All Africa Parliamentarians Conference
on the MDGs and Post-2015 Development Agenda
Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
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Provisional Programme

Day 1

8:30 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.  Opening ceremony
General remarks by the organizers and keynote speech

10:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.  The State, the governance environment and the MDGs. The role of Parliaments (Plenary): The impacts of the changing democratic governance Context in Africa on achieving the MDGs and beyond. How parliaments have been involved

3:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.  The African economy, prospects and challenges for achieving the MDGs and more: the role of Parliament (Plenary)
The changing economic development context in Africa – Challenges and opportunities for achieving the MDGs and more.

Day 2

8:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.  Recap of Day 1

9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.  Accelerating progress towards achieving the MDGs (Plenary)
Taking stock of the MDGs - strengths of limitation of the MDGs framework; areas of most or least progress

11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.  Accountability for achieving the MDGs: the role of Parliaments
Parliamentary mechanisms to mainstream MDG policies and participate in the design and monitoring of development policies and relationship with civil society.

3:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.  Cross-cutting and emerging issues: Sustainability, inequities, gender and human rights
Underlying conditions for the realization of the MDGs and pointers to a post-2015 development agenda.
Day 3

8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.  Recap of Day 2

9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.  The Post-2015 Development Agenda: what should come after the MDGs? How can accountability at international level be strengthened? Current thinking on sustainable development goal and a successor framework to the MDGs. How can parliaments be more involved?

11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.  Breakout Sessions: Part I (focused group discussions – strategies and plans of action)
  - Maximising the involvement of parliaments in the Post-2015 consultations:
  - Innovative campaign strategies
  - Gender and MDGs
  - Localizing the MDGs and social accountability at community level
  - Sectoral group strategies focusing on enhancing involvement in post-2015 consultations

2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.  Breakout Sessions: Part II (reports to the plenary and further discussion)
Best practices and key recommendations

4:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.  Closing of the Conference