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## Preparation for Standing Committee Meeting on Active Ageing

AFPPD's Standing Committee on Active Ageing is planning to hold the Parliamentarians' Meeting on ICPD30: Leaving No One Behind in an Ageing World on 23-24 April 2024 in Tokyo, Japan. The process of preparation started in December and prospective participants – parliamentarians, experts, partners from international organizations and NGOs have been requested to save the dates. This meeting aims to further strategize AFPPD's approach of advocating ageing through legislative activities suitable for each country by utilizing the big data scattered in governments and budget appropriation for population and development in mainstreaming healthy and active ageing in the national, regional, and global contexts. Furthermore, to ensure the dignity of all older people by ensuring that AFPPD plays an

effective and influential role as a local network of parliamentarians promoting access to health and well-being for older people.

This event will be the step forward towards addressing ICPD30, 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and AFPPD Strategic Plan for 2023-25.

Participants will have an opportunity to visit the ageing centers in two cities on the outskirts of Tokyo to observe the care process in order to ensure healthy ageing in communities.



## Exciting Updates: AFPPD's Upcoming Events and Conference!

*AFPPD is preparing for year's key conferences. Mark your calendars for the national-level events in Sri Lanka on 21-22 March and in Laos on 25-26 March, as we delve into crucial discussions surrounding ageing populations and societal implications.*

*Stay tuned for detailed coverage of these events in our upcoming newsletters and website updates. Your involvement and interest are vital as we navigate through these dynamic conversations. Let's embark on this journey together towards greater awareness and understanding of aging societies, while prioritizing Healthy and Active Aging, Investment in Youth, and Gender Equality and Women Empowerment.*

#01 GROUP PHOTO OF PARTICIPANTS OF THE CONFERENCE



**Secretariat officers of the National Committees met virtually**

In end of 2023, AFPPD Secretariat organized a virtual call for the secretariat officers of the National Committee (NC) to brief about the activities conducted in 2023 and discuss implementation of the 2024 – 2025 programs. Dr. Usmonov Farrukh, interim Executive Director of AFPPD has introduced the schedule of activities for coming two years and requested the hosting NCs to reach out the Secretariat of AFPPD if there any inquiries regarding planning of those events and many other relevant activities.

There was intervention by the representatives from Sri Lanka NC regarding preparation for the national-level workshop in Colombo in mid-March. Moreover, comments were from the Cambodian side (CAPPD) regarding CAPPD’s events, including workshop in Phnom Penh in mid-December 2023.

Secretary from Bangladesh NC (BAPPD) and Indonesia’s NC (IFPPD) informed about upcoming ICPD30 events, including parliamentary gathering at IPCI in Oslo, Norway.

The Executive Secretary of Indian NC (IAPPD) briefed colleagues on a joint event organized with AFPPD in last August in New Delhi where the delegates had an extensive discussion with IAPPD members and technical advisers, representatives of inter-national organizations and non-government institutions. Furthermore, he informed that the GCPPD2023 Declaration which was adopted in Tokyo in April 2023 was handed over to the Sherpa of the G20 Summit in India.

At the end of the meeting, the representatives of Secretariats welcomed such format of interaction and suggested to keep informal dialogue between the Secretariats so that the National Committees remain briefed and updated. It was suggested to hold, at least once a year, a face-to-face workshop for the Secretariat officers in order to strengthen their capacity building on AFPPD’s three pillars.

#01 PICTURE FROM CONFERENCE. PROVIDED BY MEMBER PARLIAMENT OF CAMBODIA

**Empowering Health: Advancing Solutions at the Cambodia Conference on Non-Communicable Diseases and Gender Equality**

PHNOM PENH, CAMBODIA, 18 December 2023 - The Cambodian Association of Parliamentarians for Population and Development (CAPPD), in collaboration with various Cambodian governmental bodies and supported by the Parliamentary Centre of Asia (PC-Asia), organized a consultative workshop in Phnom Penh on December 18. The workshop focused on "Non-communicable disease prevention methods and gender gap closure resulting from NCDs."

Attended by stakeholders from multiple sectors including Members of Parliament, local authorities, NGOs, youth groups, and the media, the workshop aimed to increase awareness of NCD risks, their root causes, and their impact on gender equality. Guest speakers from Laos, Thailand, and Vietnam shared their experiences on the role of parliamentarians in combating NCDs.

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As a part of AFPPD, CAPPD aims to address health and gender issues relevant to Cambodia's context. Workshops like these strengthen the role and capacity of parliamentarians to achieve set goals.

At the conference, Dr. Jett Sirathranont, AFPPD's Secretary General, delivered an engaging presentation shedding light on real-life scenarios and Thailand parliamentarians' efforts in preventing non-communicable diseases. He discussed Thailand's strategies in regulating the consumption of unhealthy products such as tobacco, alcohol, and sugary foods through taxation and legislation, alongside initiatives promoting healthy lifestyles and regular physical activity. Dr. Jett emphasized the pivotal role of parliament in fostering citizen health and encouraged conference attendees to prioritize wellness.



**Shining Moments of AFPPD Members around the World**

**IAPPD's Workshop on Health and Women's Empowerment**

AUHAR, INDIA - 12 FEBRUARY 2024 - IAPPD held workshop in Auhar, District Bilaspur, Himachal Pradesh, on February 12th, 2024. The workshop aimed to bolster the knowledge and skills of Gram Pradhans and Zila Parishads in matters of health, women's empowerment, and more. With around 100 attendees, including representatives from various sectors and esteemed guests, the workshop delved into crucial topics such as the role of elected representatives, women's literacy, and combating societal challenges like violence and substance abuse.

IAPPD highlighted the importance of empowering participants to advocate effectively within their communities.

**Empowering Parliamentarians: Nourishing India's Future**

NEW DELHI, INDIA - 20 DECEMBER 2023 - The recent IAPPD Standing Committee Meeting delved into the vital

topic of 'Nutrition in Human Health and Development – Role of Parliamentarians' on December 20th, 2023, in New Delhi.

Presentations by experts provided comprehensive insights into nutrition's impact and parliamentarians' crucial role in addressing related challenges. Insights from Members of Parliament highlighted the urgency of prioritizing nutrition and its correlation with poverty and population dynamics. The meeting underscored the pivotal role parliamentarians play in formulating policies to improve nutrition and foster a healthier society in India.



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- #01 Group photo from the conference held in Auhar, India. Photo provided by member parliament of India
- #02 During the conference. Photo provided by member parliament of Cambodia
- #02 During the conference. Photo provided by member parliament of India



### **APDA (JFPF Secretariat) supported programs in Africa: Promoting Parliamentary Engagement for Population and Development in South Sudan"**

JUBA, SOUTH SUDAN - 29-30 JANUARY 2024 - With steadfast support from the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) and the Japan Trust Fund (JTF), and in close partnership with the International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF), APDA diligently implements programs across diverse regions to advance parliamentary engagement in population and development matters.

In response to a compelling appeal from the South Sudan Parliamentary Network for Population and Development (SSPNPD) to advocate for the pivotal agenda of the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD), a momentous program unfolded in Juba, South Sudan, on January 29-30. Under the guidance of Rt. Hon. Lurmena Awerial Aluong, Deputy Speaker of the Transitional National Legislative Assembly, distinguished figures including the President and Vice President of the African Parliamentary Forum on Population and Development (FPA), alongside representatives from the UNFPA

South Sudan Office, shared invaluable insights from their respective countries and highlighted exemplary practices aimed at promoting the ICPD Programme of Action.

With an impressive turnout of over 50 members of the Legislative Assembly, the event received resounding acclaim, reaffirming the collective determination of the SSPNPD, APDA, and FPA to confront head-on the multifaceted issues profoundly affecting the lives of the populace.

### **Study Visit in Uganda**



APDA, the Secretariat for JFPF, supported FPA's initiative to conduct ExCom members' study visit in Uganda on 1-2 February 2024. The visit aimed to facilitate the exchange of ideas among MPs and emphasize their role in aligning national policies with ICPD, FP2030, and SDG commitments. This initiative strengthened the partnership between APDA and FPA, promoting collaboration in promoting population and development agendas across Africa.

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