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The Asian Development Bank,  
The International Monetary Fund,  
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&  
The Asian Forum of Parliamentarians on Population and Development*

**REGIONAL SEMINAR FOR PARLIAMENTARIANS**

**KUALA LUMPUR, MALAYSIA  
(Westin Hotel)**

**27-28 February 2006**

**ANNOTATED AGENDA**

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**MONDAY 27 FEBRUARY**

**Opening Ceremony** (held jointly with CPA-WTO Regional Workshop)

***Speakers:***

- H.E. Tan Sri Dato' Seri Diraja Ramli Ngah Talib  
*Speaker of the House of Representatives, Malaysia*
- Hon. Denis Marshall, QSO  
*Secretary-General, Commonwealth Parliamentary Association*
- Jean-Christophe Bas  
*Development Policy Dialogue Manager, The World Bank*
- Said El Hachimi  
*External Relations Division, World Trade Organization (WTO)*
- Hon. Datuk Mohd Shafie Apdal  
*Minister of Domestic Trade and Consumers Affairs, Chair of CPA Malaysia*

**Session One: Development - The Big Picture**

This session seeks to present the big picture of development. Participants will receive an overview of aid and other resources flows to developing countries and countries in transition, major actors, and global issues affecting development.

***Presenter:***

- Bert Koenders, MP (The Netherlands)  
*Chair, Parliamentary Network on the World Bank (PNoWB)*

## **Session Two: Introduction to the World Bank Group and Overview of the World Bank's Work in Asia**

This session will examine the World Bank, its structure, operations, and its place in the global development community. Participants will look at the project cycle, as well as entry points for parliamentary input into World Bank supported projects and programs. This session will also take a deeper look at the World Bank's work across Asia (SAR and EAP), including operations, knowledge sharing, and major upcoming events such as the Annual Meetings in Singapore.

### **Presenter:**

- Peter Stephens  
*Communications Adviser, The World Bank*

## **Visit to the Parliament House**

### **Session Three: The Global Development Community – Working in Partnership in Asia**

This session will allow parliamentarians to hear from major actors in the global development community in Asia. The session will specifically look at how actors work separately and in partnership. Potential participants include:

### **Presenters:**

- Rita Nangia  
*Director, Special Projects, Mekong Department, Asian Development Bank*
- Sabina Bhatia  
*Deputy Chief of Public Affairs, External Relations Department, International Monetary Fund*
- Yoshinobu Ikura  
*Deputy Resident Representative, Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)*
- Ramon Molina  
*Director, People-to-People Exchange, Asia-Europe Foundation*

### **Session Four: Parliamentarians – Advocates for Development**

This session will examine parliamentarians' role as 'advocates for development'. Partner parliamentary organizations will present specific case studies on parliamentarians work on development issues such as health. Participants are also asked to prepare examples, drawing their own experiences as parliamentarians, to present to the group during the discussion.

### **Presenters:**

- Hon. Denis Marshall, QSO  
*Secretary-General, Commonwealth Parliamentary Association*
- Jean-Christophe Bas  
*Development Policy Dialogue Manager, The World Bank*
- Shiv Khare  
*Executive Director, Asian Forum of Parliamentarians on Population and Development*
- Janette Garin, MP (Philippines)  
*Board Member, Parliamentary Network on the World Bank (PNoWB)*

## **TUESDAY 28 FEBRUARY**

### **Case Study: A Country Assistance Strategy (CAS) Consultation**

This session will put parliamentarians in the shoes of the World Bank country staff using a Case Study exercise in which participants break into small groups to role play preparation of a Country Assistance Strategy (CAS) Consultation.

**Facilitators:**

- Andrew Steer  
*Country Director for Indonesia, The World Bank*
- Peter Stephens  
*Communications Adviser, The World Bank*

**Dialogue with a World Bank Country Director**

This session will take the form of a dialogue or questions and answer session with a World Bank Country Director. Parliamentarians are encouraged to come prepared with questions.

**Presenter:**

- Andrew Steer  
*Country Director for Indonesia, The World Bank*

**Sessions Seven – Nine (below): From Research to Policy**

The World Bank is also a ‘Knowledge Bank’. The final sessions, in the form of a special presentation and two roundtables, will look at relevant, new research that parliamentarians can use to help build effective policies.

**Special Presentation: Tsunami Thailand One Year Later**

**Presenter:**

- Ms. Dipa Bagai  
*Principle Writer for ‘Tsunami Thailand One Year Later: National Response and Contribution of International Partners’, The World Bank*

**Roundtable: Building a Strong Investment Climate**

**Presenter:**

- Desmond Dodd  
*Senior Communications Officer, Corporate Relations, International Finance Corporation*

**Roundtable: Investing in Infrastructure and Ensuring Accountability**

*Organized by the Asian Development Bank (Using ‘Connecting East Asia: A New Framework for Infrastructure’ written in partnership by ADB, JBIC, and the World Bank)*

**Presenters:**

- Rita Nangia  
*Director, Special Projects, Mekong Department, Asian Development Bank*
- Hon. Max Bradford  
*Former MP and Minister (New Zealand)*

**Wrap-up Session: The Way Ahead**

**Facilitators:**

- Hon. Denis Marshall, QSO  
*Secretary-General, Commonwealth Parliamentary Association*
- Jean-Christophe Bas  
*Development Policy Dialogue Manager, The World Bank*