

**Westminster Africa Business Group**

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**WABG Annual Dinner 2017**  
with guest speaker  
**Secretary of State for International Development, Priti Patel**



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London, UK – February 6<sup>th</sup> – **The Westminster Africa Business Group** will host the first **Annual Dinner**, taking place in the **Churchill Room at the House of Commons, London** on **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> of February** at 19.00, with guest speaker **The Rt. Hon Priti Patel MP – Secretary of State for International Development**.

Since its inception in 1947, the **WABG** has strengthened business links between the UK and the African continent. The **WABG** is a network of people from business, political, educational and diplomatic spheres whose objective is to share experiences in Africa with the aim of helping individuals and organizations with their current and future endeavours on the continent

**The WABG** is indebted to our chairman **Lawrence Robertson MP** who has facilitated the **Annual Dinner** on behalf of the group.

As 2017 represents **the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the WABG** we would like to invite all members, past and present, to join us at any one of the upcoming special events planned throughout the year:

- **Lunch at the Inner Temple** – 11<sup>th</sup> of May – hosted by **Patrick Maddams**
- **Lunch at the House of Commons** – 6<sup>th</sup> of July
- **Annual Reception at the House of Commons Terrace Pavilion** – 11<sup>th</sup> of September
- **Lunch at the House of Commons** – 23<sup>rd</sup> of November

***Priti Patel** was first elected as the first Member of Parliament for the Witham Constituency in May 2010 and was subsequently re-elected in May 2015. Born in London and educated at a comprehensive school in Watford, Priti went on to study economics at Keele University before completing her postgraduate studies at the University of Essex. In July 2014 Priti was appointed as Exchequer Secretary to the Treasury and following the 2015 General Election was appointed as the new Minister for Employment at the Department for Work and Pensions. In July 2016 Priti was appointed as Secretary of State for International Development.*