

## Tokyo Resolutions

The SDGs and Beyond: International Parliamentarians' Hybrid Conference on ICPD25 Commitments was held on February 15-16, 2022 in Tokyo, Japan.

We appreciate the opportunity to organize the conference commemorating the 40th anniversary of the Asian Association for Population and Development (APDA) / the Asian Forum of Parliamentarians on Population and Development (AFPPD), and the support of member countries, governments, relevant developmental organizations, such as the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), the International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF), and multiple stakeholders. We also appreciate your enthusiastic participation despite COVID-19 pandemic complications, especially since the presence of the new Omicron variant prevented us from meeting in person.

The recognition of the necessity of discussion on climate change issues within the Anthropocene's conceptual framework has been highlighted over the last twenty years. Furthermore, the worldwide spread of the COVID-19 pandemic has caused huge damage to the global economy and interrupted many dreams in terms of pursuing education. Thus, the discussion serves as the impetus for all human beings to be more aware and vigilant. Similarly, recognizing development patterns and human insecurity compels us to revisit the population issues in the Anthropocene era, taking into consideration community, capacity and equity.

On Day 1, in keeping with the theme of SDGs and Beyond, we focused on the future global society that we seek, specifically the roles of parliamentarians, civil society, as well as governments, in a post-COVID-19 era. On Day 2, we focused on the 2022 AFPPD agenda, led by the co-chairs of standing committees under the AFPPD's three pillars, namely Gender Equality, Healthy and Active Ageing, and Youth Empowerment.

We seek possible solutions and explore new directions for population issues in the Anthropocene era, focusing on the quality of life of individuals. We learned that water issues could be considered a good example, related to life as a basic human need. For the future of humanity, it is crucial that we further strengthen our relationships between and among parliamentarians, governments, economic circles and civil societies globally.

We continuously highlight the importance of youth policy, healthy ageing and gender equality to achieve the SDGs, recognizing global challenges and taking responsibility for the future of our countries and people. We aim to create effective mechanisms to involve youth, girls and women in the decision making and policy making processes of our respective countries, consistent with international agreements, especially the ICPD25 Commitments, and best practices reiterating the relevance of the Tokyo Resolutions.

Now therefore, we:

1. Express our gratitude to and request of the Japanese government, APDA, the Japan Parliamentarians Federation for Population (JPFP) and UNFPA, to consider further facilitating regular meetings of parliamentarians, government representatives, experts, and civil society on youth policy, ageing responses and gender related issues.
2. Appeal to parliaments and governments of the participating countries to allocate resources involving partners to invest in youth and adolescents, especially girls and members of vulnerable groups, in the development of health and education policies and programmes.
3. Strengthen inter-institutional and international cooperation on the three important pillars of AFPPD. Reframe the AFPPD's major tasks and partners in new and possible areas to achieve the targets of the SDGs, and act consistently with the Anthropocene perspectives.
4. Increase public awareness on sexual, reproductive health and rights, as well as the need for access to quality health services. Ensure full support for young people, by addressing their needs properly according to local sentiments, with full capacity building process provided to AFPPD members.
5. Conduct regular monitoring of the implementation of youth and gender policies in order to meet and consolidate achievement of the goals.
6. Suggest to the business sectors of participating countries to involve young people in their activities, with more focus on girls and women from vulnerable groups, and nurture environments for their employment and professional growth, to utilize data to maximize efficiency and the effectiveness of limited resources, and to address inequalities in various fields.
7. Engage media toward regularly and extensively covering the policy issues of youth and the aged population, giving equal attention to gender related topics and building on the information resources from the AFPPD participants and its partners.