

## CROSS-PARTY GROUP ANNUAL RETURN

<b>NAME OF CROSS-PARTY GROUP</b>
Cross-Party Group on International Development
<b>DATE GROUP ESTABLISHED</b> (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.)
<b>26<sup>th</sup> October 2016</b>
<b>DATE OF MOST RECENT AGM</b>
<b>12<sup>th</sup> September 2017</b> (advice was taken to ensure that the AGM could be held on this date)
<b>DATE OF PRECEDING AGM [this date is required to aid clerks in verifying that the most recent AGM has taken place within 12 months of the previous AGM]</b>
<b>26<sup>th</sup> October was the first meeting of the Group during this session</b>
<b>DATE ANNUAL RETURN SUBMITTED</b>
<b>28<sup>th</sup> September 2017</b>
<b>GROUP MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES</b>
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.
<b>26<sup>th</sup> October 2016:</b> 4 MSPs attended along with 25 non-MSPs: This meeting was about setting the scene for year ahead topics discussed were the current global emergencies and the strain of the humanitarian system, the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), the concept of Policy Coherence for Development and Climate Change.

**24<sup>th</sup> January 2017:** 4 MSPs attended along with 21 non- MSPs:

Guest speakers: Alasdair Allan MSP, Professor Pamela Abbot from University of Aberdeen and Paul Johnston from Tearfund

This meeting heard from Alasdair Allan MSP the International Development Minister regarding the Government's new International Development strategy. The Group also discussed and learned more about Rwanda, given that it's one of the Scottish Government's focus countries.

**19<sup>th</sup> April 2017:** 3 MSPs attended along with 27 non-MSPs:

Guest speakers: Richard Dixon from Friends of the Earth Scotland, Geraldine Hill from SCIAF, Kalonde Kasengele and Lazarous Hankombo , from Scotland Zambia Association and Ben Kayumba from Comfort Rwanda and Congo

This meeting discussed Climate Change and Climate Justice, the Scottish Government's Climate Change Bill and the opportunity for a global deal on Climate. The Group also discussed and learned more about Zambia, given that it's one of the Scottish Government's focus countries. The Group also heard some more reflections about Rwanda.

**12<sup>th</sup> September 2017:** 4 MSPs attended along 27 non-MSPs. This meeting was the Groups AGM all MSPs members remain and the secretariat changed from Oxfam Scotland to Scotland's International Development Alliance. The re-election of Office Bearers

Guest speakers: Sara Cowan from Oxfam and Selina Hales from Refuweegee.

The Group also discussed the global refugee crisis, Scotland's role in welcoming refugees and the Refugees (Family Reunion) (No. 2) Bill 2017-19 going through Westminster Parliament.

## **MSP MEMBERS OF THE GROUP**

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

Lewis Macdonald (Labour)

Patrick Harvie (Scottish Green Party)

Alexander Stewart (Scottish Conservatives)

Ash Denham (Scottish National Party)

Bruce Crawford (Scottish National Party)

Joan McAlpine (Scottish National Party)

Kate Forbes (Scottish National Party)

Mark Ruskell (Scottish Green Party)

### 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	Dr Callum Henderson Dr Janey Andrews Dr Colin Pritchard Dr. Barbara Bompani Hamish Goldie-Scot John M Francis
Organisations	Oxfam Scotland IDEAS forum Mercycorps EMMS Scotland Malawi Partnership Save the Children Scotland SCIAF Christian Aid Scotland Network of International Development Organisations in Scotland (NIDOS) now known as <b>Scotland's International Development Alliance</b> Tearfund Tropical Agriculture Association (Scotland) Unicef UK in Scotland NHS Education for Scotland International Nepal Fellowship [INF] Action for Southern Africa (ACTSA Scotland) Voluntary Service Overseas (VSO International (Scotland)) EMMS International Centre for Global Development at the University of Aberdeen Rwanda Scotland Alliance Scottish Refugee Council

	<p>The Salvation Army</p> <p>Global Development Academy, University of Edinburgh</p> <p>Scotland Zambia Association (SCOZAA)</p>
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**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	Lewis Macdonald MSP (Labour)
Deputy Convener	Patrick Harvie MSP (Scottish Green Party)
Secretary	Lewis Ryder-Jones (Scotland’s International Development Alliance)
Treasurer	

**FINANCIAL BENEFITS OR OTHER BENEFITS RECEIVED BY THE GROUP**

Please provide details of any financial or material benefit(s) received 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.

Details of material support should include the name of the individual providing support, the value of this support over the year, an estimate of the time spent providing this support and the name of the organisation that this individual is employed by / affiliated to in providing this support.

Groups should provide details of the date on which the benefit was received, the value of the benefit and a brief description of the benefit.

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.

No subscription fee is charged.

### CONVENER CONTACT DETAILS

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