



Africa All Party Parliamentary Group

Annual Report

2004

Chair's Introduction

During 2004 the Africa APPG held or co-hosted nearly 40 meetings. Meetings covered a large, but by no means exhaustive, range of topics. Meetings included four oral evidence sessions for the Group's inquiry into the impact of AIDS in Africa. The report "*Averting Catastrophe: AIDS in 21st Century Africa*" published in June, was well received both in the UK and overseas. Hilary Benn described the report as "an outstanding piece of work" and "a beacon to all party groups" (HC Official Report 16/09/04 column 1487) . In follow up to the report delegations met with the Rt Hon Hilary Benn MP, the Rt Hon Charles Clarke MP and the Rt Hon John Reid. The findings of the report also formed the basis of discussion for a high level meeting at Marlborough House. A number of the report's recommendations were taken into account by DFID as they re-evaluated their HIV/AIDS strategy in 2004.

Suggestions on topics for meetings from members are always welcomed. The most recent suggestion has been to dedicate a meeting to gender related issues, which we hope to do in the first quarter of this year.

We also hope to publish a short report on the Government's Africa 2005 agenda, which will look at the role of government departments other than DFID.

I'd like to thank all those who served as officers and members of the executive committee in 2004 and all those members who took part in meetings and in the AIDS inquiry. I hope you will remain on board for 2005, which will be another exciting year for the group.

I would also like to thank the *Royal African Society* for their guidance, administration and support of the Group as well as those companies that donated to the Africa APPG during 2004. All donations over £500 have been declared to the office of the Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards and can be viewed on the register of all party groups at: <http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm/cmparty/041217/memi04.htm>



Hugh Bayley MP
Chair, the Africa APPG

2004 Officers and Executive

President: Lord Hughes of Woodside
Vice President: Lord Avebury
Baroness Chalker of Wallasey

Chair: Hugh Bayley MP

Vice Chair: David Chidgey MP
Lord Lea of Crondall
Laurence Robertson MP

Secretary: Oona King MP

Treasurer: Lord Freeman

Executive Committee:

Baroness Whitaker
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Tony Colman MP
Nigel Evans MP
Helen Jackson MP
Lord Brooke of Sutton Mandeville
Nigel Jones MP
Lord Holme of Cheltenham
Lord Rogan
Norman Lamb MP
Stephen O'Brien MP
Peter Pike MP
Christine Russell MP

Meetings held since 2004 AGM

27th January

The Rt Rev and Rt Hon Lord Carey of Clifton (former Archbishop of Canterbury);

The Reconciliation of Islam, Judaism and Christianity: The Role of the Alexandria and Kaduna Declarations

27th January

A chance for members to meet **Namibian Parliamentarians** with the CPA

2nd February

AIDS report steering committee

5th February

His Excellency Joseph Kabila, President, Democratic Republic of Congo

An update on the situation in the DRC

(Meeting joint with Great Lakes and Genocide Prevention All Party Group)

10th February

Rt Hon Don McKinnon, Commonwealth Secretary General

Commonwealth Policy on Africa

26th February

1st Evidence Session, the impact of AIDS on Africa:

Dr Peter Piot, Executive Director of UNAIDS

Dr David Harrison, Head of the LoveLife Programme

Dr Alex de Waal, Director of Justice Africa

2nd March, 2nd Evidence Session, the impact of AIDS on Africa:

Rt Hon Hilary Benn MP, Secretary of State for International Development,
Wanjiku Kamau, Stop AIDS Alliance

4th March, 3rd Evidence Session, the impact of AIDS on Africa:

Prof. Alan Whiteside, Director of HEARD, University of Natal
Prof. Richard Feachem, Director of the Global Fund
Asunta Wagura, Executive Director of KENWA

9th March

A chance for members to meet **African Parliamentarians** with the CPA

11th March

4th Evidence Session, the impact of AIDS on Africa:

Dr Sunanda Ray, Member – Faculty of Public Health
Hon Daniel Khamasi MP, Kenya;
Hon Mxolisi A Dukwana MPL, Provincial Legislature, South Africa;
Hon Bernard Mulengani MP, Uganda

16th March

Meeting with the **AU Political Committee** in London

17th March

Olivier Kamitatu, President of the National Assembly of the DRC,

Recent developments in the DRC

(Held jointly with the All Party Group on the Great Lakes and Genocide Prevention, and the Royal African Society).

31st March

The Rt Hon Tony Blair MP, Prime Minister
The Rt Hon Hilary Benn MP, Secretary of State for International Development
Myles Wickstead, Head of the Secretariat to the Commission for Africa

Africa and the Commission for Africa

19th March

The Rt Hon Gordon Brown MP, Chancellor of the Exchequer
Sir Bob Geldof, Commissioner

Priorities for development ahead of the World Bank and IMF Spring Meetings

(Meeting held with the HIPC, Overseas Development and All Party Groups)

21st April

AIDS report Steering Committee

21st April

The Rt Hon Hilary Benn MP, Secretary of State for International Development
Chris Mullin MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State

Update on Africa and UK policy on Africa.

27th April

Charles Snyder, Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs, USA,

Developments in US policy on Africa

(Joint with the Royal African Society).

29th April

AIDS report Steering Committee

12th May

Briefing on the African Comprehensive HIV/AIDS Partnerships

(Joint with All Party Group on HIV/AIDS)

7th June

Reception to launch report 'Averting Catastrophe: HIV/AIDS in the Developing World'

Special guest: Sir Bob Geldof

21st June

Peter Heller, IMF Deputy Director of Fiscal Affairs

IMF policies in AIDS crisis countries

22nd June

Sir Bob Geldof

'Emergency Call to action on UK Aid budget'

(Joint with HIPC and Overseas Development APPGs organised by the HIPC Group and Oxfam).

30th June

HE Antonio Gumende, Mozambique High Commissioner
Shriti Vadera, Council of Economic Advisors to the Chancellor

'Mozambique: Debt and Development – Achievements and Challenges'

(Held jointly by the HIPC All Party Group and the Mozambique Angola Committee)

12th July

Anna Tibaijuka, Executive Director of UN Habitat and Commissioner
Rt Hon Hilary Benn MP, Secretary of State for International Development
Myles Wickstead, Head of the Secretariat to the Commission for Africa
Sir Bob Geldof, Commissioner

A briefing on the Commission for Africa

19th July

Dr Adotey Bing, Director of the Africa Centre
Ms Adaora Ikenze, Commonwealth Secretariat
Patrick Smith, Editor, Africa Confidential

'Unpacking the African Union Summit: Deliberations, Decisions and Way Forward'

(Meeting held jointly with the Royal African Society and the Centre for African Peace and Policy Studies)

20th July

Dr Michael Smalley, Director General African Medical and Research Foundation.

15th September

Zackie Achmat, Chairman and founder of the Treatment Action Campaign

HIV/AIDS in Southern Africa.

12th October

Africa's Development: Past Present and Future Roles of the West

Myles Wickstead, Head of the Secretariat to the Commission for Africa
Dapo Oyewole, Executive Director of the Centre for African Policy and Peace Studies
Richard Dowden, Director of the Royal African Society

(1st in a series of 8 meetings held jointly with the Overseas Development Institute and the Royal African Society, entitled "Africa and the Developed World: Taking Responsibility for our Actions")

20th October

Making Trade Work for Africa

Ian Gillson, Research Fellow, ODI
Charlotte Berger, The Day Chocolate Company

(2nd in a series of 8 meetings held jointly with the Overseas Development Institute and the Royal African Society, entitled "Africa and the Developed World: Taking Responsibility for our Actions")

26th October

Profit and Development Impact: Business Partnerships for African Development

Dirk Willem te Velde, Research Fellow ODI
Nkosano Moyo, Managing Partner, ACTIS

(3rd in a series of 8 meetings held jointly with the Overseas Development Institute and the Royal African Society, entitled “Africa and the Developed World: Taking Responsibility for our Actions”)

2nd November

Doubling Aid? Absorptive Capacity, Impacts and the Donor Response in Africa

Tony Killick, Senior Research Associate ODI
Alex de Waal, Director of Justice Africa

(4th in a series of 8 meetings held jointly with the Overseas Development Institute and the Royal African Society, entitled “Africa and the Developed World: Taking Responsibility for our Actions”)

4th November

African Refugees in the UK

(Joint with the All Party Parliamentary Group on Refugees)

9th November

External Attempts at Peace and Nation Building: Lessons for and from Africa

Tijane Thiam, Commissioner;
Dave Fish, Africa Head, DFID

(5th in a series of 8 meetings held jointly with the Overseas Development Institute and the Royal African Society, entitled “Africa and the Developed World: Taking Responsibility for our Actions”)

November 10th

Professor Anyang' Nyong'o, Minister for Planning and National Development
John Githongo, Permanent Secretary, Governance and Ethics, Office of the President

Kenya and NEPAD

16th November

Harnessing the Power of the African Diaspora

Titi Banjoko, Director Africarecruit
Philip Alier, Lawyer

(6th in a series of 8 meetings held jointly with the Overseas Development Institute and the Royal African Society, entitled “Africa and the Developed World: Taking Responsibility for our Actions”)

25th November

Will Northern Environmentalism Stop Africa Growing?

Phillip Bradley, University of Hull
Akin Fayomi, Nigerian High Commission

(7th in a series of 8 meetings held jointly with the ODI and the Royal African Society, entitled “Africa and the Developed World: Taking Responsibility for our Actions”)

30th November

Africa’s Seat at the Table: Global Governance in a Changing International Context

Adotey Bing, Director of the Africa Centre
Adaora Ikenze, Commonwealth Secretariat

(8th in a series of 8 meetings held jointly with the ODI and the Royal African Society, entitled “Africa and the Developed World: Taking Responsibility for our Actions”)

2nd December

‘Energy, Security and Human Rights: Lessons Learned from the Niger Delta’.

Professor Ben Naanen, University of Port Harcourt
Patrick Smith, Editor of Africa Confidential
Patrick Naagbanton, Niger Delta Project for Environment, Human Rights and Development

(Joint with Great Lakes and Genocide Prevention All Party Group)

20th December

Ambassador Said Djinnat, AU Commissioner for Peace and Security

The work of the AU and its Peace and Security Council

Meetings of the Executive in 2004

There were 3 ordinary meetings of the executive committee in 2004.

2nd February
12th October
4th November

Publications

“Averting Catastrophe: AIDS in 21st Century Africa”

Other Activities

- Securing and briefing for Parliamentary debates
- Fundraising
- Briefing members
- Correspondence
- Consulting Parliamentary networks and Parliamentarians on African issues
- Delegations to: The Rt Hon Hilary Benn MP; The Rt Hon John Reid MP; The Rt Hon Charles Clarke MP

Treasurer's Report

Income and Expenditure Account for the Period 15th March 2004 to 31st December 2004

Income:

Donations received (Schedule A)	£8000.00
Bank Interest received net of tax	£50.08

Expenditure:

Expenses of AIDS publication (Schedule B)	£2890.91
Bank Charges	£5.95

Bank Balance at December 31 st 2004	£5153.22
Less o/s cheques	£51.23
Net Resources at December 31 st 2004	£5101.99

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