



Concept Note

AFPPD 2nd Meeting of the Standing Committee on Active Ageing

9:00 – 13:00

17 August 2017 | Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam

Background:

Asian Forum of Parliamentarians on Population and Development (AFPPD) has spearheaded mainstreaming healthy and active ageing at regional and global fora since its 11th General Assembly in October 2015. Two significant milestones have been reached during the first year of AFPPD's Strategic Cycle (2016-2019). First, AFPPD co-organized the Global Conference of Parliamentarians on Population and Development (GCPPD) toward the G7 Ise-Shima Summit in April 2016. A session entitled “active ageing and well-being for ageing population” received a highest post-conference evaluation rate as relevant in all sessions by participating parliamentarians. They also integrated policy recommendations on ageing into the *GCPPD Declaration and Recommendations to the G7 Ise-Shima Leaders*. One month later at the G7 Summit, the world leaders made a specific reference of “active ageing movement” in their outcome documents, namely, the *G7 Leaders' Declaration* and the *G7 Ise-Shima Vision for Global Health*.¹

Second, in September 2016, AFPPD held its inaugural meeting of the Standing Committee on Active Ageing. Asia-Pacific parliamentarians confirmed again their collective efforts to address population ageing as common agenda in proactively responding to socio-economic challenges posed by rapidly ageing societies. The meeting identified four areas of topics as common challenges and opportunities to be addressed by AFPPD: (1) need for integrated community care services for older persons, especially a system of long-term care (LTC) that meets both the needs of older persons and their family members as care providers; (2) monitoring national-level progress vis-à-vis regional and global frameworks such as the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing (MIPAA) and the WHO Global Strategy and Action Plan on Ageing and Health, specifically through timely data collection and analysis for ageing related policies and advocacy to change the prevailing perception of ageing through the global campaign to combat ageism; (3) universal health coverage (UHC) to address healthy and active ageing, especially enhanced primary prevention and care services including wellness programs; and (4) income security and social protection schemes particularly for most vulnerable older persons, including women and LGBT persons.

Building on these achievements and shared challenges ahead, this second Standing Committee meeting will take up **the role of community in providing integrated LTC and related support** as an overarching theme. Evidence shows that older persons wish to “age in place” or “age in communities.” Lessons from aged societies like Japan also indicate that integrated community-based LTC has proven effective in meeting the needs of older persons themselves and their family members' while delivering needed services in an economically efficient manner from the government's perspective. Yet, Asia, as the most rapidly ageing region in the world, represents almost 50% of the world's health worker shortage. Moreover, a majority of AFPPD member countries are pre-ageing low-middle income societies with not sufficient preparation time for enacting age-friendly legislation and implementing such policies and programmes. These factors beg the question concerning the role

¹ The GCPPD Final Report, <http://www.afppd.org/Resources/30-1-g7-gcppd-final-report-2nd-ed-6-june-2016-map.pdf>



of parliamentarians in creating age-friendly societies for older persons to “age in place” with access to affordable healthcare and LTC services.

The Standing Committee meeting will approach this theme in the context of three roles of parliamentarians: (a) making evidence-based policies and legislation on ageing at the national level especially for community-based LTC; (b) holding governments accountable for implementing regional commitments, such as MIPAA's articles related to community-based long-term care ²; and (c) advocating for a global campaign toward a legally binding international convention on ageing, focusing on the importance of setting standards of quality LTC and filling a normative gap in effective implementation of community-based integrated services assisted by care providers including family members and foreign nationals. This standard setting can encompass protecting the rights of older persons to “age in place” as well as care providers’ in the time of cross-border movement of health workers, especially in Asia-Pacific.

Purpose:

The Asian Forum of Parliamentarians on Population and Development (AFPPD) will convene the second meeting of the AFPPD Standing Committee on Active Ageing on 17 August 2017 in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam. The main purpose of the 2nd Standing Committee meeting is to further strategize AFPPD’s parliamentary advocacy work in mainstreaming healthy and active ageing in the national, regional and global context, thus enabling AFPPD to play an effective and impactful role as a regional network of parliamentarians.

Building on the knowledge and experiences shared between the AFPPD parliamentarians and the experts during the 2016 inaugural meeting in Hanoi, this second meeting is intended include legislators from APEC Member Economies to deliberate and confirm jointly AFPPD National Committees’ and other parliamentarians’ recommended collective and individual actions to ensure the dignity of every older person in the region through promoting access to health and wellbeing into older age.

Rationale for holding the meeting along with the APEC Events:

The 1st meeting of the Standing Committee on Active Ageing has prompted AFPPD’s ageing related activities to be aligned with ongoing regional and global efforts led by inter-governmental bodies. These include the MIPAA, the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Healthy Asia-Pacific 2020, and global initiatives including a movement toward a Convention on the Rights of Older Persons.

As such, the 2nd meeting of the Standing Committee on Active Ageing will be scheduled during the same week of the *Multistakeholder Forum on Ageing* toward the APEC, under the theme of *Investing in Healthy and Active Ageing for Sustainable Growth: A Regional Approach to Promoting Innovative LTC*. This Forum will take up, among others, human resources gaps and requirements in providing LTC in the Asia-Pacific region. Economic and social imperatives of promoting community-based integrated LTC will be introduced, based on the lessons learned from aged societies including Japan.

In order to enhance their learning and enrich knowledge sharing opportunities, participating parliamentarians are encouraged to attend the *Multistakeholder Forum* prior to the Standing Committee meeting. In addition, an exhibition session of elderly-friendly innovative products and

² MIPAA, II: Advancing health and well-being into older age, Issues 2: Universal and equal access to health-care services. Objective 2, 3, 4.



field visits to community stakeholders and LTC facilities such as inter-generational centers will be arranged in/near Ho Chi Minh City.

Objectives:

The specific objectives of the 2nd meeting of the Standing Committee on Active Ageing are as follows:

- (1) Review the implementation plan drafted by the AFPPD Secretariat and approved by the Executive Committee based on the outcomes of the 1st meeting of the Standing Committee on Active Ageing;
- (2) Share follow-up actions taken by National Committees which are represented by participating Standing Committee members, especially to learn from national case studies adopting evidence-based policymaking and program design for older persons, focusing on community-based integrated LTC;
- (3) Gain in-depth understanding on regional instruments such as the MIPAA, specifically in light of community-based integrated LTC services for older persons, and review the implementation status of the participating countries/economies;
- (4) Understand accurately on-going and growing debate on the need for an international convention on the rights of older persons, and discuss the rationale for supporting (or not) such a cause as a regional network of parliamentarians;
- (5) Revisit the AFPPD Strategic Plan (2016-2019) and reframe high priority ageing issues as common regional and global agendas, by taking into consideration the knowledge gained through the *Multistakeholder Forum*, the exhibition session, and field visits scheduled on 15-16 August 2017;
- (6) Consider and agree on AFPPD's short to medium term recommended actions to be presented to the AFPPD 83rd Executive Committee meeting and the 12th General Assembly in October 2017 [as well as to consider Asia-Pacific parliamentarians' joint recommendations to the APEC Senior Officials and the Health Working Group-TBD].

Expected Outcomes:

- A. Shared knowledge on evidence-based policymaking and program design for older persons to benefit from community-based integrated LTC, particularly focusing on human resources gaps and requirements in LTC in the AFPPD member countries [Objectives 1, 2];
- B. Deepened understanding on ageing specific regional and global commitments including the MIPAA and implementation challenges, with a special focus on community-based integrated LTC [Objective 3];
- C. Increased awareness on the need for a legally binding international convention related to the older persons, in order to address new or emerging challenges faced by ageing society and protect the rights of a growing number of older persons worldwide, by filling a 'normative gap' especially in the area of implementing community-based integrated LTC supported by family, community, and care providers with diverse backgrounds and skills [Objective 4];



- D. Enhanced political will and commitment of participating parliamentarians to play an active role at the national, regional and global levels in creating age-friendly societies for both current and future generations of older persons, to ensure their wellbeing and dignity at the last stages of their lives [Objectives 5, 6].

Participants:

- 1) Members of the AFPPD Standing Committee on Active Ageing
- 2) Representatives from the AFPPD member National Committees (which have not yet nominated a Standing Committee member)
- 3) Members of Parliaments from APEC Member Economies (other than AFPPD members) who will have participated in the Multistakeholder Forum
- 4) Experts from academia, international organizations, and civil society organizations

Format:

A participatory format will be adopted as much as possible to create opportunities for an inclusive and diverse discussion among participants and experts. In order to have a constructive discussion to generate expected outcomes, the meeting will rely on experts' inputs upfront for the three areas of topics. An open discussion follows in order to consolidate recommendations to be made to the AFPPD Executive Committee and the 12th General Assembly and the MIPAA Regional Review Meeting [and the APEC Senior Officials and Health Working Group – TBD].

The Vietnamese version of the AFPPD's *Briefing Cards for Parliamentarians (2016)* will be launched at the start of the Standing Committee meeting. This AFPPD flagship knowledge product covers 15 ageing related good practices and relevant data, which will be introduced to participants as needed at the meeting.

About AFPPD:

The Asian Forum of Parliamentarians on Population and Development (AFPPD) is a network of 29 national committees of parliamentarians from Asia-Pacific countries. AFPPD promotes advocacy and parliamentary actions on population and development issues at the global, regional and national levels. For the past 35 years, AFPPD has been playing a crucial role in engaging parliamentarians across the region in a wide variety of issues related to population and development. AFPPD's current model for change is aimed at educating and motivating parliamentarians to take up the challenge of bringing about legislative reforms and drive change on population and development issues outlined in the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD PoA), the ICPD Beyond 2014, as well as the Agenda 2030 for Sustainable Development.

AFPPD is governed by the General Assembly; managed by the Executive Committee; advised by three Standing Committees on its strategic priorities, namely, active ageing, investing in youth and gender equality and women's empowerment; and supported by the Secretariat located in Bangkok, Thailand.



Asian Forum of Parliamentarians on Population and Development (AFPPD)
AFPPD 2nd Meeting of the Standing Committee on Active Ageing (& Related Programs)

8:30 – 13:00

17 August 2017 | Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam

The AFPPD Standing Committee meeting is organized by AFPPD, co-hosted by the Government of Vietnam (the Ministry of Health) in cooperation with the Parliamentary Committee for Social Affairs (PCSA) of the National Assembly of Vietnam-Vietnamese Association of Parliamentarians on Population and Development (VAPPD). The meeting is organized as part the Multistakeholder Forum on “Investing in Healthy and Active Ageing for Sustainable Growth.”

Agenda

Monday 14 August 2017 - Arrival	
Day One: Tuesday 15 August 2017 – Multistakeholder Forum on Ageing	
9:00-16:00	Multistakeholder Forum on Ageing
16:00-17:30	Exhibition Session
17:30-19:00	Welcome Buffet Dinner
Day Two: Wednesday 16 August 2017 – Study Tours for Parliamentarians	
7:00-19:00	(1) Social Protection Centre and the Intergenerational Self-help Club (ISHC) in Ben Tre province (up to 50 participants)
9:00-12:00	(2) Cho Ray Hospital (up to 30 participants)
19:45/20:00-	Welcome Dinner Hosted by VAPPD
Day Three: Thursday 17 August 2017 - AFPPD Standing Committee Meeting on Active Ageing	
8:30-8:40	Opening Remarks Hon. Prof. Keizo Takemi , Japan Chairperson, AFPPD; Co-Chair of the Standing Committee on Active Ageing
8:40-8:45	<i>Launching Ceremony of the Briefing Cards for Parliamentarians (in Vietnamese)</i>
8:45-8:55	Welcoming Remarks Hon. Mr. Bui Sy Loi , Vietnam First Vice Chairperson, PCSA of the National Assembly of Vietnam
8:55-9:00	Report from AFPPD Secretariat Dr. Mika Marumoto , Executive Director, AFPPD <i>*Agenda Overview and Objectives of the 2nd Meeting of the Standing Committee on Active Ageing & Expected Results</i>
9:00-10:30	Expert Presentations: Topic 1: Evidence-based Policymaking towards Community-based Long-Term Care (1) Dr. Giang Thanh Long , Professor of the Institute of Public Policy and Management (IPPM), Research Fellow of the Oxford Institute of Population Ageing <i>“Vietnam Pilot Ageing Survey – Outcomes and Evidence-based Policymaking” (15 min)</i> Topic 2: Regional Challenges, Commitments and Frameworks on Ageing (with focus on Community-based Long-Term Care Services)



(2) **Ms. Thelma Key**, Former Senior Advisor, Ministry of Social and Family Development, Singapore; Former Director of Social Development Division, UNESCAP
** Progress and Challenges in Implementing MIPAA – Commitments related to community-based integrated long-term care and human resources:
Comparative Analysis of LTC Worker Certification Pathways” (15 min)*

Topic 3: Global Campaign toward a Convention on the Rights of Older Persons

(3) **Ms. Bridget Sleep**, Senior Rights Policy Advisor, HelpAge International
** Global movement toward a Convention on the Rights of Older Persons – Is there “normative gaps” in effective design and implementation of community-based integrated long-term care?” (15 min)*

Reflections from academia and CSOs (20 min)

(4) **Mr. Eduardo Klien**, Regional Director of East Asia Pacific, HelpAge International
“Updates of New Global Age Index toward developing holistic policymaking for community-based integrated services for older persons” (5~7 min)

(5) **Prof. Asato Wako**, Associate Professor, Graduate School of Letters, Kyoto University
(5~7 min)

(6) **Dr. Aabha Chaudhary**, Chairperson, Anugraha India *(5~7 min)*

Q & A (25 min)

10:30-10:45 Coffee Break

10:45-12:45 Open Discussion on AFPPD’s Recommended Actions & Inputs from Legislators of APEC Member Economies

Standing Committee Members’ Statements regarding their respective national committees’ activities on ageing, recommended actions for AFPPD.

Legislators of APEC Member Economies’ Inputs

Other Stakeholders’ Comments – CSOs; Experts

Recommendations will be made to:

(1) APEC Senior Officials and the Health Working Group on August Week 4

(2) MIPAA Regional Review Meeting on 14-15 September 2017.

(3) AFPPD 83rd Executive Committee and the 12th General Assembly on 7-8 October 2017

Chair’s Wrap-up

12:45-12:55 Closing Remarks

Hon. Prof. Keizo Takemi, Japan, Co-Chair of the Standing Committee on Active Ageing

12:55-13:00 Evaluation

13:00-14:00 Luncheon