

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

Wednesday 11 September: Room P, Portcullis House. APPG on Global SRHR Inaugural Meeting 4:00-4:15pm, followed by committee/briefing meeting 4:15-5:00pm – please email kjaerbym@parliament.uk if you can attend.

9 September: 4:00 - 6:00pm, Jubilee Room, House of Commons. ‘International Development Freshers Fair’ – APPG on PDRH on Global SRHR will be in attendance. RSVP to vinny.wooding@results.org.uk

UPCOMING 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

Tuesday 3 September

Main Chamber, sitting at 2:30pm

Oral questions – Treasury

If she will hold discussions with Cabinet colleagues on increasing spending on international development to 0.7% of GDP in the next spending review – Emily Darlington MP

See attached statement from the International Parliamentarians’ Conference on the Implementation of the International Conference on Population and Development Plan of Action, April 2024 (IPCI ICPD), referencing 10% of ODA to SRHR [here](#)

Wednesday 4 September

Westminster Hall, sitting at 9:30am

Debate - Preventable baby deaths – Lee Anderson MP

House of Lords

Tuesday 3 September

Main Chamber, sitting at 2:30pm

Oral question – Ensuring aid and development funds are directed to marginal groups in Bangladesh, including Dalit women and children – Lord Harries of Pentregarth

Thursday 5 September

Room 3, Palace of Westminster, sitting at 9:30am

Preterm Birth Committee – oral evidence session

Friday 6 September

Main Chamber, sitting at 10:00am

Legislation – Support for Infants and Parents etc (Information) Bill – second reading – Lord Farmer
See HoL Library briefing [here](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

4 September: 1:15 - 4:30pm, Thames Pavilion, House of Commons. **"How the UK can tackle the global debt crisis: drinks event"**. In partnership with CAFOD and Christian Aid, the APPG for the UN Global Goals is hosting an event in Parliament on the subject of debt justice for lower-income countries. Please RSVP to sonny.remmerriley@parliament.uk, or feel free to turn up on the day

4 September: 2:00pm. ICPD30 present **'ICPD30 Talk – Tech for Good: Feminist AI'**. This conversation will explore the intersection of technology and women's health and rights and increase digital literacy through a discussion around the advances of FemTech solutions contributing to accessible and personalized SRHR information and services. The discussion will draw on insights from the ICPD30 Global Dialogue on Technology and the recently published UNFPA report, A Safe Digital Future. [Register here](#)

4 September: 5:00 - 6:00pm. USC Institute on Inequalities in Global Health present **'Until We Are All Equal: Imagining Equal Power'**. This one-hour virtual event will foreground the theories and practical implications of unequal power in the sphere of global health and will discuss how, as academics, students, researchers, healthcare providers, advocates, and policymakers, we can recognize and disrupt power structures in order to bring equity to the forefront of actions impacting health and wellbeing. [Register here](#)

5 September: 1:00pm. Knowledge Success presents **'Ensuring Access to Sexual and Reproductive Health in Humanitarian Settings: Experiences and Lessons from Emergencies in the Asia Region'**. Join Knowledge SUCCESS for a discussion with organisations who provide sexual and reproductive health services in humanitarian settings in the Asia region. Participants will gain insights into what humanitarian responses mean in different contexts as well as best practices and lessons learned in implementation. [Register here](#)

5 September: 2:00pm. SRHM Matters, The Pleasure Project and Agents of Ishq present **'Pleasure Matters'** a webinar launching The Pleasure Project and Agents of Ishq's editorial and the first Special Collection of the SRHM Journal on sexual pleasure. [Register here](#)

5 September: 5:30pm. The Guttmacher Institute presents a panel discussion - **'The Road to Progress: The Intersection of State Policies on Gender, Race, and Reproductive Rights'**. As attacks on abortion access, sexual health education, LGBTQIA+ rights, and inclusive honest education intensify, our collective response is more crucial than ever. [Register here](#)

5 September: 9:00pm. La Salud Reproductiva es Vital, CLACAI, and Reproductive Health Supplies Coalition present **'Supplies for Safe Abortion in Latin America: Accessibility with a Gender and Human Rights Perspective'**. This event will discuss the current state of access to medication and supplies for safe abortion in the region, as well as the strategies implemented in various countries to improve accessibility and the quality of care. [Register here](#)

6 September: 9:30am - 5:00pm. County Hall, Belvedere Road SW1. **HIV Prevention England Conference 2024**. The conference's overall theme will be 'Prioritising Equity and Impact' as we fast approach the 2030 goal of ending new cases of HIV in the UK. The programme will share research and projects which demonstrate real-world impact. FREE. [Register here](#)

7 September: Parliament Square. [Abortion Rights](#) will be holding their **'Stand up for Choice Demo'**, an annual event responding to the UK anti-abortion movement's 'March for Life'

9 September: 10:30 - 11:30am, Lords Committee Room 2A. **'APPG on UN Global Goals Joint briefing with the UN APPG'**. On Monday 9th September, FCDO Minister Lord Collins will brief

Parliamentarians from the UN APPG, and the APPG for the UN Global Goals, ahead of the UN General Assembly, and the Summit of the Future, both taking place later in September. RSVP to mcconnellj@parliament.uk to register your attendance

9 September: 4:00 - 6:00pm, Jubilee Room, House of Commons. **‘International Development Freshers Fair’**. The room will be divided into thematic areas, representing the breadth of the UK NGO sector, with NGOs at each table who are working on Global Health, Education, Nutrition, Child Health, the SDGs, WASH, SRHR and Conflict. These organisations will be sharing information about their work, and happy to answer any questions you have, and to discuss ways in which MPs can support their organisations, and the broader aims of the UK international development sector, through their work in Parliament. APPG on PDRH will be present to answer questions at the fair. RSVP to vinny.wooding@results.org.uk

10 September: 12:30-2:00pm. Brook present **‘Exploring the Links Between Sexual and Mental Health’** as part of [Sexual Health Week](#). A panel discussion, chaired by Brook’s Designated Wellbeing and Mental Health Lead, Helen Corteen, that will explore the links and discuss what service providers can do to ensure holistic approaches that keep people healthy and happy. [Register here](#)

10-30 September: [UN General Assembly \(UNGA79\)](#)

12 September: 1:00pm. USAID MOMENTUM Country and Global Leadership and MOMENTUM Private Health Care Delivery present **‘Demystifying the Complexities of Private Sector Engagement in Public Purchasing Programs for the Provision of FP Services’**. This webinar will present synthesised insights and high-level learnings from a global MOMENTUM landscape analysis on how to engage family planning (FP) private providers in public purchasing, alongside the discussion of important country stakeholder experiences to contextualise these insights. [Register here](#)

22-23 September: [UN Summit of the Future](#) – Ahead of the Summit of the Future, Member States will participate in negotiations to agree the content of the Pact of the Future. The Pact will contain five chapters: (1) Sustainable Development & Financing for Development, (2) International Peace and Security, (3) Science, Technology and Innovation and Digital Cooperation, (4) Youth and Future Generations, (5) Transforming Global Governance. Anyone interested in joining a monthly drop-in call or deep-dive sessions on particular topics should contact charlotte.capstick@fcdo.gov.uk to express interest

23-29 September: [Black Maternal Mental Health Week UK](#)

28 October: 6:30-8:30pm. **‘Championing Reproductive Rights and Gender Equality’** – a joint APPG on Global SRHR, IPPF, UK SRHR Network and UNFPA evening reception. Minister Anneliese Dodds has been invited to speak.

6 November: 09:00 - 12:30, Attlee Suite, House of Commons. **‘SDGs and Business Conference’**. RSVP to mcconnellj@parliament.uk to register your interest. More information will follow in due course.

3-6 November 2025: 2025 International Conference on Family Planning - Bogota, Columbia – email kjaerbym@parliament.uk to register interest

NEWS

UK: Baroness Hussein-Ece sent a letter and a request to meet and the UK Network on Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights sent a letter of welcome and an update to Anneliese Dodds MP on her appointment as Minister for Development and Minister for Women and Equalities (see attachments).

New research published in The Lancet (see full article, attached) show that people who took the first dose of misoprostol (a pill given as part of the procedure for medical abortions) at home had a 71% chance of completing their care in hospital within 9 hours with no overnight stay when having an abortion after 12 weeks of pregnancy, compared to 46% of those who took the first dose of misoprostol at hospital. [Forbes](#), [The Mail Online](#) and [PBS News](#) report.

The latest UK Family Court Statistics have revealed a significant 20% increase in Forced Marriage Protection Orders (FMPOs) in 2023. The number of FMPOs issued this year is the second highest since their introduction in 2008. [Karma Nirvana](#) reports.

140 women who experienced distressing side effects after getting vaginal mesh implants have won payouts expected to stretch into millions of pounds in England. The women, whose case constitutes the first successful group claim in England, have come to a settlement with the manufacturers Johnson & Johnson, Bard, and Boston Scientific. [BBC News](#) and [The Mail Online](#) report.

An official inspection by HM Inspectorate of Constabulary uncovered serious concerns about how the Metropolitan Police investigates crimes against women, including evidence that victims are being put at risk by the Met's failure to "safely manage" sex offenders and domestic abusers. [ITV News](#) and [The Times](#) report.

More than a year after becoming law, buffer zones around abortion clinics have still not been implemented. [The Independent](#) and [The Guardian](#) report.

Surrogacy: [The Telegraph](#) has published a deep-dive into the global surrogacy trade. The global market – already worth almost \$18 billion (£14 billion) – is projected to rise to \$129bn by 2032, according to the research firm Global Market Insights, with anywhere between 5,000 and 20,000 babies incubated to order annually.

The Fertility Business: [The Financial Times](#) reports on the rise of the industry as increasing numbers of people plan to have families later.

Africa: [The Financial Times](#) reports that Sub-Saharan African countries could cut high rates of child mortality if the World Health Organization recommended expanding the use of a crucial antibiotic beyond the earliest age group, according to new [research](#).

[The Guardian](#) reports on training on Female Genital Schistosomiasis (FGS) in Kenya, affects an estimated 56 million women and girls, mostly in sub-Saharan Africa, but remains a largely unknown, neglected condition.

USA: A [new report](#) published by Human Rights Watch examines the growing risk that wildfire season poses to pregnant people and lays out recommendations for how to address the threat. The international advocacy organization worked with Nurturely, a nonprofit focused on perinatal care in Oregon, to interview over 50 birth workers like doulas and midwives, public health officials and climate experts to better understand how wildfire seasons in the state are playing out for pregnant people. [Civil Beat](#) and [Las Vegas Sun](#) report.

HIV: A twice-a-year anti-HIV drug, lanacapavir, has been shown to be so effective that a trial was halted when not one of the 2,134 women given the drug became infected. [The Telegraph](#) and [Health Affairs](#) report.

PMNCH Annual Report: PMNCH have produced their [Annual Report](#), PMNCH seeks changes in policy, financing and services for the most vulnerable women, children and adolescents across the world and holds each other accountable for delivering on promises. The PMNCH Annual Report presents the highlights of the impact achieved in 2023 across three main focus areas: maternal, newborn and child health (MNCH); sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR); and adolescent well-being (AWB).