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Parliamentarians

IMF Training for Arab Parliamentarians

The International Monetary Fund (IMF) Institute for Capacity Development held a regional training session for parliamentarians from Arab countries in Kuwait on November 26-27, 2013 to foster greater interest in economic issues, familiarize the participants with the IMF's work and provide a forum to exchange views on socio-economic developments in the region. The two-day session was attended by 22 parliamentarians from different Arab countries, as well as senior staff from the IMF headquarters. Discussions revolved around collaboration on public policy issues; building social networks; reforming energy subsidies; labor laws that will help on increasing job opportunities; managing natural resources; and achieving growth lead by the private sector. The seminar focused on the role of parliaments and constitutional councils in planning general economic policies.—(IMF)

New Zealand – Australia Leadership Forum

The 9th Australia New Zealand Leadership Forum, which took place in Sydney on Wednesday 27 November, concluded with delegates resolving to build the capacity of both countries to take advantage of new opportunities in the Asia Pacific region, say the Forum Co-Chairs. "The bigger regional context in which New Zealand and Australia need to 'co-operate to compete' was brought home to those attending this year's Forum". This year's Forum was held as both countries mark the 30th anniversary of the Closer Economic Relations (CER) agreement. This was reflected in the Forum theme "CER to Asia - Australia and New Zealand; the next thirty years".—(Voxy)

Parliamentarians Key to Financing, Sustainable Development Programs: UN, Secretary General

As we look to the post-2015 period, we can take heart from the success of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), which rallied nations and the international community while improving the lives of millions of people. Have goal-setting, partnerships, integrated policymaking and smart investments can achieve. Indeed, parliamentarians can play a central role in rethinking the way policies are produced and carried out. Parliamentarians can help to orient national programs towards sustainable development goals, bring the views and aspirations of your citizens into the global arena. Through official development assistance and domestic resources, can ensure that sustainable development efforts receive the financing they need, can also promote gender equality among your own ranks. In all these ways, parliamentarians can drive our global campaign to usher in a more equitable and sustainable future. I count on your leadership, said UN Secretary General.

Asian Parliamentarians Conferences in Pakistan

The senate of Pakistan will host biggest ever parliamentarians conference in the history of Pakistan, the Asian Parliamentary Assembly (APA) on December 8 – 10 in Islamabad about 200 parliamentarians from 25 countries are expected to attend. The theme of the conference is “Asian Century”. Last APA meeting was held in Damascus in 2010. – (APP)

Kenya Move to Abolish ‘Senate’

The National Assembly of Kenya plans to abolish “senate” on the name of budget constraint. The critics of this move suggest that the size of The National Assembly be reduced to 210 so that wages of senate can be managed. It’s also said that two houses were created by the constitution and National Assembly has no right to abolish ‘senate’.—(Star Nairobi)

Leadership

Youth Leadership Program for Southeast Asia by USA.

Secondary school students from South East Asia are invited to apply for participation in the Youth Leadership Program with Southeast Asia. The program will be offered by The United State for 50 to 60 participants from countries in Southeast Asia that are members of the Association of South East Asian Nations.

This program is designed to promote high-quality leadership, civic responsibility, and civic activism among our countries’ future

leaders. It will offer a practical examination of the principles of democracy and civil society as practiced in the United States and provide participants with training that allows them to develop their leadership skills. In addition to the themes of civic education, community service, and leadership, the program may also explore themes such as care for the environment, media literacy, and/or drug abuse prevention. Participants will visit several communities in the United States. Last day to apply to American Embassy is 27 December.—(U.S. Embassy)

World's 49 Poorest Nations Face Population Boom & "Jobless Growth"

The Least Developed Countries Report 2013 of UN points out that the total population in the world's least developed countries (LDCs) is projected to double to 1.7 billion by 2050. It also notes the obvious, in that job creation will be crucial to prevent increasing poverty, social unrest and mass emigration -- the challenge, of course, is that the 49 countries need to create and maintain a total of 16 million new jobs every year, year after year, for at least the next 37 years. Or stated another way, the world's poorest countries will have to create about 96 million jobs just during the remainder of this decade to absorb new entrants to the labour market.—(UMC)

IFAD Lunches Support for Family Planning in Asia and Pacific

The International Fund For Agricultural Development (IFAD) lunched its second face of the medium term corporation programs at a workshop in Bangkok recently which seeks to support up to 20 million farmers across Asia and Pacific through grants to the Asian farmers Organization for family planning. The \$14 million grant is for the first phase of the program to develop a national platform for farmers Organization and target support to the poor. Working through the Asian Farmer Associations for Sustainable Rural Development. The program will ultimately be extended to 25 countries across south Asia East Asia, China and the Pacific. (IFAD)

ICAAP 11: a Useful Exercise

Four thousand HIV-AIDS activists including HIV Communities with women and youth groups, parliamentarians & UN Agencies assembled in Bangkok from 19 – 22 November to review and propose new strategies to bring HIV infection and deaths to zero. This ICAAP was highly successful in mobilizing all sections especially the community people in large numbers. This also brought new energy among all stakeholders.

PAD (Population and Development Association) and UNAIDS

provided leadership to make this event a learning experience. Next ICAAP now will be held in Dhaka (Bangladesh) in 2015 with Partners in Population and Development (PPD) as the host and the theme will be “sexual reproductive health and HIV-AIDS” in 2015.

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- Khaleda Zia



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