

## Parliamentarian Visit to Chad

**Proposal:** Members of the *Parliamentary Network on the World Bank* (PNoWB) to visit Chad to exchange experiences with Chadian Parliament

**Co-organizers:** The World Bank's Policy Dialogue and Chad Cameroon Pipeline teams; Secretariat of the PNoWB; Secretary General of Chad's National Assembly

**Date:** December 10-14, 2006

**Location:** N'Djamena, Kome, Doba; Chad (tbc)

**Background:** Over the past couple of years, several members of the *Parliamentary Network on the World Bank* (PNoWB), a World Bank-incubated organization/network of parliamentarians worldwide advocating for transparency and accountability in international development, have shown a keen interest in how the Chad-Cameroon Pipeline Project (CCPP) is progressing, and in understanding the latest developments in the relations between the World Bank and Chad on the project.

Recently, the PNoWB asked the Bank to help it organize a trip to Chad (similar to other field visits the Bank helps the PNoWB organize) in order to better understand the issues at stake. In September 2006, the World Bank operational team working on the Chad Cameroon Pipeline Project provided members of PNoWB a two-hour background briefing on the project, after which it was agreed that a parliamentary visit would be constructive.

**Objectives:** The PNoWB is an important partner for the World Bank. It is important that it be properly briefed on a complicated WB project. On the Chadian side, the President of the National Assembly has expressed enthusiasm in exchanging views with visiting MPs. The field visit would

- Expose visiting European and African legislators to the realities of Chad and allow them to better understand the risks and challenges associated with petroleum revenue management in that country
- Allow the PNoWB members and their Chadian counterparts to share views concerning i) management of a rent-seeking economy, ii) fiscal planning for when the revenue-generating resource is exhausted, iii) contribution of parliamentarians to public finance management and participation in the PRSP preparation process.
- Create a partnership between Chadian parliamentarians and the PNoWB, which could lead to future exchanges and a potential training and support program for Chadian parliamentarians.

**Format:**

- Half a day of presentations the World Bank's work in Chad, and the Pipeline Project in particular
- A full day of exchanges between the visiting MPs and the Chadian parliament
- Meetings with civil society, the private sector, the donor community
- Visit of World Bank Group Projects
- Visit to the oil well installations in Komé and a meeting with Esso Chad
- A meeting with the Provisional Committee of the 5%, and a visit to the community-driven projects it has funded thus far.

**Participants:** The PNoWB delegation will total ten to fifteen MPs, from both developed and developing countries, and will likely be led by Senator Alain Destexhe of Belgium.

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