

Cross-Party Group on International Development

Wednesday 4th February 2026, Committee Room 5 and Online, 18h00 – 19h30

Agenda

Item 1: Welcome and Introductions

Chair – Sarah Boyack MSP

Minutes of the previous meeting:

<https://www.parliament.scot/-/media/files/cross-party-groups/international-development/draft-minutes-29-november-2025-international-development.pdf>

Item 2: Panel Discussion: Global Partnerships and Locally-Led Approaches to Healthcare in the Global South

Panel Speakers:

- Prof Karin Diaconu, Professor of Health, Systems and Society at Queen Margaret University (in person)
- Philip Ode, Programme Manager for CBM Global (joining online from Nigeria)
- Sarah Gibson, Director of Programmes, EMMS International (in person), and Lameck Thambo, Executive Director, Palliative Care Association of Malawi (joining from Lilongwe, Malawi).
- Edson Chikuta, Head of Policy, WaterAid Zambia (joining online from Zambia)

Followed by questions and open discussion from the floor

Item 4: Review of CPG activities and notes for any successor Group in the next Parliament

Item 5: Any Other Business, Thanks and Close