

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 October 2021

Date of Most Recent Annual General Meeting (AGM)

7 November 2023

Date Annual Return Submitted

5 December 2023

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]

25 October 2022

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.

7 March 2023

Attendance: 3 MSPs, 30 Non-MSPs

Guest speakers: Sarah Boyack MSP; Claire Duncanson, University of Edinburgh & Scottish Council on Global Affairs; Graham Long, Newcastle University; Martin Rhodes, Scottish Fair Trade Forum; Ben Thurman, Carnegie UK

Topic discussed: How legislation and proposals such as the feminist foreign policy, national performance framework outcomes review, procurement legislation and a wellbeing and sustainable development bill can improve our understanding of our global impact

23 May 2023

Attendance: 4 MSPs, 27 Non-MSPs

Guest speakers: **Ben Wilson, SCIAF; Julius N’Goma, National Coordinator at Civil Society Network on Climate Change Malawi; Leia Achampong Senior Policy and Advocacy Officer, Climate Finance, Eurodad; Mizan R Khan, Deputy Director of the International Centre for Climate Change & Development**

Topic discussed: how Scotland can contribute to achieving climate justice, and what financial mechanisms could support this.

19 September 2023

Attendance: 6 MSPs, 57 Non-MSPs

Guest speakers: Minister Christina McKelvie MSP

Topic discussed: Presentation from the new Minister for International Development about the current strategy and spending plans, followed by Q&A.

7 November 2023

Attendance: 5 MSPs, 28 Non-MSPs

Guest speakers: Anam Parvez, Head of Research at Oxfam GB; Lebohng Liepollo Pheko, contributing author of Radical Pathways beyond GDP, lead author of Feminist Wellbeing Economy research;

Jessica Mandanda, Feminist Macroeconomic Alliance, Malawi; Lewis Ryder-Jones, Advocacy Adviser, Oxfam Scotland

Topic discussed: Approaches to move beyond GDP and building a Feminist Wellbeing Economy.

MSP Members of The Group

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

Sarah Boyack MSP, Labour
Maggie Chapman MSP, Scottish Greens
Karen Adam MSP, SNP
John Mason MSP, SNP
Foyso Choudhury MSP, Labour
Alasdair Allan MSP, SNP
Maurice Golden MSP, Conservatives
Liam Kerr MSP, Conservatives

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.

Individuals	Hamish Goldie-Scot
Organisations	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, Jubilee Scotland, SCIAF, Tearfund Scotland, Thrive, Unicef UK, University of Dundee, University of Edinburgh, University of Glasgow, University of Strathclyde, Water Witness International, Catherine Currie Consulting Limited, Carey Tourism

Group Office Bearers

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.

Convener	Sarah Boyack MSP
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Deputy Convener	Karen Adam MSP
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Secretary	Scotland's International Development Alliance
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Treasurer	
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If the Group is not disclosing any financial information please tick the box to confirm that the Group has considered the support received, but concluded it totalled under the threshold for disclosure (£500).

Subscription Charged by the Group

Please provide details of the amount charged and the purpose for which the subscription is intended to be used.

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