



## AFPPD Mourns the Passing of UNFPA Executive Director Dr. Babatunde Osotimehin



*Dr. Babatunde Osotimehin, Executive Director of UNFPA, and Hon. Professor Keizo Takemi, AFPPD Chairperson and MP Japan, opened the G7 Global Conference of Parliamentarians on Population and Development in April 2016 in Tokyo, Japan. (Photo: AFPPD)*

**Bangkok, 6 June 2017** – The Asian Forum of Parliamentarians on Population and Development (AFPPD) is deeply saddened by the sudden passing of Dr. Babatunde Osotimehin, Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) and a global health champion who stood for the empowerment of women and girls everywhere. AFPPD has worked closely with UNFPA since its establishment in 1981.

Hon. Professor Keizo Takemi, Chairperson of AFPPD and Member of the House of Councillors of Japan, shared his condolences on behalf of AFPPD and its member National Committees of Parliamentarians on Population and Development:

“I was deeply saddened to learn of the passing of the Executive Director of UNFPA, Dr. Babatunde Osotimehin. On behalf of AFPPD, I offer my heartfelt condolences to his family members and friends, the people of Nigeria, and members of the United Nations family, especially UNFPA.

All AFPPD member national committees and parliamentarians in over 30 Asia-Pacific countries also join me in conveying this message.

Dr. Babatunde Osotimehin has been a champion in transforming the lives of the vulnerable, especially women and young girls. His enormous contribution to family planning, women’s education, and children’s health all around the world will be eternally remembered and cherished, and his legacy will live on in our hearts.

Our thoughts and prayers are with his family, the people of Nigeria, and members of the United Nations at this difficult time.”