

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

Members of the APPG on Global SRHR are amongst the signatories of EPF's 'Call to Defend Women's Rights in the Face of Rising Authoritarianism' on the occasion of CSW69 in New York this week.



[Turn On the Lights: A Call to Defend Women's Rights in the Face of Rising Authoritarianism](#)

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 17 March

Main Chamber, sitting at 2:30am

Adjournment – Domestic Abuse Offences – Josh Babarinde MP

The Grimond Room, PCH, sitting at 3:00pm

Public Accounts Committee inquiry – Tackling Violence Against Women and Girls – Oral evidence session

Wednesday 19 March

Main Chamber, sitting at 11:30am

Oral questions – Women and Equalities

- What steps she is taking with Cabinet colleagues to help tackle violence against women and girls – Darren Paffey MP, Kevin Bonavia MP, Sarah Edwards MP
- What steps she is taking with the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care to help tackle women's health inequalities – Sorcha Eastwood MP

House of Lords

Monday 17 March

Main Chamber, sitting at 2:30pm

Oral question – Implementing a strategy to prevent violence against women and girls – Baroness Levitt

Thursday 20 March

Main Chamber, sitting at 11:00am

Oral question - Impact of the USA's withdrawal from the World Health Organization on the global treatment of HIV/AIDS – Lord Fowler

Debate - 75th anniversary of the European Convention on Human Rights – Lord Alton of Liverpool

APPG ON GLOBAL SRHR EVENTS

17 March: 5:00-6:00pm. Committee Room 7, HoC. **APPG on Global SRHR briefing meeting with SRHR partners on The IMPACT of USA and UK Aid cuts on Global SRHR.**

19 March: 5:30-6:15pm. Room S, Portcullis House, HoC. **APPG on Global SRHR briefing meeting with UNFPA Regional Director for Asia and Pacific.**

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.

Sophie has also written an article for the British Medical Journal - [We must fight even harder to protect women's health in the era of Trump and the global right.](#)

INVITATIONS TO OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS

17 March: 4:00pm. Room R, Portcullis House. **The APPG on Menopause Inquiry into Access to Support and Treatment.** Evidence Session 2 – hearing from women from disabled and neurodiverse communities. RSVP to jo.lloyd@parliament.uk.

18 March: 5:00pm. CR4A. The APPG on International Law, Justice and Accountability are hosting **‘Supporting Human Rights Defenders Globally’**. RSVP to brendan.ohara.mp@parliament.uk & altond@parliament.uk.

18 March: 5:30pm. CR17. The APPG on Sexual and Reproductive Health in the UK’s report launch **‘Fixing the System: Tackling Women’s Reproductive Health Inequalities’**. RSVP to Tom.Rugman@parliament.uk.

19 March: 3:00pm. CR3a. The APPG on Global Goals in partnership with Global Partnerships (previously THET), will host a roundtable discussion on **‘The UK’s role in advancing universal health coverage (UHC) globally’**. RSVP to mcconnellj@parliament.uk.

19 March: 2:00pm-3:15pm. Unchained at Last presents. **‘No Child Left a Bride: Successes & Setbacks in the Global Effort to End Child Marriage’**. A CSW69 side event. Register [here](#).

20 March: 9:30a.m. CR7. The APPG for Afghan Women and Girls will be hosting a discussion **‘Marginalised and Minoritised – the Women of Afghanistan’**. RSVP to wendy.chamberlain.mp@parliament.uk

20 March: 2:00pm. YIELD Hub present **‘Countering the Backlash: Tackling the Anti-Gender and Anti-Sexual Rights Movement’**. Register [here](#).

21 March: 9:00-5:00pm. The Minster Building, 21 Mincing Lane, London EC3R. [**Black Maternal Health Conference 2025**](#).

25 March: 11:00-12:00pm. IPU Room. BGIPU and the International Bar Association Human Rights Institute hosting a roundtable event on **“The Taliban’s Afghanistan - Segregation, Separation and Abuse of Afghan Women and Girls”** chaired by Baroness Kennedy. Speakers include Meetra Qutb an Afghan commentator on Human Rights. **RSVP to** edwardsrl@parliament.uk.

25 March: 5:30-6:30pm. Committee Room 1. Bond and the APPG for Global Goals are hosting a **‘Joint APPG meeting to discuss working together following the news about aid cuts’**. Please RSVP to dianaclaudiaciubotaru@gmail.com.

26 March: 1:00pm. FIGO presents **‘Promoting healthy ageing - Best practices in menopausal care’**. More [information](#) and registration [here](#).

26 March: 5:30-7:30pm. PET presents 'Is Fertility Treatment a Solution to Population Decline?'. Register [here](#).

9 April: 5:30-7:30pm. PET presents 'Fertility in Flux: What Can State-Funded IVF Do for Population Growth?'. Register [here](#).

30 April: 5:30-7:30pm. PET presents 'Our Future Health, UK Biobank, Genomics England: Exploring the Impact'. Register [here](#).

5 May – International Day of the Midwife – media toolkit [here](#)

5-6 May: G20 Parliamentary Conference on Women's Health: "Unleashing the G20's Full Potential: The Economic Benefits of Investing in Women's Health", Cape Town, South Africa. The European Parliamentary Forum for Sexual and Reproductive Rights (EPF) will be sending a delegation of parliamentarians from G20 and G7 nations to attend. Please email kjaerbym@parliament.uk to express your interest.

21 May: 5:30-7:30pm. PET presents 'IVF and Miscarriage: Reducing Risks, Providing Support'. Registration [here](#).

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 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 to express your interest, if not already done so.

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

NEWS

CSW69

['Furious kickback against equality' must end, UN chief tells women activists as conference adopts landmark declaration](#) - UN News

[The Commission on the Status of Women Adopts by Consensus the Political Declaration](#) - IPPF

[Resisting the Weaponization of Girls' and Women's Rights](#) - Women Deliver

UK AID

In a [letter](#) to the International Development Committee, the Government provided more detail on its plans to cut UK aid to 0.3% of gross national income (GNI) by 2027.

[Anneliese Dodds's Principled Resignation Should Be a Warning for Keir Starmer](#) - Byline Times

['Utterly devastating': Global health groups left reeling as European countries slash foreign aid](#) - Euronews

[Three ways our ways the government can manage the planned uk aid cuts to limit their damage](#) - Bond

[Management of aid spending target and ending violence against women and girls among new ICAI review topics](#) – Independent Commission on Aid Impact

OTHER UK NEWS

[Women's rights to be championed by appointment of new UK Special Envoy](#) – GOV.UK

[The UK unequivocally condemns the Taliban's ban on girls' education in Afghanistan: UK statement at the UN Security Council](#) – GOV.UK

[What drives Britain's anti-abortion activists to hold silent vigils?](#) – The Times

[The fight to save Black mothers' lives](#) - TEDxLondon - YouTube

Endometriosis

[First daily pill for endometriosis approved for NHS use](#) - NICE

[Endometriosis pill: Everything you need to know about the groundbreaking NHS treatment](#) – Metro News

[Breakthrough for endometriosis sufferers as first-of-its-kind pill to be available on NHS](#) – The Independent

USA

[Surge in Americans Getting Sterilizations Given States' Abortion Laws](#) - Population Connection

[Proposed Cuts to Medicaid Could Mean Proposed Cuts to Sexual and Reproductive Health](#) - rePROs Fight Back Podcast

Europe

[The EU Roadmap for Women's Rights: a renewed push for gender equality](#) -
European Commission

HIV/AIDS

[New AIDS emergency: a call to action from the Frontline AIDS Partnership](#) -
Frontline AIDS

[This annual shot might protect against HIV infections](#) - MIT Technology
Review

REPORTS AND RESEARCH

[Rollback and Resistance: How US-Based Global Health
Organisations Are Responding to the Gender and
Diversity Crackdown](#) - Global Health 50/50

[Transitioning to Midwifery Models of Care: Global
Position Paper](#) - WHO

