

## Cross-Party Group Annual Return

**Name of Cross-Party Group**

**Cross-Party Group on International Development**

**Date Group Established** (the date of establishment is the date in this parliamentary session that the Group held its initial meeting, where the office bearers were elected and not the date that the Group was accorded recognition. All Groups should hold their AGMs on, or before, the anniversary of this date.)

6<sup>th</sup> October 2021

**Date of Most Recent Annual General Meeting (AGM)**

11<sup>th</sup> November 2025

**Date Annual Return Submitted**

1<sup>st</sup> December 2025

**Date of Preceding AGM** [this date is required to aid clerks in verifying that the most recent AGM has taken place within 11 to 13 months of the previous AGM]

19<sup>th</sup> November 2024

**Group Meetings and Activities**

Please provide details of each meeting of the Group including the date of the meeting, a brief description of the main subjects discussed and the MSP and non-MSP attendance figures.

Details of any other activities, such as visits undertaken by the Group or papers/report published by the Group should also be provided.

**4<sup>th</sup> February 2025**

Attendance: 3 MSPs, 29 non-MSPs

Guest Speakers:

Dr Clive Mitchell, Head of Terrestrial Science, NatureScot (in person)

Alex Gerard, Executive Director, Tiyeni (online)

Rose Waswa, Projects Coordinator, Caritas Kabwe, Zambia (online)

Topic discussed: Food Security, Climate Change and Biodiversity

### **11<sup>th</sup> March 2025**

Attendance: 2 MSPs, 39 non-MSPs

Guest Speakers:

Professor Sosten Chiotha, Chairperson of Kamuzu University of Health Sciences Council; Prof. Macpherson Mallewa, Vice Chancellor; Dr Belinda Gombachika - Deputy Vice Chancellor; Mr Christopher Namagowa, Registrar; Dr Benjamin Kumwenda, Director of Student Affairs (Scottish Government Projects' Lead); Justice Thokozani Agnes Patemba, Malawi Deputy High Commissioner to the United Kingdom.

Topic discussed: Co-operation between Kamuzu University of Health Sciences, Malawi, and partners in Scotland. Meeting was held jointly with the Malawi CPG, although a quorum of Malawi CPG MSP members was not present.

### **29<sup>th</sup> April 2025**

Attendance: 3 MSPs, 33 non-MSPs

Guest Speakers:

Othman Moqbel (Action for Humanity)

Tufail Hussain (Islamic Relief) - online

Unni Krishnan (Plan International) - online

Tom Griffiths (The HALO Trust) – online

Topic discussed: Global Humanitarian and Emergency Situations

**On 6<sup>th</sup> June 2025 the Group published the findings of a review it conducted into spending on international development by the Scottish Government. This can be found online at: [Cross-Party Group on International Development publication on Scotland's International Development Funding](#)**

**A meeting scheduled for 16<sup>th</sup> September, to discuss Global Partnerships and Locally-Led Approaches to Healthcare did not take place due to extended parliamentary business.**

### **11<sup>th</sup> November 2025 (AGM)**

Attendance: 3 MSPs, 30 non-MSPs

Guest Speakers:

Simon Anderson, International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED)

Ben Wilson, Scottish Catholic International Aid Fund (SCI AF)

Julius Ng'oma, Executive Officer for the Chair of the Least Developed Countries Group of climate negotiators COP30

Louise Davies, Scottish Fair Trade

Becky Kenton-Lake, Stop Climate Chaos Scotland (SCCS)

Topic discussed: Challenges and Opportunities for Scotland and the World at COP30

### **MSP Members of The Group**

Please provide names and party designation of all MSP members of the Group.

**Sarah Boyack MSP (Convener) – Labour**

**Karen Adam MSP (Deputy Convener) – SNP**

**Maggie Chapman MSP – Greens**

**Liam Kerr MSP – Conservatives**

**Maurice Golden MSP – Conservatives**

**John Mason MSP – Independent**

### **Non-MSP Members of The Group**

For organisational members please provide only the name of the organisation, it is not necessary to provide the name(s) of individuals who may represent the organisation at meetings of the Group.

<b>Individuals</b>	
<b>Organisations</b>	Scotland's International Development Alliance, Oxfam Scotland, Scottish Fair Trade Forum, ACTSA, Leprosy Mission Scotland, UN House Scotland, Link Education International, Secure Scotland, Christian Aid Scotland, Clean Water Wave, Comfort International, Corra Foundation, IIED, SCI AF, Tearfund Scotland, Unicef UK, University of Dundee,

	University of Edinburgh, University of Glasgow, University of Strathclyde, Water Witness International, Catherine Currie Consulting Limited, Carey Tourism. Stop Climate Chaos Scotland, CBM UK
<b>Group Office Bearers</b>  Please provide names for all office bearers. The minimum requirement is that two of the office bearers are MSPs and one of these is Convener – beyond this it is a matter for the Group to decide upon the office bearers it wishes to have. It is permissible to have more than one individual elected to each office, for example, co-conveners or multiple deputy conveners.	
<b>Convener</b>	Sarah Boyack MSP
<b>Deputy Convener</b>	Karen Adam MSP
<b>Secretary</b>	Scotland's International Development Alliance
<b>Treasurer</b>	
<b>Financial Benefits or Other Benefits</b>  Please provide details of any financial or material benefit(s) the Group anticipates receiving from a single source in a calendar year which has a value, either singly or cumulatively, of more than £500. This includes donations, gifts, hospitality or visits and material assistance such as secretariat support.	
SIDA estimates the value of staff time for secretariat support of the group during the reporting year to be between £1250-£1500.	
<b>TO BE COMPLETED BY THE CONVENER</b>	
<b>COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 6 OF THE CODE OF CONDUCT</b> <b>(Please tick all boxes that apply)</b>	

**I, Convener of the Cross-Party Group on International Development, hereby declare that, in line with the requirements of Section 6 of the Code of Conduct, this CPG has:**

5 MSP Members from 3 different political parties	X
Held at least 2 quorate meetings in the last 12 months	X
Held an AGM within 11-13months of the date of registration or the last AGM	X
Submitted an annual return form within 30 calendar days of the AGM	X
Provided Standards Clerks with 10 calendar days' notice of all meetings	X
Provided minutes of all meetings	X

Signed	Sarah Boyack
Date	1/12/2025