



The All-Party Parliamentary Group on
**Global Sexual and Reproductive
Health and Rights**

Upcoming business of interest and opportunities to raise Global Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR)

UPCOMING PARLIAMENTARY BUSINESS

Please note that the schedule and locations of events are subject to change. See the parliamentary [calendar](#) for up-to-date information.

House of Commons

Monday 20 October

Main chamber, sitting at 2:30pm

Oral questions – Home Office

What steps her Department is taking with police forces to tackle violence against women and girls – Mike Martin MP

Tuesday 21 October

Main chamber, sitting at 11:30am

Oral questions – FCDO

What recent discussions he has had with Cabinet colleagues on the level of Official Development Assistance spending on refugee costs in the UK – David Taylor MP

Wednesday 22 October

Room 9, Palace of Westminster, sitting at 9:25am

First Delegated Legislation Committee: The draft Human Fertilisation and Embryology (Amendment) Regulations 2024 - debate

House of Lords

No business of interest to APPG on Global Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights

INVITATIONS TO APPG ON GLOBAL SRHR EVENTS

28 October: 6:30-8:30pm. Cholmondeley Room, House of Lords. Evening Reception with IPPF, UNFPA and the UK SRHR Network '**Championing Reproductive Rights and Gender Equality**'. Minister Anneliese Dodds has been confirmed as the keynote speaker.

18 November: 15:45-16:45pm. Room N, Portcullis House. STOPAIDS, APPG on PDRH, APPG on HIV/AIDS, Roundtable meeting. '**Breaking Barriers to Global HIV medicines: Pathways to Ending the Epidemic**'. RSVP to molly@stopaids.org.uk.

19 November: Time and room tbc. **Roundtable meeting with Global Financing Facility**. Please RSVP to kjaerbym@parliament.uk to attend.

27 November: 11:00-12:30pm. Room G House of Lords. '**Jordan Policing and Gender-Based Violence Briefing Meeting**'. Please RSVP to kjaerbym@parliament.uk to attend.

INVITATIONS TO OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS

22 October: 6:00pm. Population Media Center present **'The Global Impact of Project 2025'** a live conversation about the global impact Project 2025 will have on the reproductive rights of women and girls. Project 2025 threatens to roll back decades of progress. This is a pivotal moment for reproductive rights and family planning. Registration [here](#).

24 October: 12:30pm. USAID, Pathfinder and partners present **'Strengthening community engagement for sustainable sexual and reproductive health outcomes: USAID/FPA's success stories and insights'**. For five years, Pathfinder Uganda and partners have implemented USAID/FPA to support the Ugandan government in increasing the adoption of positive reproductive health behaviours among Ugandan women, men, and youth. With funding from USAID, the project aimed to contribute to positive long-term changes in modern contraceptive prevalence and fertility rates in Uganda by 2025. Register [here](#).

24 October: 3:30pm. FIGO presents **'New Advances in Reproductive Medicine'**. Join FIGO's Regional Asia Oceania Trustee as he brings together representatives from the Asia and Oceania Federation of Obstetrics & Gynaecology (AOFOG), the International Federation of Fertility Societies (IFFS), and the FIGO Reproductive Medicine, Endocrinology and Infertility (REI) Committee to discuss the latest breakthroughs in fertility treatments. [More information](#) and registration [here](#).

24 October: 6:00pm. Population Connect Action Fund presents **'A #Fight4Her Global Partners Event'** a conversation with our colleagues from East Africa to learn about the lives directly impacted by deadly policies like the Global Gag Rule, and the very real threat of its return should Donald Trump win the upcoming election. Register [here](#).

6 November: 09:00 - 12:30, Attlee Suite, House of Commons. **'SDGs and Business Conference'**. RSVP to mconnellj@parliament.uk to register your interest. More information will follow in due course.

13 November: 5:00-6:00pm. USC Institute on Inequalities in Global Health presents **'Until We Are All Equal: Protecting Equal Rights'**. This one-hour virtual panel will emphasize the importance for health of reclaiming rights amid anti-rights and anti-gender movements in this complex geopolitical moment. The conversation will reflect in particular on the importance for sexual and reproductive health and rights and explore strategies for disrupting unequal power dynamics and pushing forward with equal partnerships to better protect rights, health and well-being. Register [here](#).

27-31 January 2025: EPF Study Trip to the Philippines. Please email kjaerbym@parliament.uk to express your interest.

10-25 March 2025: New York. [Commission on the Status of Women](#) (CSW).

5-9 October 2025: Cape Town, South Africa. [2025 FIGO World Congress of Gynaecology and Obstetrics](#) - email kjaerbym@parliament.uk to register interest.

3-6 November 2025: 2025 International Conference on Family Planning - Bogota, Columbia – email kjaerbym@parliament.uk to register interest.

NEWS

UK – U.K. Development Minister Anneliese Dodds made her [first policy speech](#) at Chatham House this week. [Results](#) and [Save the Children](#) have released statements in reaction.

The Coalition for Global Prosperity latest launch, '[Renewed Commitment: Rebuilding Britain's Role in International Development](#)', examines the vital role Britain will play across the world in promoting good health, empowering women and girls, and ending malnutrition. The collection was shared with MPs this week at an intimate reception with Bill Gates, Sir Ibrahim and Heela Yoon.

An increasing number of women who died between 2020-2022 during pregnancy or up to six weeks afterwards in the UK were known to social services, according to data released last week. This group makes up 22% of the 275 deaths reported, [according to an MBRAACE report](#). [The Byline Times](#) reports.



On the back of their new [report on contraception](#), which we reported on last week, BPAS have launched a [petition](#) to Wes Streeting MP, Secretary of State for Health to increase funding for contraceptive innovation.

USA - A new [survey](#) in the US found only a fraction of 15 to 29-year-olds receive information about contraception and abortion from health-care providers.

[The Record](#) reports that a "Pregnancy Crisis Center" has been accused of intercepting online communications from women booking abortions and contacting them offering spurious information.

Italy - Italy has made it illegal for couples to go abroad to have a baby via surrogacy after the senate voted on Wednesday in favour of a bill making it a 'universal crime'. Surrogacy, with or without payment, has been illegal in Italy for the last 20 years, but the newly-passed law extends the surrogacy ban to those who go to countries such as Canada or the US where surrogacy is legal. [The Guardian](#) and [The Independent](#) report.

Kenya - The effects of climate change in Kenya are hitting girls' education hard, with more cases of early marriage, child labour and reduced school attendance due to extreme weather conditions. [The Fuller Project](#) report on the barriers young girls face as they struggle to pursue their education.

Cervical Cancer - Cervical cancer deaths have been shown to fall by 40 per cent under a new treatment, the biggest breakthrough against the disease for 20 years. [The Times](#) and [Forbes](#) report.

Climate change and SRHR – Two new studies have been published looking into the links between climate change and sexual and reproductive health and rights. '[Key considerations for research into how climate change affects sexual and reproductive health and rights](#)' in [The Lancet](#) and '[Climate change and sexual and reproductive health and rights research in low-income and middle-income countries: a scoping review](#)' in the [British Medical Journal](#).

UNFPA - The United Nations Population Fund launched its new "[WomenX Collective](#)" programme at the World Health Summit in Berlin on October 15, in conjunction with the opening of its first hub office in a global network of centres specializing in the promotion of women's health, especially sexual and reproductive health, in the German capital. The Berlin office will be run in cooperation with Charité – Universitätsmedizin and the Berlin Institute of Health at Charité (BIH). With their new

partnership, UNFPA and Charité aim to promote women's health, particularly in middle- and low-income countries and to address the lack of solutions and financial resources in this field.