



Drug Policy Reform

Parliamentary Seminar

Perspectives from Latin America, West Africa & Europe

Dear Delegates,

Welcome to London for the British Group Inter-Parliamentary Union Seminar on Drug Policy Reform. We hope you find the programme we have arranged to be both interesting and thought-provoking. We look forward to engaging you in a lively and interactive debate on an issue which is increasing attracting high-level international attention.

We also hope you enjoy the more informal sections of the programme, with a welcome reception from the Speaker of the House of Commons on Monday evening and a unique dance performance at our event at the Brazilian Embassy on Tuesday evening.

In this booklet and in your delegate folder, you will find useful information regarding the programme, seminar participants and guest speaker biographies. This booklet also contains details of the BGIPU staff who are available to answer any questions you might have regarding the seminar or your stay in London. We wish you an enjoyable stay in London and a very interesting few days of discussion.

Yours Sincerely,

Rick Nimmo
Director, BGIPU



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PROGRAMME

Monday 28th October

Time	Session/ Activity
13:00 – 14:30	Registration open <i>Attlee Suite Ante-Room</i>
13:30	Bus transfer for delegates coming from the DoubleTree Hilton hotel
14:30 – 16:30	<p>Opening Plenary: Setting the Scene <i>Attlee Suite, Portcullis House</i></p> <p>Chair and Opening Remarks: Baroness Meacher</p> <p>Panel:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <i>The relevance of the present global drug control system and international conventions on drug policy</i> Keynote Speaker: Ruth Dreifuss, former President of Switzerland and member of the Global Commission on Drug Policy <i>The landscape of production, trafficking and abuse of illicit drugs and related transnational crime and overview of recent UNODC research findings</i> Speaker: Sandeep Chawla, Deputy Executive Director and Director Division for Policy Analysis and Public Affairs, United Nations Office of Drugs and Crime (UNODC) <i>Factual overview of current trends in drug consumption, types of drugs and their physical impact</i> Speaker: Paul Griffiths, Scientific Director of the European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug

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	<p>Addiction (EMCDDA)</p> <p>4. <i>The importance of inter-regional dialogue on drug policy and key points from the panel discussion on drug policy reform at the 128th IPU Assembly</i></p> <p>Speaker: Robert Del Picchia, Member of French Senate and Chair of Inter-Parliamentary Union 12+ Group</p>
16:30 – 17:00	<p>Group photo <i>Westminster Hall</i></p>
17:00 – 19:00	<p>Welcome Reception <i>IPU Room, off Westminster Hall</i></p> <p>Speakers: Rt Hon John Bercow MP, Speaker of the House of Commons and Rt Hon Lord Dholakia OBE DL, BGIPU Executive Committee Member</p>



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Tuesday 29th October

Time	Session/ Activity
09:15	Bus transfer for delegates coming from the DoubleTree by Hilton hotel
09:00 - 09:45	Registration open <i>Attlee Suite Ante-Room</i>
09:45 – 11:00	Plenary Session: Comparison of the Scenarios in the Organisation of American States (OAS) report on the drug problem in the Americas <i>Attlee Suite, Portcullis House</i> Chair and Opening Remarks: Baroness Meacher Panel: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Strengthening law enforcement institutions</i> Speaker: Parliamentary Delegate TBC <i>Exploring alternative regulatory regimes</i> Speaker: Minster Luis Fernando Carrera, Minister for Foreign Affairs, Guatemala <i>Socio-economic investment</i> Speaker: Dep. Mauricio Quintella, Member of the Brazilian Parliament <i>Accommodating drug production and transit</i> Speaker: Ann Fordham, Executive Director, International Drug Policy Consortium
11:00 – 11:30	Coffee Break <i>Attlee Suite Ante-Room</i>
11:30 – 12:45	Plenary Session: Money Laundering and Online Trends in Drug Trafficking <i>Attlee Suite, Portcullis House</i>



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	<p>Chair and Opening Remarks: John Mann MP</p> <p>Panel:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Regional policing and international policies to trace money</i> Speaker: Rowan Bosworth-Davies, Chair of Law Enforcement Against Prohibition UK <i>Case studies highlighting best practice in preventing money laundering</i> Speaker: Tom Bergin, Special Correspondent, Reuters <i>The role of parliamentarians in tackling financial fraud related to drug trafficking</i> Speaker: Richard Lowe, Economic Crime Command Manager, UK National Crime Agency <i>Case study</i> Speaker: Parliamentary Delegate TBC
<p>12:45 – 13:45</p>	<p>Lunch <i>Attlee Suite Ante-Room</i></p>
<p>13:45 – 15:10</p>	<p>Plenary Session: Supply regulation policies <i>Attlee Suite, Portcullis House</i></p> <p>Chair and Opening Remarks: Baroness Stern</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <i>The supply and demand economics of the global drug market</i> Keynote speaker: George Soros, Chair of the Open Society Foundations <i>Decriminalisation vs. Legalisation of Trafficking: A Debate</i> Speaker: Judge Maria Lucia Karam, Retired Judge,

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	<p>Law Enforcement Against Prohibition UK</p> <p>3. <i>Drugs, prisons and penal reform</i> Speaker: General Lord Ramsbotham GCB CBE, Former HM Chief Inspector of Prisons</p> <p>4. <i>Case study of Germany</i> Speaker: Harald Terpe, Member of the German Bundestag and Committee on Health, Spokesman on drug policies since 2005</p>
15:10 – 15:25	<p>Coffee Break <i>Attlee Suite Ante-Room</i></p>
15:25 – 16:40	<p>Plenary Session: Demand regulation policies <i>Attlee Suite, Portcullis House</i> Chair and Opening Remarks: Paul Flynn MP Panel:</p> <p>1. <i>Best practices in regulating drug markets in consumer countries</i> Speaker: Prof Alex Stevens, School of Social Policy, University of Kent</p> <p>2. <i>Decriminalisation vs. Legalisation: Policymaking on Illicit Drugs in the Czech Republic</i> Speaker: Jindřich Vobořil, National Anti-Drug Coordinator of the Czech Republic</p> <p>3. <i>How the governance of drug policy affects demand regulation</i> Speaker: Roger Howard, Former CEO of the UK Drug Policy Commission</p> <p>4. <i>The case study of Denmark</i></p>

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	Speaker: Pernille Skipper , Member of the Danish Parliament
16:40 - 16:50	Comfort Break <i>Attlee Suite Ante-Room</i>
16:50 – 18:00	Plenary Session: The effect of drug policy changes <i>Attlee Suite, Portcullis House</i> Chair and Opening Remarks: Caroline Lucas MP Panel: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Managing politics, public resonance and voter attitudes about drug policy reform</i> Speaker: Alison Holcomb, Criminal Justice Director, American Civil Liberties Union <i>The effect of drug policy changes on regional security and counter-narcotics policies</i> Speaker: Benoît Gomis, International Security Programme at Chatham House <i>The case study of Uruguay</i> Speaker: Sebastian Sabiny, Uruguay Chamber of Representatives & President of the Select Committee on Drugs and Addictions <i>Case study</i> Speaker: Parliamentary Delegate TBC
18:00 – 18:30	Bus transfer to Brazilian Embassy for evening reception
18:30 – 20:00	Evening Reception and Performance by Fallen Angels Dance Group (invite only) <i>Embassy of Brazil, 14 – 16 Cockspur Street, London SW1Y 5BL</i>
20:00	Bus transfer to Doubletree by Hilton Hotel

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Wednesday 30th October

Time	Session/ Activity
09:15	Bus transfer for delegates coming from the Doubletree by Hilton hotel
09:00 - 09:45	Registration open <i>Attlee Suite Ante-Room</i>
09:45 – 11:00	<p>Parallel sessions: Health-based approach to drug policy</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <p><i>Planning drug treatment services and pressures from a practitioner's standpoint</i> Room N, Portcullis House Moderator: Rick Lines, Executive Director at Harm Reduction International</p> <p><i>Harm-Reduction policy and the link between drug use and HIV & Aids</i> Room O, Portcullis House Moderator: Andrew Ball, WHO Senior Advisor, Strategy, Policy and Equity Department of HIV/AIDS</p> <p><i>Comparing best practice in addiction policies and practices – a global perspective</i> IPU Room, off Westminster Hall Moderators: Prof Susanne MacGregor, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine & Annette Verster, Technical officer WHO HIV Department</p>
11:00 – 11:15	Participants to make their way back to the <i>Attlee Suite</i>
11:15 –	Report Back from Parallel Sessions

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11:45	<p><i>Attlee Suite, Portcullis House</i></p> <p>Chair and concluding remarks: Andrew Ball, WHO Senior Advisor</p>
11:45 – 12:00	<p>Coffee Break</p> <p><i>Attlee Suite Ante-Room</i></p>
12:00 – 13:00	<p>Plenary Session: The role of drugs in creating violence – case studies & inter-regional dialogue</p> <p><i>Attlee Suite, Portcullis House</i></p> <p>Chair and Opening Remarks: Rt Hon the Lord Dholakia OBE DL</p>
13:00 – 13:45	<p>Lunch</p> <p><i>Attlee Suite Ante-Room</i></p>
13:45 – 14:45	<p>Closing Plenary: Challenges ahead of UNGASS 2016</p> <p><i>Attlee Suite, Portcullis House</i></p> <p><i>Conclusions for parliamentarians to propose to UNGASS 2016 and preparations for High Level Review planned for 2014</i></p> <p>Speaker: Baroness Meacher</p>
15:00	<p>Departure of Delegates and bus transfer back to Doubletree by Hilton</p>



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GENERAL INFORMATION

SECURITY PASSES AND NAME BADGES

For security reasons and to facilitate introductions, delegates are asked to wear their security passes and name badges **at all times** during the official Conference

FUNDING

Nominating parliaments/delegates will be responsible for:

- Booking and paying for accommodation
- Travel to and from the UK
- Transport to and from the UK point of arrival and their London hotel
- All subsistence costs outside the official programme
- All Personal expenses during the Conference period (laundry, telephone, room service, bar bills etc.)

ACCOUNTS

Delegates are asked to settle their personal accounts at the hotel before departure.

TRANSPORT IN LONDON

Transport will be provided where necessary to and from official engagements as shown in the programme.

SHOPPING AND BANKING HOURS

Shops in the West End of London are usually open from 0900 – 1800. On Wednesdays and Thursdays some remain open until 2000. Most banks are open from 0930 – 1630, Monday to Friday. Some banks have branches open on Saturdays from 1000-1200.



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