



Sri Lankan Parliamentarians and Ministers Gather for Workshop to Align Activities with AFPPD

Negombo, February 14, 2017 - On 16-17 February 2017, the Asian Forum of Parliamentarians on Population and Development (AFPPD) and the Sri Lanka Forum for Parliamentarians on Population and Sustainable Development (SLPPD) will hold the “AFPPD-SLPPD National Inception Workshop” in Negombo, Sri Lanka. SLPPD, a member National Committee of AFPPD, was initiated in October 2016 under the leadership of the Sri Lankan Minister of Social Empowerment and Welfare, Hon. S.B. Dissanayake, following his participation in AFPPD’s inaugural Standing Committee Meeting on Active Ageing.



The Minister of Social Empowerment and Welfare of Sri Lanka, Hon. S.B. Dissanayake (MP), attended AFPPD’s Inaugural Standing Committee Meeting on Active Ageing last September in Hanoi. He led the initiation of SLPPD and was appointed as its Chairperson in October 2016. (Photo: AFPPD)

More than 30 Members of Parliament and Ministers from Sri Lanka are expected to attend. Among the participants are the Deputy Speaker of Parliament, Hon. Thilanga Sumathipala, the Minister of Women and Child Affairs, Hon. Chandrani Bandara, the State Minister of Youth Affairs, Hon. Niroshan Perera, representatives from the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) and the Family Planning Association of Sri Lanka, and the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Colombo.

The workshop will strategize SLPPD’s activities for 2017 and beyond in alignment with AFPPD’s strategic priorities on gender equality and women’s empowerment, investing in youth, and active ageing. “By the end of this workshop, we aim to formulate advocacy plans tailored to the needs of Sri Lanka,” said Dr. Mika Marumoto, AFPPD Executive Director, “AFPPD will continue to support parliamentarians and our member National Committees, such as SLPPD, in the path towards the Sustainable Development Goals.”

The “AFPPD-SLPPD National Inception Workshop” is co-organized by the National Secretariat of Elders of SLPPD, and funded by UNFPA, the International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF), and the European Commission.