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CONCEPT NOTE

PARLIAMENTARY DIALOGUE

PARLIAMENTARY LEADERSHIP FOR THRIVING AND CLIMATE PROSPEROUS ECONOMIES

24 SEPTEMBER 2026 (THURSDAY), 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM (ET)
19th Floor, Graybar 19 Conference Center, The Graybar Building
420 Lexington Avenue, New York City



BACKGROUND

The Climate Vulnerable Forum and V20 Finance Ministers (CVF-V20) is a South-South cooperation platform of climate-vulnerable economies working to advance climate prosperity, resilience and sustainable development. The CVF Global Parliamentary Group (GPG) complements this agenda by providing a platform for legislators to translate international climate and development priorities into legislation, budgets, oversight and accountability.

Across developed and climate-vulnerable economies, parliamentarians are confronting a common policy question: how can countries build economies that are prosperous, competitive and resilient while responding effectively to climate change, energy insecurity and economic uncertainty? The contexts differ, but many of the underlying policy choices are shared, including energy affordability, infrastructure, economic competitiveness, technological innovation, agriculture, resilience, access to finance and the effectiveness of public institutions.

The global development landscape is being reshaped by climate shocks, energy transitions, fiscal constraints, technological change and growing pressure on public institutions. For climate-vulnerable economies, these pressures are immediate and deeply intertwined with development. For advanced economies, questions of affordability, competitiveness, resilience and energy security are equally central to economic policy.

Across climate-vulnerable countries, the CVF-V20 is advancing a development model that seeks to connect resilience, investment, affordable finance, clean energy and economic transformation. Climate Prosperity Plans provide country-led pathways for resilient economic transformation, while the Lifeline Fund addresses another critical dimension of climate prosperity: ensuring that countries have access to timely liquidity when climate shocks threaten macroeconomic stability and development progress.

Similarly, in the United States, the SEEC Institute's Thriving Economy Project is examining how public policy can support sustainable economic growth through resilient communities, clean and affordable energy, agricultural and rural opportunity, next-generation technologies, accessible finance, global competitiveness and government that delivers.

These agendas offer an opportunity for a practical exchange between technical expertise and parliamentary experience. The proposed UNGA dialogue will bring together members of the CVF Global Parliamentary Group, parliamentarians from selected partner-country legislatures, the CVF-V20 Secretariat, technical experts from the SEEC Institute and DanChurchAid (DCA) to compare policy approaches, exchange practical experience and identify areas where sustained knowledge collaboration could add value. The session will also facilitate a North-South parliamentary dialogue for the MPs present, creating space for peer exchange on parliamentary leadership for climate prosperity and thriving economies. The session is a platform conceived for mutual learning in which policy ideas and legislative experience can move in both directions.

The proposed theme connects two complementary perspectives. The SEEC Institute's Thriving Economy lens examines how public policy can enable sustainable economic growth, affordable and reliable energy, innovation, resilient communities, accessible finance and effective government. The CVF-V20 Climate Prosperity lens asks how climate-vulnerable countries can convert resilience, clean energy investment and improved access to finance into stronger economies and better development outcomes.

The exchange will therefore focus on the practical role of parliament in creating the enabling conditions for long-term prosperity. It will examine how legislators can use law-making, budget approval, committee scrutiny and political leadership to mobilise investment, improve

accountability, strengthen resilience and ensure that economic transformation delivers tangible benefits for communities.

A central proposition of the dialogue is that expertise is not located in one geography or institution. Climate-vulnerable countries bring practical experience in adaptation, disaster preparedness, distributed energy, resilience planning and governing under fiscal and climate constraints. Partner-country parliamentarians bring legislative and oversight experience from different political and economic settings. SEEC Institute experts bring research, comparative policy analysis and emerging thinking from the Thriving Economy Project. Bringing these perspectives together can generate useful policy learning for all participants.

KEY OBJECTIVES

The Parliamentary Dialogue will seek to:

- Facilitate a structured technical knowledge exchange between the CVF-V20, DCA and the SEEC Institute;
- Connect the SEEC Institute's Thriving Economy Project with the CVF-V20 Climate Prosperity agenda, identifying areas of shared interest and complementary experience;
- Exchange legislative, budgetary and oversight approaches for clean energy, resilient infrastructure, adaptation, agricultural transformation, economic competitiveness and sustainable investment;
- Promote two-way policy learning, including greater recognition of innovations and practical experience emerging from climate-vulnerable countries and developed countries;
- Examine approaches to accessible and affordable finance, including how legislatures can help reduce the cost of capital, mobilise private investment and strengthen public accountability;
- Facilitate a parliamentary dialogue enabling participating MPs to exchange practical ideas on parliamentary leadership for climate prosperity and thriving economies;
- Identify practical opportunities for continued collaboration among the GPG, SEEC Institute and DCA through technical exchanges, comparative research, parliamentary capacity-building and knowledge products beyond UNGA; and
- Agree on a limited set of priority collaboration areas and next steps for 2027.

OUTCOMES

The Dialogue will aim to conclude with a practical learning and institutional outcomes document, including:

- A concise summary of shared policy insights emerging from Climate Prosperity Plans and The Thriving Economy Project;
- Identification of common legislative and oversight priorities raised by participating parliamentarians;
- Agreement on priority areas for a parliamentary knowledge exchange during 2027 and the development of a practical follow-up work programme;
- Agreement on a post-UNGA parliamentary policy dialogue at COP31; and
- Exploration of longer-term collaboration through policy labs, expert seminars, parliamentary capacity-building, staff and researcher engagement, and joint knowledge products.

FORMAT AND PARTICIPATION

The session will combine a technical knowledge exchange with parliamentary input, providing the MPs present with a dedicated peer exchange on parliamentary leadership, legislation, finance, oversight and resilience. The session will further identify practical opportunities for continued North-South knowledge collaboration and parliamentary learning.

The session will be conducted under the Chatham House Rule to encourage candid discussion. Interventions will be concise, and discussion led. Technical experts will support the exchange with evidence and comparative policy insights, while parliamentarians present will be encouraged to focus on practical legislative experience and transferable lessons.

The event will be open to members of Parliament from CVF-V20 member states, members of parliament from the Global North, and relevant international organisations.

PROVISIONAL PROGRAM

TIME	ACTIVITY
11:00 AM - 11:20 AM *(20 minutes)*	**Opening Remarks** **H.E. The Most Honourable Elizabeth Thompson** Ambassador Extraordinary & Plenipotentiary Climate Change, Small Island States SIDS & Law of the Sea, Barbados, and Sherpa to Prime Minister Mia Amor Mottley, S.C., M.P., Chair of the CVF-V20 **Ms. Samantha Medlock** Founder & President, Climate Risk Advisors SEEC Institute **Mr. Mattias Söderberg** Global Climate Lead DanChurchAid
11:20 AM - 11:45 AM *(25 minutes)*	**Setting the Scene: Two Complementary Perspectives** • CVF-V20 framing on Climate Prosperity and the Lifeline Fund **Ms. Sara Jane Ahmed** Managing Director and Finance Advisor CVF-V20 Secretariat • SEEC Institute expert framing on the Thriving Economy Project. **Ms. Katie Greenberg** Thriving Economy Project Lead SEEC Institute

	Facilitated Parliamentary Dialogue
11:45 AM - 12:15 AM *(30 minutes)*	• Participating MPs exchange practical ideas on parliamentary leadership for thriving and climate-prosperous economies, including legislation, finance, oversight, resilience, and economic transformation.
	Closing Remarks
12:15 AM - 12:30 PM *(10 minutes)*	**Congresswoman Anna Veloso-Tuazon** Member of Parliament and Chairperson of the Climate Change Committee, Philippines House of Representatives CVF-GPG

CVF-V20 MEMBERSHIP

Africa: Benin, Burkina Faso, Cabo Verde, Chad, Comoros, Côte d'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Eswatini, Ethiopia, Gabon, The Gambia, Ghana (Troika), Guinea, Kenya, Liberia, Madagascar, Malawi, Morocco, Mozambique, Namibia, Niger, Rwanda, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Somalia, South Sudan, Sudan, Tanzania, Togo, Tunisia, Uganda

Asia: Afghanistan, Bangladesh (Troika), Bhutan, Cambodia, Jordan, Kyrgyzstan, Lebanon, Maldives, Mongolia, Nepal, Pakistan, Palestine, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Timor-Leste, Vietnam, Yemen

Caribbean: Barbados (Chair/Troika), Dominica, Dominican Republic, Grenada, Guyana, Haiti, Saint Lucia, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago

Latin America: Colombia, Costa Rica, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, Paraguay

Pacific: Fiji, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Nauru, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu

Incoming Members: Central African Republic, Zambia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines

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