

# The Scottish Parliament

## Cross Party Group on Fair Trade

Convenor: Colin Smyth MSP

Vice Convenor: Gordon Lindhurst MSP

Minutes of meeting held on Wednesday 7 March, 1pm  
Committee Room, Scottish Parliament,

### Agenda for the meeting

1. In attendance: Colin Smyth MSP, Gordon Lindhurst MSP, Clare Adamson MSP, Claudia Beamish MSP, John Mason MSP, Jenna Marra MSP, Fiona Hyslop MSP, Martin Rhodes (SFTF), Colleen Tait (SFTF), Hannah Ross (SFTF), Bernard Kaunda (Mzuzu Coffee, Malawi), Christopher Gondwe (Mzuzu Coffee, Malawi), Andy Mount (Livingston Fair Trade Group), Liz Cooper (University of Edinburgh), Jeremy Vernay (University of Edinburgh), Russell Salton (Edinburgh Fair Trade Group), Gwenneth Williamson (Queensferry Fair Trade Group), Anne Walsh (Fauldhouse and Breich Valley Fair Trade Group) and Rosie Rutherford (Dumfries Fair Trade Group).  
Apologies: Jackie Baillie MSP, Finlay Carson MSP, Neil Bibby MSP, Rona Mackay MSP, Carol Morton (Hadeel), Karena Jarvie (Perth and Kinross Fair Trade Group), Ian Miller (Scotmid), Martin Meteyard, Shirley Brown and Charles Sim (East Ayrshire Fair Trade Group).
2. It was agreed to defer all other business till the next meeting to allow for a presentation from Bernard Kaunda and Christopher Gondwe on their work at the Mzuzu Coffee Growers' Co-operative Union. They presented on and answered questions on the history and development of Mzuzu Coffee, the importance of Fair Trade, business development and diversification, the global coffee market and the Fairtrade coffee market.
3. No other business was raised.
4. Date of next meeting was noted as Wednesday 16 May if a room was available.