

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 <u>calendar</u> 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 <u>molly@stopaids.org.uk</u>. 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 <u>kjaerbym@parliament.uk</u> 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 <u>kjaerbym@parliament.uk</u> 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 mcconnellj@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 <u>here</u>.

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 <u>kjaerbym@parliament.uk</u> to express your interest.

10-25 March 2025: New York. <u>Commission on the Status of Women</u> (CSW). Please email <u>kjaerbym@parliament.uk</u> to express your interest.

5-9 October 2025: Cape Town, South Africa. <u>2025 FIGO World Congress of Gynaecology and</u> <u>Obstetrics</u> - email <u>kjaerbym@parliament.uk</u> to register interest.

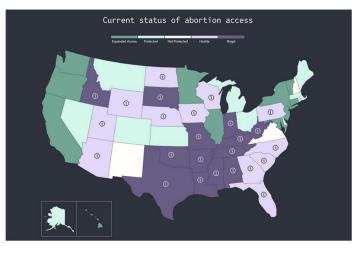
3-6 November 2025: 2025 International Conference on Family Planning - Bogata, Columbia – email <u>kjaerbym@parliament.uk</u> to register interest.

NEWS

UK – This week the FCDO published <u>a press release</u> announcing that the UK's Development Minister Anneliese Dodds was to visit Washington DC to discuss pressing international development issues at Annual Meetings of the World Bank Group and IMF.

Alliance 4 Choice <u>new blog entry</u> celebrates the 5th anniversary of decriminalisation of abortion in Northern Ireland.

USA - Two years ago, the U.S. Supreme Court overturned *Roe v. Wade*, ending federal protections for abortion access. Today, abortion is banned or severely restricted in half of U.S. states. In this post-Roe landscape, millions of people face fewer options for reproductive health care. Explore how abortion bans are affecting people across the country with the Center for Reproductive Rights <u>U.S.</u> <u>Abortion Access</u> map, which offers up-to-date data on rapidly shifting laws and their real-world impacts.



With the US presidential election less than two weeks away the race could hardly be closer. <u>The</u> <u>Financial Times</u> and <u>Radio France International</u> examine whether anger about abortion rights might sway the result.

The infant mortality rate has gone up in the United States since *Roe* was overturned. <u>A new</u> <u>paper</u> 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 - <u>The Financial Times</u> 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.