows an increasing dialogue with both the British and African Governments. We are working increasingly closely with other APPGs that focus on related issues under the loose coalition of the APPGs on International Development, which is proving an extremely powerful platform for cross-party work on the broadest development issues. I am also delighted that 55 Members have joined the Africa APPG over the past year, testament to the strength of the Group and putting our membership at 161.

A quick flick through recent FCO Questions, or the titles of recent Select Committee inquiries, however highlights that Africa remains under-represented in Parliament and the need for the Africa APPG in raising the profile of the continent is as great as ever. I look forward to continuing to work with my colleagues from both Houses and across the political spectrum on issues related to Africa over the coming year.

Finally, many thanks must go to the APPG's Officers and Executive Committee without whose contributions the Group could not exist, as well as to the Royal African Society, who provide the secretariat for the APPG, as well as valuable information on developments related to Africa.



Hugh Bayley MP
Chair, Africa APPG
16th July 2013

Officers and Executive 2012-2013

President:	Lord Steel of Aikwood
Vice-Presidents:	Baroness Kinnock of Holyhead Baroness Chalker of Wallasey
Chair:	Hugh Bayley MP
Vice-Chairs:	Lord Chidgey Lord Lea of Crondall Earl of Sandwich Pauline Latham MP
Secretary:	Jeremy Lefroy MP
Treasurer:	Lord Brooke of Sutton-Mandeville

Executive Committee:

Oliver Colvile M
James Duddridge MP
Mike Gapes MP
Lord McConnell of Glenscorrodale
Matthew Offord MP
Chi Onwurah MP
Ian Paisley MP
Mark Pritchard MP
Lord St John of Bletso

Membership and Participation

Membership of the Africa APPG has increased over the year from 106 to 161 Members across the House of Commons and the House of Lords (see Figure 1).

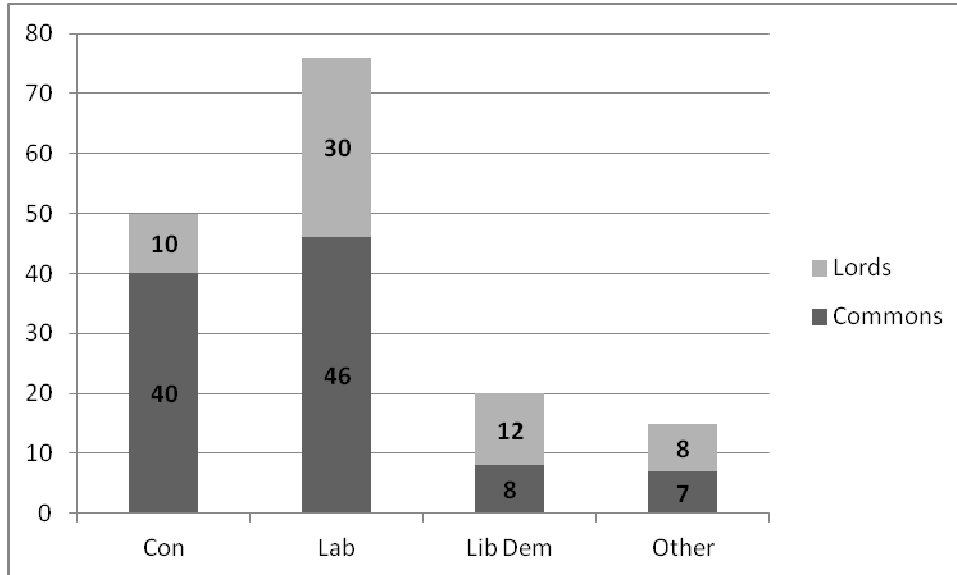


Figure 1: Africa APPG Membership by House and Party

Attendance at Africa APPG events has been split fairly evenly between MPs and Peers, with 55% of attendees from the House of Lords (see Figure 2).

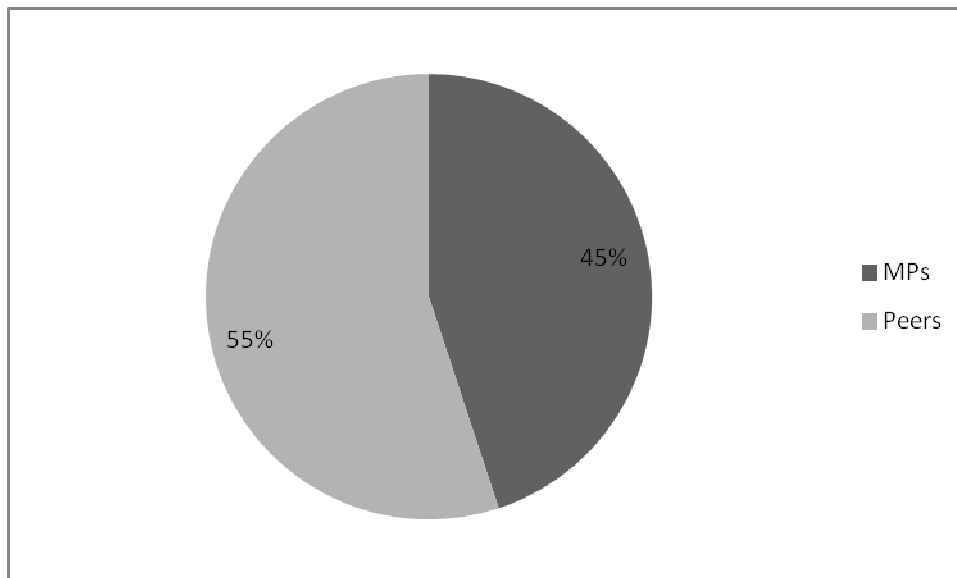


Figure 2: Participation by House.

NB Participation defined as number of Members attending each event

66 individual Parliamentarians have participated in APPG activities over the year (see Figure 3). This is an increase from 41 over the 2011-2012 year¹.

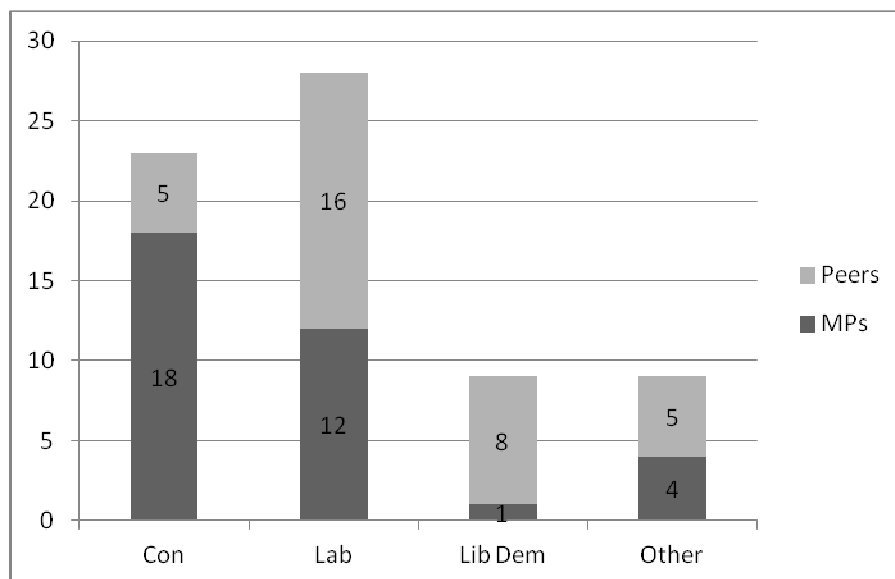


Figure 3: Active Members of the APPG by party and House 2012-2013
NB Some data missing

This comprises a core who attend frequently, and a large number of Members who attend infrequently; 39 of the 66 Members who have participated in an Africa APPG activity over the 2012-2013 year have attended only 1 meeting. The Members who have attended most frequently over the year are shown in Table 1.

Name	Party	No of Meetings Attended
Hugh Bayley MP	Labour	12
Lord Steel	Liberal Democrat	10
Lord Chidgey	Liberal Democrat	9
James Duddridge MP	Conservative	7
Lord McConnell	Labour	7
Chi Onwurah MP	Labour	6
Earl of Sandwich	Cross Bench	6
Oliver Colvile MP	Conservative	5
Baroness Kinnock	Labour	5
Baroness Jenkin	Conservative	4
Lord St John	Cross Bench	4

Table 1: Members participating in Africa APPG activities most frequently.

The meetings attended by the most Parliamentarians were:-

¹ NB more data was missing from last year's figures so this increase may be an over-estimate.

- a panel discussion held joint with the BBC World Service and BBC APPG entitled “North Africa: the next Afghanistan?” on 18th May 2013
 - an invite-only meeting joint with the Royal African Society on “Africa Rising: Opportunities for Investors” held on 22nd April 2013
 - a roundtable meeting with Lindiwe Mazibuko MP, Parliamentary Leader of the opposition Democratic Alliance in South Africa on 21st May 2013.
- These were each attended by 10 Parliamentarians.

The formats of meetings attended by the largest number of Parliamentarians over the year were roundtable table discussions and speaker events with a selected audience (generally comprised of high level business executives), as seen in Table 2.

Format of meeting	No of meetings	Average participation of Parliamentarians
Roundtable	5	6.8
Invite-only panel / speaker	4	6.5
Panel / public meeting	12	3.7
Evidence session for inquiry	7	4.1
Drop-in briefing and photo exhibit	1	5

Table 2: Average participation of Parliamentarians at meetings of different formats.

Meetings Held

24.10.2012: Mali Revisited: Where Next?

Speakers: Camilla Toulmin, Director, International Institute for Environment & Development, Wilfred Willey, President, Malian Community Council, Ibrahim Ag Idbaltanat, Touareg peace activist.

Chair: Hugh Bayley MP

In collaboration with The Royal African Society and the Alliance for Mali

29.10.2012 EU-UK Cooperation on Africa

Speaker: Dr Nicholas Westcott, CMG, Managing Director Africa, European External Action Service

Chair: Baroness Kinnock of Holyhead

1.11.2012: Post-2015 Priorities: Perspectives from the Global South

Participants: Southern Civil Society Voices

Chair: Lord Boateng

In collaboration with Beyond 2015 and the APPGs on International Development

7.11.2012: The UK Launch of the IMF's Regional Economic Outlook for Africa

Speakers: Sean Nolan, Deputy Director, Africa Department, IMF, Montfort Mlachila, Deputy Division Chief, Africa Department, IMF, Dirk Willem te Velde, Head of Investment and Growth, ODI

Chair: Hugh Bayley MP

In collaboration with the Royal African Society, APGOOD and ODI

19.11.2012: Rebuilding Zimbabwe: Does China offer a better development model than the West?

Speakers: Peter Mthandazo Moyo, Co-Founder, Amabubesi Group and Chairman of Vodacom Group Limited, Mbongeni Ngulube, Researcher, Institute for Anthropological Research in Africa, University of Leuven, Belgium

Chair: James Duddridge MP

In collaboration with Africa-UK and the Zimbabwe Diaspora Focus Group

28.11.2012: Emerging Gabon: Perspectives from the President

Speaker: President Ali Bongo Ondimba of Gabon

Chair: Lord Chidgey

In collaboration with the Royal African Society and Developing Market Associates

29.11.2012: Evidence Session: Human Rights Committee of Ugandan Parliament

Participants: Human Rights Committee of Ugandan Parliament, Richard Dowden

Chair: Earl of Sandwich

4.12.2012: Europe: Aid and Beyond

Speakers: Ángel Gurría, OECD Secretary General, Owen Barder, Senior Fellow and Director for Europe, Center for Global Development, Christian Friis Bach, the Danish Minister for Development Cooperation, Erik Solheim, the Chair-elect of the DAC

Chair: Baroness Kinnock

In collaboration with the Center for Global Development

5.12.2012: Makhtar Diop, the World Bank's Vice President for Africa

Speaker: Makhtar Diop, the World Bank's Vice President for Africa

Chair: Lord Steel

In collaboration with the Royal African Society and World Bank

11.12.2012: Evidence Session: Local Government Accounts Committee of Ugandan Parliament

Participants: Local Government Accounts Committee of Ugandan Parliament

Chair: Baroness Armstrong

In collaboration with CPA UK

16.01.2013: Evidence Session: Botswana MPs

Participants: MPs from Botswana

Chair: James Duddridge MP

In collaboration with CPA UK

29.02.2013: Restoring human security to conflict affected states: Rethinking what works

Speakers: Professor David Leonard, Visiting Fellow, Institute of Development Studies, Prof Ferdinand Mushi, Catholic University of Kinshasha, Dr Knox Chitiyo, Chatham House

Chair: Hugh Bayley MP

In collaboration with the Institute for Development Studies

06.02.2013: Mali: A "generational struggle"?

Speakers: Ali Soufan, CEO of the Soufan Group, Mark Saade, Honorary Consul of Mali, Tim Morris, Sahel Coordinator, FCO

Chair: Hugh Bayley MP

27.02.2013: The Africa Union: Future Prospects

Speakers: HE Greg Dorey, UK Ambassador to Ethiopia and the AU and Robin Gwynn, Additional Director (Africa) at the FCO

Chair: Hugh Bayley MP

04.03.2013: Women as Leaders: Power, Participation and Progress in Africa

Speakers: HE Carolos dos Santos, Mozambique High Commissioner, Hadeel Ibrahim, Founding Executive Director, Mo Ibrahim Foundation, Olubunmi Ajayi, CEO, the African Commission for Local Government Improvement

Chair: Baroness Kinnock

In collaboration with the Royal African Society

18.03.2013: North Africa: the next Afghanistan?

Speakers: Frank Gardner OBE, BBC Security Correspondent, Ibrahima Diane, Editor BBC Afrique, Imad Mesdoua, Pasco Risk Management

Chair: Hugh Bayley MP

In collaboration with the BBC World Service and BBC APPG

22.04.2013: Africa Rising: Opportunities for Investors

Speakers: Charles Robertson, Renaissance Capital, Rolake Akinkugbe, Ecobank, Gunther Von Billerbeck, G3 (Good Governance Group) Africa Practice

Chair: James Duddridge MP

In collaboration with the Royal African Society

24.4.2013: The Future of International Development: 2015 and Beyond

Speakers: Rt Hon Justine Greening MP, Secretary of State, DFID, Sir Richard Jolly, IDS, HE Mr Wesley Johnson, Liberian Ambassador

Chair: Hugh Bayley MP

In collaboration with the APPGs on International Development

8.05.2013: A drop-in briefing and photo exhibit following the Somalia Conference 2013

Oxfam and Saferworld Somali civil society voices

In collaboration with Oxfam, Saferworld, and the Somaliland and Somalia APPG

13.5.2013: Securing Domestic and Foreign Tax in Africa: What Role for the G8?

Speakers: John Christensen, International Secretariat Director, Tax Justice Network; Ben Dickinson, Head, Tax & Development, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD); Alex Cobham, Center for Global Development; Professor Ronen Palan, Professor of International Political Economy, City University London

Chair: Richard Dowden

In collaboration with the Royal African Society

15.5.2013: Roundtable with the Angola Open Policy Initiative

Speakers: Mario Carvalho; Bruno Miguel; Anthony Childers; Artur Almeida; Paulo Alexandre, all of AOPI

Chair: Chi Onwurah MP

21.5.2013: Roundtable with Lindiwe Mazibuku MP, Parliamentary Leader of the opposition Democratic Alliance in South Africa

Speaker: Lindiwe Mazibuku MP

Chair: Lord Steel of Aikwood

4.6.2013: Evidence Session: The influence of China and other emerging donors on democracy and development in Africa

Speakers: Dr PB Anand, Head of Bradford Centre for International Development, Na Ncube, the Global Native, a Zimbabwean Diaspora organisation, Thomas Wheeler, Saferworld, Hu Zhanglian, Embassy of the People's Republic of China, Dan Large, Assistant Professor, School of Public Policy, Central European University

Chair: Hugh Bayley MP

12.6.2013: UK Launch: 2013 African Economic Outlook

Speakers: Mario Pezzini, Director of the OECD Development Centre, Steve Kayizzi-Mugerwa, Director of Research at the Africa Development Bank (AfDB) and Lanre Akinola, Editor at This is Africa, *Financial Times*

Chair: Hugh Bayley MP

In collaboration with the Royal African Society, APGOOD and ODI

19.6.2013: Meeting with Nkosanzana Clarice Dlamini-Zuma, Chairperson of the African Union

Speaker: Nkosanzana Clarice Dlamini-Zuma, Chairperson of the African Union

Chair: Hugh Bayley MP

2.7.2013: Evidence Session: New Donors in Africa

Speakers: Owen Barder, Center for Global Development, Edward Paice, Africa Research Institute, Alina Rocha Menocal, ODI

Chair: Hugh Bayley MP

9.7.2013: Telecoms Opportunities in Africa

Speakers: Chi Onwurah MP, Africa APPG, Bashir Gwandu, Chairman, Commonwealth ITU Group, Stephen Young, Head of Profession for Infrastructure, DFID, Philippe Vogeeler - Executive - External Affairs, Vodafone Group, David Williams - Chief Executive, Avanti Communications

Chair: Egon Cossou, BBC World Africa Business Report

In collaboration with the Royal African Society and the Royal Academy of Engineering

10.7.2013: UN Women Industry Seminar

Speakers: Alice Harding Shackelford, UN Women Representative for Malawi, Lindsey Clavel, CEO of Scipion Capital, Jan Grasty, President of UN Women UK's National Committee

Chair: Baroness Ece

In collaboration with UN Women

11.7.2013: Evidence Session: The effectiveness of the West in promoting democracy in Africa

Speakers: Peter Penfold, CMG, OBE – Former British High Commissioner to Sierra Leone, Alan Hudson, Policy Director for Transparency and Accountability, ONE, Richard Dowden, Director of the Royal African Society

Chair: Lord Chidgey

Treasurer's Report

From the period January 1st 2012 to December 31st 2012

Net resources at bank [HSBC] reported at January 1st, 2012: **£2461.80**, but includes accrued expense of £622.44 paid in January 2012.

No new income received in course of year, but refund of bank charges introduced in prior year [2011] but not notified to us the occurred in March 2013 for a total of **£27.93**.

Net expenditure incurred during 2012: **£789.69**

Net resources at bank at December 31st 2012: **£1049.67**

Our accounts run with the calendar year, but our Group AGM occurs in the second half of the next year, when the expenditure is of the past yet the current position of the Group does not feature in the annual Report. Unless Parliament's rules for All Party Groups insist on this chronological structure, there may be a case for running our accounts in line with the national Financial/Fiscal Year.

In the meantime the majority of our expenditure during our own current FY 2012 was incurred in paying for the physical publication of our own investigative reports and on offering hospitality to EU officials in Brussels who helped us during our visits there.

As to the health of our balances as we enter the second half of the calendar year 2013, we have received a donation of £2650 from SABMiller, and our current balance if all outstanding cheques have been presented is more than £3300. Current expenditure has largely been on travel expenses for certain witnesses to our current inquiry as well as a Dictaphone in the same cause, while the remainder has been on more publishing which has emerged from our past.

Lord Brooke of Sutton Mandeville
Treasurer
16th July 2013
