



International Panel of
Parliamentarians
for Freedom of Religion
or Belief



About International Panel of Parliamentarians for Freedom of Religion or Belief (IPPFoRB)

The International Panel of Parliamentarians for Freedom of Religion or Belief (IPPFoRB) is a global network of parliamentarians and legislators from around the world committed to combating religious persecution and advancing freedom of religion or belief, as defined by Article 18 of the United Nations Universal Declaration for Human Rights. IPPFoRB focuses on growing a diverse and collaborative global network and building the capacity of parliamentarians to act as agents of change in support of freedom of religion or belief both at home and abroad.

Established in November 2014 in Oslo, Norway, the IPPFoRB is centered around the Oslo Charter for Freedom of Religion or Belief that was signed by over 30 parliamentarians from around the world at the Nobel Peace Centre. With a membership of over 280 current and former parliamentarians and legislators from over 90 countries, IPPFoRB provides a range of services, including training for parliamentarians, organizing high-level events, research, fact-finding, advocacy and network building. The IPPFoRB is led by an informal steering committee of parliamentarians and a secretariat of policy advisors. The secretariat is part of the Norwegian Helsinki Committee in Oslo.

About African Parliamentarians Association for Human Rights (AfriPAHR)

The African Parliamentarians Association for Human Rights (AfriPAHR) is a network of parliamentarians and legislators from the African subcontinent who are committed to advancing and promoting democracy and human rights in the region. Since 2018, IPPFoRB has supported and collaborated with AfriPAHR to promote the right to freedom of religion or belief in Africa through workshop-style trainings, consultations and other relevant events.

About the FoRB Leadership Network Consultation and Workshop in Accra, Ghana from 30th November to 1st December 2019

The IPPFoRB is part of a Consortium that has received funding from the United Kingdom Department for International Development to build a Freedom of Religion or Belief (FoRB) Leadership Network, involving parliamentarians and religious leaders in nine countries: Ghana, Nepal, Bangladesh, Pakistan, Uganda, Tanzania, Kenya, Sierra Leone and the Gambia.

The aim is to create an expert, well-resourced network of leaders to develop sustainable and innovative initiatives and solutions to challenges relating to FoRB in the nine countries. The appointment of three regional coordinators will provide support to the Leadership Network to implement these solutions.

The Consultation and Workshop in Accra, Ghana is an opportunity to introduce parliamentarians and legislators to this exciting project and to discuss the best ways to design and deliver this Leadership Network within Ghana and other priority countries in the continent of Africa. Apart from the consultation session, this event will also hold workshop-style sessions to identify challenges, opportunities and relevant stakeholders for FoRB in the country and regional context of Africa.