



Meeting of Parliamentarians' Group on Millennium Development Goals (PG MDG)

On 23 January 2013, PG MDG convened a meeting at Dr Najma Heptulla's residence to plan the PG-MDGs' activities in the light of Post-MDGs agenda. As the world is drawing closer to the deadline that it has set to achieve the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), hectic activities are at full swing to review their achievements and also to draw a Post-MDGs agenda. There is now a unanimous opinion that our approach should be collective and comprehensive with a meaningful participation of parliamentarians, civil society, and other stakeholders. Against this background, efforts are now being made at the global level to bridge the gap between civil society and policy makers in formulating a concerted action plan to meet the global targets. Recently, a Sub-Regional Parliamentarian & Civil Society Forum on MDG Acceleration was held in Dhaka, Bangladesh during December 10-11, 2012. In India too, similar sentiments are gaining momentum that we need to bring convergence of our actions. It is with this goal in mind that the meeting was convened.

The agenda for the meeting was:

1. *Review of PG-MDGs forum – Lessons learnt*
2. *Role and Potentials of PG-MDGs as perceived by Parliamentarians*
3. *Expectations from the Civil Society on PG-MDGs*
4. *Forming CSO Advisory panel to PG-MDGs and ensuring sustainability of PG-MDGs and Resource Mobilization*

The meeting was attended by Members of Parliament (PG-MDGs Members), key people from Civil Society Organisations (CSOs), Oxfam India, Action Aid, Christian Aid, UNMC, UNICEF, UN Women, UNDP, VSO etc.

In the meeting it was decided that CLRA will identify and facilitate MPs to participate in forthcoming Bali, Indonesia conference on Asia and the Pacific Parliamentarian and CSO Forum on MDG acceleration and the Post 2015 Development Agenda.