

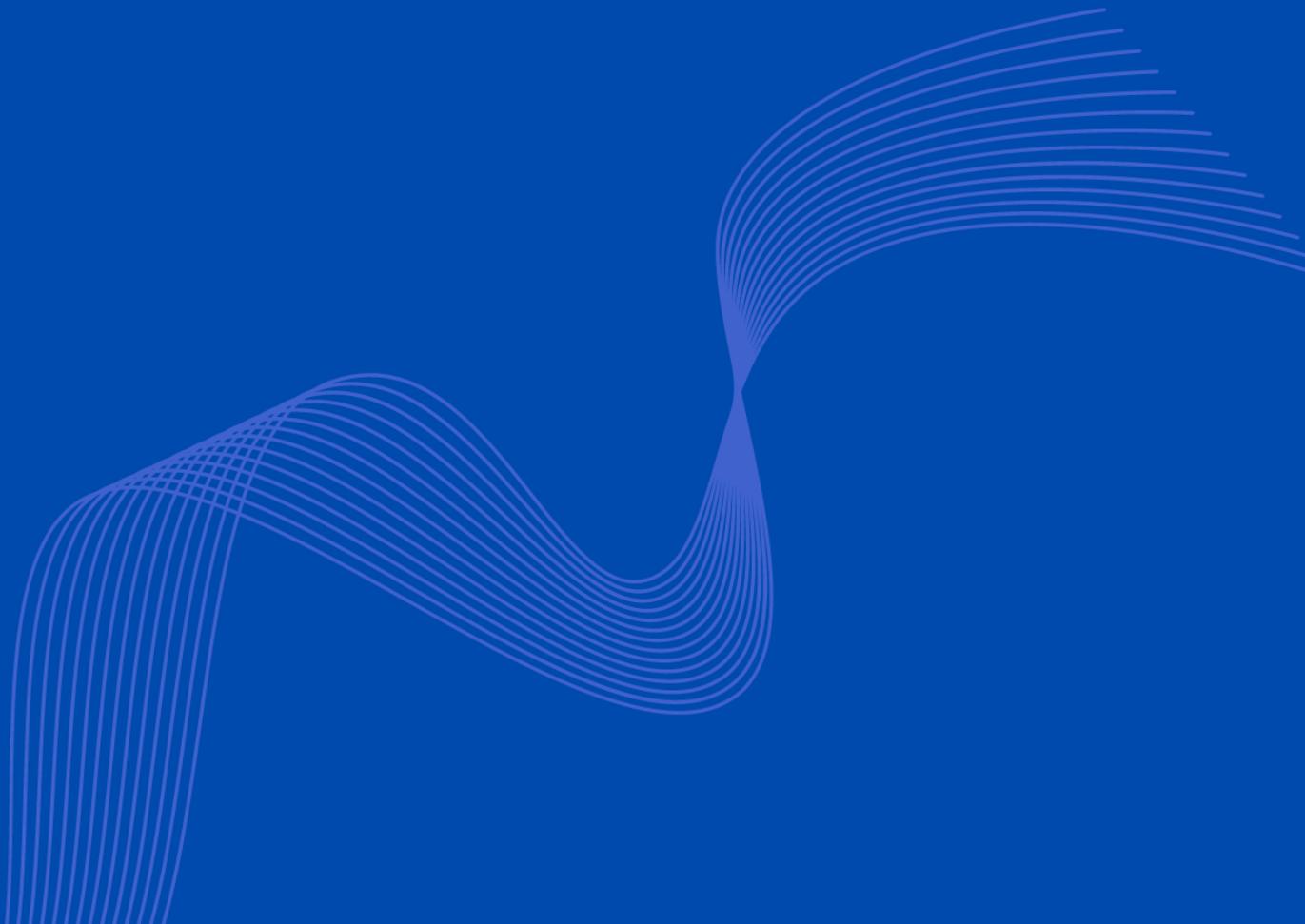
92nd



Executive

Committee Meeting

02.16.2022 | Hybrid Format



The Hon. AFPPD Chair Prof. Keizo Takemi formally opened the meeting as he transitioned from the closing of the ICPD meeting to the 92nd Executive Committee. He mentioned that such meeting occurs twice a year and for today, several items are in the agenda and that everyone is welcome to give their comments to any of them.

Prof. Kiyoko Ikegami, AFPPD Interim Executive Director, directed the body's attention to the agenda:

- a) Confirm the Minutes of the 91st Executive Committee Meeting of AFPPD, on 25th November 2021
- b) Report AFPPD Activities: From November 2021 to January 2022 by Prof. Kiyoko Ikegami, Interim Executive Director
- c) Propose Collaborative Work with Member NCs for Organizing Thematic Meetings in 2022 (Ageing/Gender/Youth)
- d) Propose Strategic Plan
- e) Discuss Activities for 2022
- f) Propose Agenda of the 93rd AFPPD Executive Committee Meeting, 2022
- g) Any other matter with the permission of the Chair

Discussion

- a) Prof. Ikegami reminded the members of the AFPPD Executive Committee that the Minutes of the 91st ExeCom Meeting was circulated earlier. If anybody has a comment they can manifest them at this point.
- b) Activities held from November 2021-January 2022
 - 25 & 26 November: Online Meeting on Nairobi Commitments Follow-up under COVID-19
 - i. Day 1 - Global Governance Architecture on Universal Health Coverage (UHC)
 - ii. Day 2 - Presentation on Activities on Ageing, Gender and Youth during under COVID-19 (November 2019 – October 2021)
 - December 21 January 22: Preparation for the “SDGs and Beyond: International Parliamentarians’ Hybrid Conference on ICPD25 Commitments”

Prof. Ikegami invited the ExeCom and NatComs present to check out the AFPPD website for publications and other materials. She also encouraged them to share articles with photos of their activities so the AFPPD Secretariat can post them in the website.

- c) Prof. Ikegami opened the floor for any member of the ExeCom and NatCom who may be interested to collaborate in hosting a technical meeting or seminar around the issues of ageing, gender and youth.

- Mr. Manmohan Sharma, IAPPD Executive Director, commented that they are willing to host any activity or produce a technical paper on any of the three topics, but their priority is on youth.
- Hon. Maria Lourdes Acosta-Alba said that the Philippines will be honored to host a meeting on women and gender equality.
- Mr. Samidjo from Indonesia raised the possibility of his country hosting a regional meeting. If in-person is not possible due to the Covid-19 situation, a virtual activity on the topic of youth may be undertaken.
- The Cambodian MP offered to host a regional meeting on gender and youth in August 2022. They intend to mobilize their Commissions on Education, Youth, Sports, Religious Affairs, Culture and Tourism, Health, Social Affairs, Rehabilitation, Labor, Vocational Training, and Women's Affairs on the Cambodia National Assembly.
- Hon. Malikzod Parvina, Tajikistan MP expressed the willingness to host the meeting on gender and youth in March 2023.
- The Bangladesh MP offered to host a meeting on any of the three thematic areas in May or June 2022, but added that their priority is on youth and gender, particularly child marriage.

Prof. Ikegami said that the AFPPD Secretariat will contact the countries who made the commitment for details on how to proceed with the partnership. The Secretariat will consolidate the proposals to come up with one, unified activity if possible.

Hon. Prof. Keizo Takemi noted that since the COVID-19 situation is still uncertain, a hybrid-type of meeting should always be considered. The administrative and logistical requirements should be clarified in the proposal that will be submitted to the Secretariat.

- d) Activity proposals such as the hosting of regional meetings will form part of the (d) Strategic Plan and (e) Activities for 2022.
- f) The date and venue of the 93rd ExeCom meeting will be determined later but the tentative agenda is as follows:
 - Confirm the Minutes of the 92nd Executive Committee Meeting of AFPPD
 - Report AFPPD Activities: From February to September 2022
 - Discuss Activities for 2022 onwards
 - Propose Agenda of the 94th AFPPD Executive Committee Meeting, 2022
 - Any other matter with the permission of the Chair

Prof. Ikegami shared that she hopes to be able to organize the meeting face-to-face so she can finally meet and discuss with the AFPPD members and NatComs in person.

Hon. Prof. Takemi shared this hope. While he admits that nobody can tell for sure the COVID-19 situation in the future, he encourages everyone to be flexible and prepare the financial requirements for a potential face-to-face meeting.

Hon. Dr. Jetn Sirathranont, AFPPD Secretary General, commended the AFPPD website for the good photos contained therein. He proceeded with supporting the proposal to host a meeting on women and gender equality in the Philippines. Whether it is a face-to-face meeting or online, he is particularly interested in focusing the discussion on sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR). He shared that their Criminal Court has amended the Thailand Abortion Law in February 2021 following the decision of the Constitutional Court in 2020. Abortion within the first trimester is now legal in the country, which the Planned Parenthood Association of Thailand (PPAT) hailed as a positive development. He is requesting the Philippines as host of the meeting on women and gender equality to give Thailand the chance to present this amendatory law.

Hon. Prof. Takemi seconded Hon. Dr. Jetn's proposal and enjoins the Philippines to be flexible and open to discussing the wider framework of sexual and reproductive health. Hon. Acosta-Alba acknowledged this comment and said that the country is open to the suggestion.

Hon. Prof. Takemi said the ExeCom Meeting can be held simultaneously with the regional meeting in the Philippines if the COVID-19 situation has improved by then. He clarified that the AFPPD Secretariat will continue discussing with the AFPPD members and NatComs the status of the proposals before making any final arrangements. He reminded everyone that whichever country is selected, they will be working with the Secretariat in attending to the logistical preparations.

Hon. Prof. Takemi closed the session and requested everyone to keep in touch, especially towards continuing the discussion on the three topics of youth, women and gender equality and ageing. He underscored the importance of shaping the partnership and strengthening networking and collaboration to achieve the common goal as parliamentarians in Asia as a whole.

Participants list

No	Country	Title	Name	Position
AFPPD National Committees on Population and Development				
1	Australia	Hon.	Damien Drum	MP, Vice Chair of AFPPD
2	China			(Limited Power of Attorney)
3	India	Hon.	Deepender Hooda	MP, Vice Chair of AFPPD
4	Japan	Hon. Prof.	Keizo Takemi	MP, Chair of AFPPD, Executive Director of JFPF
5	Philippines	Hon.	Maria Lourdes Acosta-Alba	MP, Chair of the House Committee on Women and Gender Equality and PLCPD's Chairperson for the House of Representatives
6	Kazakhstan			(Absence)
7	Thailand	Hon. Dr.	Jetn Sirathranont	MP, Secretary General of AFPPD
8	Cambodia	Hon. Dr.	Damry Ouk	MP, Secretary General of CAPPD
9	Malaysia			(Absence)
11	Viet Nam	Hon.	Nguyen Hoang Mai	MP, Member of AFPPD, Vice Chairman of the Parliamentary Committee for social affairs (PCSA) term XV (2021-2026)
12	Tonga			(Absence)
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17	Philippines	Mr.	Romeo Dongeto	Executive Director, PLCPD
16	Philippines	Ms.	Nenita Dalde	Manager, Advocacy and Partnership
17	Vietnam	Ms.	Vu Thi Binh Minh	Department for Social Affairs, Vietnam National Assembly Office
Asian Forum for Parliamentarians' on Population and Development (AFPPD)				
18	Japan	Prof. Dr.	Kiyoko Ikegami	Interim Executive Director
19	Japan	Ms.	Yoko Oshima	Assistant to Interim Executive Director
20	Japan	Ms.	Eri Osada	Staff