



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

Wednesday 30 October

Main chamber, sitting at 11:30am

Oral questions – Scotland

What recent discussions he has had with the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions on support for women on maternity leave in Scotland – Maureen Burke MP

Financial Statement – The Chancellor of the Exchequer will deliver her budget statement

Thursday 31 October

Main chamber, sitting at 9:30am

Continuation of the Budget Debate

House of Lords

Monday 28 October

Room 3, Palace of Westminster

Preterm Birth Committee – Private meeting



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. See attached briefing on Lenacapavir from the World Health Organization.

19 November: 3:00-4:30pm. Committee Room 3a, House of Lords. **Roundtable meeting with Global Financing Facility**. Please RSVP to kjaerbym@parliament.uk to attend. See attached invitation.

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

INVITATIONS TO OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS

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

13 November: 1:00pm. USAID and Momentum present **‘Integrating Action on Climate Change and Nutrition: Findings from a review of national climate, health, and nutrition policies and plans’**. MOMENTUM Country and Global Leadership conducted a desk review to identify national policies in eight USAID priority countries for nutrition that could guide nutrition and climate adaptation actions. This webinar will share major findings and recommendations from this review; highlight opportunities for integration within national climate, health, and nutrition policies; and engage participants and encourage sharing of country experiences and learning on nutrition and climate. Registration [here](#).

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 emphasise 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](#).

13 November: 5:15-6:15pm. Room N, Portcullis House. Action Aid UK and Sarah Champion MP present **‘Women, Peace and Security: Women’s rights organisations leading alternative approaches to humanitarian emergencies, development and climate change’**. Amid the rollbacks on women’s rights around the world, there is a critical need for innovative approaches to address the interconnected challenges of emergencies, development and climate change. With current approaches failing, women and girls’ needs are remaining unmet. Join a panel of experts as they explore the opportunities and challenges for women's rights organizations who are leading alternative approaches to multiple challenges. Speakers will discuss how donors can support these approaches and address the root causes of crises and gender inequality. Please RSVP to Jessica.Haskins@actionaid.org by Friday 1st November.

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). Please email kjaerbym@parliament.uk to express your interest.

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

Alliance 4 Choice [new blog entry](#) celebrates the 5th anniversary of decriminalisation of abortion in Northern Ireland.

Current status of abortion access

Expanded Access Protected Not Protected Hostile Barely

Legend: Expanded Access (dark green), Protected (medium green), Not Protected (light green), Hostile (yellow), Barely (orange).

Map showing the current status of abortion access by state. States are color-coded according to the legend. States with circled numbers indicate specific legislative actions or court decisions.

State	Current Status	Notes
Alaska	Not Protected	
Alabama	Hostile	
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Arizona	Protected	
Arkansas	Hostile	
California	Expanded Access	
Colorado	Protected	
Connecticut	Expanded Access	
Delaware	Protected	
District of Columbia	Expanded Access	
Florida	Hostile	
Georgia	Hostile	
Hawaii	Expanded Access	
Idaho	Not Protected	
Illinois	Expanded Access	
Indiana	Hostile	
Iowa	Protected	
Kansas	Not Protected	
Kentucky	Hostile	
Louisiana	Hostile	
Maine	Expanded Access	
Maryland	Expanded Access	
Massachusetts	Expanded Access	
Michigan	Expanded Access	
Minnesota	Expanded Access	
Mississippi	Hostile	
Missouri	Protected	
Montana	Not Protected	
Nebraska	Protected	
Nevada	Protected	
New Hampshire	Expanded Access	
New Jersey	Expanded Access	
New Mexico	Protected	
New York	Expanded Access	
North Carolina	Hostile	
North Dakota	Not Protected	
Ohio	Protected	
Oklahoma	Hostile	
Oregon	Expanded Access	
Pennsylvania	Expanded Access	
Rhode Island	Expanded Access	
South Carolina	Hostile	
South Dakota	Not Protected	
Tennessee	Hostile	
Texas	Hostile	
Vermont	Expanded Access	
Virginia	Protected	
Washington	Expanded Access	
West Virginia	Hostile	
Wisconsin	Expanded Access	
Wyoming	Not Protected	

The infant mortality rate has gone up in the United States since *Roe* was overturned. [A new paper](#) in *JAMA Pediatrics* finds that infant death rates are higher than normal, with 80% of additional infant deaths attributed to birth defects and abnormalities. This echoes the numbers that came out of Texas earlier this year, when researchers found that infant mortality rose almost 13% after the state enacted a total abortion ban—with a 23% increase in deaths due to congenital anomalies.

Israel - [The Financial Times](#) reports on the Postmortem Sperm Retrieval from dead Israeli soldiers, where the deceased do not have to have consented to the process. Reportedly sperm has been taken from 160 soldiers and 15 civilians to date.