

**Minutes of  
AFPPD 93rd Executive Committee Meeting (English)  
Crowne Plaza Galleria Manila, Philippines  
22 October 2022**



## 93<sup>rd</sup> AFPPD Executive Committee Meeting (Hybrid)

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Presiding Officer: Hon. Prof. Keizo Takemi, AFPPD Chair

Moderator: Dr. Farrukh Usmonov, AFPPD Interim Executive Director

Dr. Usmonov acknowledged the attendees on site and online as follows:

Attendees	Country	Remarks
<i>In person</i>		
Hon. Lork Keng	Cambodia	
Hon. Dr. Ameer Yajnik	India	Attended on behalf of Hon. Deepender Hooda
Hon. Dr. Jetn Sirathranont	Thailand	
Hon. Prof. Keizo Takemi	Japan	
Hon. Edcel Lagman	Philippines	
<i>Online</i>		
Hon. Lisa Chesters	Australia	
Hon. Li Wei	China	Attended on behalf of Hon. Liu Qian
<i>With Limited Power-of-Attorney</i>		
Hon. Lord Tu'ivakano	Tonga	
Hon. Nguyen Hoang Mai	Vietnam	
<i>Absent</i>		
Hon. Jaffar Kamaruddin	Malaysia	Parliament was dissolved in early October 2022
Hon. Balaim Kesebayeva	Kazakhstan	
<i>Observers</i>		
Ms. Kamma Blair	UNFPA	<i>In person</i>
Ms. Chalinda Mith	Cambodia	<i>In person</i>
Prof. Kiyoko Ikegami	Japan	<i>In person</i>
Mr. Sam Samidjo	Indonesia	<i>In person</i>
Mr. Manmohan Sharma	India	<i>In person</i>
Mr. Romeo Dongeto	Philippines	<i>In person</i>
Ms. Ma. Aurora Quilala	Philippines	<i>In person</i>
Ms. Nenita Dalde	Philippines	<i>In person</i>
Ms. Hitomi Tsunekawa	Japan	<i>Online</i>
Ms. Zhang Chuansheng	China	<i>Online</i>
Mr. He Tuo	China	<i>Online</i>

Upon the quorum declaration, the Executive Board Meeting was pronounced.

AFPPD Chair, Hon. Prof. Keizo Takemi, welcomed everyone and highlighted the hybrid nature of the Executive Board Meeting, noting that the COVID-19 pandemic is deemed to be in its final phase. He also thanked the Philippines National Committee (NatCom) for organizing the event under the present

circumstances. He directed everyone’s attention to the agenda, which was distributed prior to the meeting as follows:

- A. Confirmation of the Minutes of the 92nd AFPPD Executive Committee Meeting of AFPPD
- B. Report of AFPPD Activities from February to September 2022
- C. Activities for 2022-2023 onwards
- D. Proposed Agenda of GCPPD 2023 Towards G-7 Hiroshima Summit
- E. Proposed Agenda of the 94th AFPPD Executive Committee Meeting, 2023
- F. Proposed Agenda of the 15th General Assembly of AFPPD, 2023
- G. Other matters with the permission of the Chair

## DISCUSSION

- A. Hon. Takemi informed the body that the Minutes of the 92<sup>nd</sup> Executive Board Meeting has been uploaded to the AFPPD website and the Secretariat encouraged everyone to review the document a week prior to this meeting. Upon hearing no further concerns regarding the document, Hon. Takemi officially approved the Minutes.
- B. Upon order of the Chair, AFPPD Interim Executive Director, Dr. Usmonov, enumerated the activities conducted from February to October 2022 as follows:

Date Conducted	Activity	Remarks
15 February 2022	SDGs and Beyond: International Parliamentarians’ Hybrid Conference on ICPD25 Commitments”	The event was attended by parliamentarians from Japan and some AFPPD partners. Documentation can be accessed from: <a href="https://afppd.net/event/event_017.html">https://afppd.net/event/event_017.html</a>
16 February 2022	92nd ExCom of AFPPD	Minutes of the meeting uploaded in October and can be accessed from: <a href="https://afppd.net/event/event_018.html">https://afppd.net/event/event_018.html</a>
April-June 2022	Series of consultation meetings to flesh out the details of proposals from National Committees to implement national activities.	Activities at a national level will be organized in India, Indonesia and Cambodia.
May-June 2022	Updating of the AFPPD Directory	The AFPPD directory now includes information on new members.
May 2022	Creation of AFPPD Facebook page	The AFPPD Facebook page was created on May 18, 2022 and is now active. All NatComs are encouraged to share their relevant activities on the said page. FB: @AFPPD2022
April-July, 2022	Drafting of proposal for JTF Plan for 2022-2023	Submitted to UNFPA APRO
6 October, 2022	Approval of JTF Workplan	Signed
22-23 October 2022	Thematic Meeting on the AFPPD Standing Committee on Gender Equality	Ongoing in Manila, Philippines Documentation will be available soon at <a href="https://afppd.net/">https://afppd.net/</a>
22 October 2022	The 93rd AFPPD ExCom Meeting AFPPD	Ongoing in Manila, Philippines Minutes will be available soon at <a href="https://afppd.net/">https://afppd.net/</a>

Hon. Takemi thanked the AFPPD Secretariat for its recent accomplishments given the difficult situation amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

Hon. Takemi underscored that parliamentarians are the representatives of over 30 national committee members of AFPPD. As such, they are responsible for organizing population and development related activities including gender, ageing and youth among their parliamentary colleagues in their respective countries in collaboration with UNFPA. He requested all Board members to continue to collaborate with each other in order to strengthen the capacity of all the national committees, especially as in-person meetings have resumed – such as the one currently happening in Manila, Philippines.

C. Dr. Usmonov thanked the Government of Japan and UNFPA APRO for their commitment to support the planned activities from October 2022 to December 2023. The ongoing thematic meeting on gender is part of the aforementioned commitments. The rest are as follows:

Date	Activity	Remarks
October 24, 2022	Training program for the National Committees on financing SRHR	The program will be conducted in conjunction with the meeting in Manila, Philippines to ensure the participation of AFPPD member states attending the meeting.
November 2022	National-level activities - India  - Indonesia	A consultation meeting with technical advisors in India will be held on November 18 or 19.  November 29 or 30 in Jakarta.
December 2022-March 2023	Legislative and Policy Reviews on gender issues in relation to the implementation of the Nairobi Commitments and ICPD PoA	In the previous project cycle, similar reviews were undertaken for ageing and youth issues.
April 2023	GCPPD 2023 Towards G7 Hiroshima Summit AFPPD GA 94th AFPPD ExCom	AFPPD will conduct a hybrid side event in Tokyo.
May - November 2023	Development of the AFPPD Strategic documents - AFPPD Strategic Plan - Partnership and Resource Mobilization Plan - Monitoring and Evaluation Plan, including a formative assessment of NatComs small grants programme and external evaluation	These documents are expected to improve AFPPD's institutionalization.
August-October 2023	National-level activities - Cambodia	Originally set in October 2022, activities will now be held in 2023.  - Hon. Lork Keng proposed that activities be held between January and March in 2023. This is because Cambodia will host the SEA Games from April to May, and will be occupied with their national elections from June to July. She added that they would like young

		<p>parliamentarians to host the activities. However, their re-election is uncertain, particularly the son of the current Prime Minister who is very active and supportive of population and development issues.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The proposal was supported by Hon. Takemi, and he suggested consulting UNFPA.</li> </ul>
2023	Possible activities with EECARO (if approved)	The activities will be for AFPPD member states in Central Asia.

D, E, F - Hon. Takemi mentioned that the AFPPD General Assembly and 94<sup>th</sup> Executive Board Meeting scheduled in April 2023 will be the occasion for a major seminar on population and development. Focusing particularly on gender – as the most important topic – followed by ageing and youth. He shared that when Japan hosted the G7 in 2016 in Ise-Shima, AFPPD held a meeting for parliamentarians which then proposed phrases highlighting gender-related issues. The proposal was officially adopted in the public statement made by the head of the G7 Summit, who was the Japanese Prime Minister. Such action created the political momentum for gender-related issues as a key agenda among the global community. The Chair hopes that the Executive Board will work closely together to ensure the same success is replicated in the GCPPD.

Dr. Usmonov shared that the Secretariat will start developing the requirements for GCPPD as soon as the outcome of the discussions on the thematic meeting on gender is available. Hon. Takemi reiterated the importance of setting the agenda as AFPPD prepares for the GCPPD. The agenda to be highlighted in the Summit can be determined at a later date and the Chair welcomes the proposals of the Executive Board.

Hon. Dr. Jetn Sirathranont, the AFPPD Secretary General, seconded the proposal that Executive Board members can submit their proposed agenda to the AFPPD Interim Executive Director or to the Chair.

Hon. Takemi then tasked the AFPPD Secretariat to propose the agenda and circulate it among the Executive Board for comments.

The Chair noted that there are various regional networks of parliamentarians who are actively engaged on different issues that are related to the AFPPD agenda. He suggested inviting these networks from other regions to AFPPD activities such as the GA and other seminars for possible collaboration.

Hon. Takemi reminded the Executive Committee that the General Assembly takes place every two years, and the members are elected every four years. The election for the current term took place two years ago, hence, there will be no election at the next general assembly. The current officers, along with their national committees, will continue to serve their term until the next general assembly.

Dr. Usmonov added that the Secretariat, with the support from UNFPA APRO, will develop the AFPPD's strategic plan, partnership and resource mobilization plan, and monitoring and evaluation plan, based on the outcome of the 2023 General Assembly. As suggested by Hon. Takemi, these documents will be shared with the Executive Committee members for validation.

Hon. Li Wei, MP China, congratulated AFPPD for successfully holding its first in-person meeting since 2020. He believes that this marks the return to normal business and is a major step forward. He then proceeded to convey the message of Hon. Dr. Liu Qian, Vice Chairman of Education, Science, Culture and Public Health Committee, CPH of China NPC, and Vice Chairperson of AFPPD. Below are the highlights of the message:

- Congratulated AFPPD Chair Takemi for his strong leadership since 2018. Having participated in at least three meetings namely in Ulaanbaatar, Astana and Kuala Lumpur, Hon. Wei admits that the meeting outcomes were impressive. AFPPD adapted to the COVID-19 pandemic and managed to continue organizing various meetings.
- ESCPH Committee considers AFPPD as a viable platform for China to carry out its function as an AFPPD Vice Chairperson. Hon. Dr. Liu Qian planned a study visit for AFPPD Executive Board in autumn of 2020 to learn about social development and updates in policies and practices in China. However, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the visit was cancelled.
- The NPC and ESCPH Committee assume a new leadership in March 2023. Hon. Dr. Qian assured AFPPD that the new leadership of the ESCPH Committee will continue to cooperate with AFPPD.

In closing, Hon. Dr. Qian wished the AFPPD further success, growth and progress,

Hon. Li Wei also wished sound health and good luck to all attendees both online and in-person.

Hon. Takemi acknowledged the efforts made by Hon. Liu Qian in arranging the study visit in China. He hopes that the study visit will materialize once the pandemic is over, so that policy issues around ageing, among other related issues, can be discussed in depth.

Hon. Lisa Chesters from Australia shared that, given her new role as the current chair of the equivalent group in the Australian parliament, she was honored to attend the meeting. She will examine what the government and Parliament can do. She also committed support from their Foreign Minister, Hon. Penny Wong, and other relevant ministers. She expressed her respect for the wisdom and guidance of the officers and members who have served with AFPPD longer than she has. She looks forward to performing a greater role in AFPPD, as did her predecessor, former Senator Claire Moore, for AFPPD policies.

Hon. Takemi also acknowledged former Senator Moore's contributions.

Hearing no additional comments from the body, Hon. Takemi conveyed his deep appreciation for the participation of the Executive Board and declared the session adjourned.

\*\*\* END OF MEETING \*\*\*