



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

### **Sexual and Reproductive Health in Conflict - Hearings**

We are pleased to invite members to participate in the upcoming hearings on **SRHR and CONFLICT**, scheduled to take place in the Palace of Westminster this Spring. Please email [kjaerbym@parliament.uk](mailto:kjaerbym@parliament.uk) if you are interested in taking part

The 4 oral evidence sessions, with expert witnesses including from the UN, SRHR and Humanitarian International and National NGOs, Committees, Professional Colleges and Academia, will be held:

- **Monday 24 February: 4:00-6:00pm, CR3A, HoL**
- **Wednesday 26 February: 4:00-6:00pm, CR2A, HoL**
- **Monday 3 March: 4:00-6:00pm, CR3A, HoL**
- **Wednesday 5 March: 4:00-6:00pm, CR2A, HoL**

The Hearings aim to highlight the importance of SRHR in conflict and the report will serve as a parliamentary advocacy tool for members and other interested stakeholders.

### **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 5 February**

Main Chamber, sitting at 11:30am

Oral questions – Women and Equalities

Westminster Hall, sitting at 11:00am

Debate - Maternal Mental Health – Laura Kyrke-Smith

Library briefing on [Mental health policy and services in England](#)

Helpful research from [The Maternal Mental Health Alliance](#) on the economic costs of maternal mental health problems

#### **House of Lords**

##### **Friday 7 February**

Main Chamber, sitting at 10:00am

Legislation - Non-Consensual Sexually Explicit Images and Videos (Offences) Bill  
- third reading – Baroness Owen of Alderley Edge

**TABLING REMINDER: 8 March – International Women’s Day**

**SUGGESTION: To ask HMG how they will accelerate action on women and girls' Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights in conflict settings as we approach International Women’s Day and the Commission on the Status of Women**

**APPG ON GLOBAL SRHR EVENTS**

**26 March:** 11:00am - 12:00pm Committee Room 2A House of Lords. Briefing meeting on women’s health inequalities with Professor Sophie Harman, author of [‘Sick of It: The Global Fight for Women’s Health’](#). See attached invitation.

**8-13 April:** APPG on Global SRHR study tour to Kenya. Please email [kjaerbym@parliament.uk](mailto:kjaerbym@parliament.uk) to express your interest, if not already done so.

**INVITATIONS TO OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS**

**4 February:** 4:00pm. Room P, PCH. **The APPG on Human Rights** are holding a roundtable meeting on **The UN Treaty on Autonomous Weapons Systems** in association with the UN Association and the UK Stop Killer Robots Coalition. RSVP to [pichen@parliament.uk](mailto:pichen@parliament.uk)

**4 February:** 4:30pm. FCDO, King Charles Street, London. FCDO and Plan International are hosting a reception **‘Towards a common future: advancing SRHR for all’**. They will be joined by the Minister for Development and Women and Equalities, the Rt Hon Anneliese Dodds, who will deliver opening remarks. Please RSVP to [SRHRFCDOEvents@fcdo.gov.uk](mailto:SRHRFCDOEvents@fcdo.gov.uk). See attached invitation.

**6 February:** 11:00-12:30pm. Room G, House of Lords. **‘Funding African Women-Led Movements To End FGM’**. On International Day of Zero Tolerance for Female Genital Mutilation, Baroness Kennedy is hosting a panel discussion with UNFPA and Andrew Mitchell MP to discuss how we can best support grassroots women activists to end this abhorrent human rights abuse. Please RSVP to [info@thefivefoundation.org](mailto:info@thefivefoundation.org) by Friday January 31st.

**6 February:** 1:00pm. World Health Organization are hosting a webinar titled **'STEPPING UP THE PACE. Strengthening Alliances and Building Movements to End FGM'**. Register [here](#).

**10-16 February:** [National HIV Testing Week](#). Brook have an [online toolkit](#) to help with your social media posts.

**11 February:** 5:00pm. Room N, PCH. The Syria All Party Parliamentary Group are holding a briefing meeting on **UK Government policy on Syria**, with the UK Special Representative for Syria, Ann Snow. RSVP to [willitsj@caabu.org](mailto:willitsj@caabu.org).

**12 February:** 5:30-7:30pm. Progress Educational Trust present **'The Fertility Landscape for LGBTQ+ Communities: Barriers and Considerations'** A free-to-attend online event about how to improve access to – and quality of – fertility treatment for LGBTQ+ people, families and communities. Registration [here](#).

**13 February:** 1:00pm. Progress Educational Trust present **'How do we respond to trends in HIV testing and diagnosis data?'**. Registration [here](#).

**18 February:** 3:00pm. International Papillomavirus Society presents **'HPV Screening Tests: How to Make the Best Decision for Your Program'**. Registration [here](#).

**18 February:** 2:45-4:30 GMT online. EPF will be launching their **'Contraception Policy Atlas Europe 2025'** at the European Parliament and online. Register [here](#).

**3 March:** 5:30-7:30pm. Attlee Suite, PCH. CARE International present an **International Women's Day Reception**. RSVP to [juergenson@careinternational.org](mailto:juergenson@careinternational.org)

**4 March:** 9:00-11:00am. IPU and Jubilee Rooms. **International Women's Day Drop-in Event**. BGIPU and the Parliamentary Human Rights group will be hosting a drop-in session for members to meet with Human Rights organisations and Human Rights Defenders working on women's rights. APPG on Global SRHR will be present. RSVP to [edwardsrl@parliament.uk](mailto:edwardsrl@parliament.uk).

**10-25 March:** New York. [Commission on the Status of Women](#) (CSW). Please email [kjaerbym@parliament.uk](mailto:kjaerbym@parliament.uk) to express your interest, if not already done so.

**26-30 May:** EPF Study Tour to Sri Lanka organised in collaboration with the [Family Planning Association of Sri Lanka \(FPAS\)](#). Please email [kjaerbym@parliament.uk](mailto:kjaerbym@parliament.uk) to express your interest, if not already done so.

**23-25 June:** London. Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists (RCOG) [World Congress 2025](#).

**5-9 October:** Cape Town, South Africa. [2025 FIGO World Congress of Gynaecology and Obstetrics](#) - email [kjaerbym@parliament.uk](mailto:kjaerbym@parliament.uk) to express your interest, if not already done so.

**3-6 November:** 2025 International Conference on Family Planning - Bogotá, Columbia This year's theme is '[Equity Through Action](#)' – email [kjaerbym@parliament.uk](mailto:kjaerbym@parliament.uk) to express your interest, if not already done so.

**27-30 April 2026:** [WD2026 – Women Deliver Conference - Melbourne, Australia](#)

## **NEWS**

Care International are asking feminist leaders, influential global figures, foreign policy experts, leading economists and humanitarian CEOs to signing a joint open letter to the Foreign Secretary, David Lammy, to be published ahead of International Women's Day (see attachment).

The letter highlights the vital role women and girls play in tackling the greatest challenges of our time, from the climate crisis to conflict, and stresses the need for support to reach women-led and women's rights organisations to create transformative change. Please email [Taylor-Jackson@careinternational.org](mailto:Taylor-Jackson@careinternational.org) if you would like to sign the letter.

[Trump signs order to reinstate 'global gag rule' on abortion aid](#) - The Guardian  
[Our Statement on the Reinstatement of the Global Gag Rule](#) – International Planned Parenthood Federation

[The Global Gag Rule returns: Rutgers calls for solidarity and action](#) - Rutgers International

[Donald Trump Blocks \\$50 Million Funding for Condoms in Gaza](#) – Newsweek

[Trump has reinstated the 'global gag rule' on abortion aid – this time, it's different](#) – The Telegraph  
["Complete chaos": How Trump is already accelerating the reproductive rights crisis](#) – Salon

[Bond statement on USAID spending pause](#) – Bond

[WHO statement on potential global threat to people living with HIV](#) – World Health Organization

[The threat to Aids sufferers shows how far the Republicans have fallen](#) – The Financial Times

[Over 100 Texas Children Forced to Leave the State for Abortion](#) – Abortion Everyday

[Sierra Leone is on the brink of making history. We must not allow the US far right to infiltrate and stop us](#) - The Guardian

[Stella Creasy warns UK is seeing weaponisation of abortion like US and whoever disagrees must 'wake up'](#) - The Independent

[The baby gap: why governments can't pay their way to higher birth rates](#) – The Financial Times

## **REPORTS AND RESEARCH**

[Tracking what counts: A Trends Analysis of European Donor Support to Sexual & Reproductive Health and Rights & Family Planning 2023-2024](#) - Countdown 2030

[Global health partnerships for a post-2030 agenda](#) – Science Direct

[Faith and Family Planning](#) - Knowledge SUCCESS

[Seeking support for abortion online: a qualitative study of women's experiences](#) - BMJ Sexual & Reproductive Health

[The current status of psychological birth trauma in vaginal delivery women and associated factors: a questionnaire-based, cross-sectional study](#) - Frontiers