

**Minutes of
AFPPD 97th Executive Committee Meeting
Bali, Indonesia
7 October 2024 || 16:00pm ||**



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PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 16:00 after the Secretariat declared the presence of a quorum with seven (7) out of eleven (11) members of the Executive Committee present - Vietnam, Thailand, Philippines, China, Cambodia, India, and Malaysia. Observers from Japan, Australia, New Zealand, and the Indonesian Secretariat also participated.

Hon. Gu Xiaoyu, AFPPD's Vice Chair from China, presided over the meeting in the absence of the Chair, **Hon. Prof. Keizo Takemi**.

I. Welcome Message by the Acting Chair, Hon. Edcel C. Lagman

Presiding Chair Hon. Gu Xiaoyu welcomed all the participants to the 97th meeting of the Executive Committee. He expressed his positive anticipation to the proceeding discussions. The agenda was circulated to all the participants prior to the meeting for their consideration.

Hon. Gu Xiaoyu then gave the floor to **Dr. Farrukh Usmonov**, Interim Executive Director of AFPPD, to facilitate the discussion.

II. Confirmation of the Minutes of the 96th Executive Committee Meeting

Dr. Farrukh Usmonov then presented the minutes of the 96th Executive Committee Meeting, which was held on 22 April 2024 in Tokyo, Japan. A copy of the report was distributed to the members of the Executive Committee ahead of the 97th Executive Committee Meeting and uploaded on AFPPD's website.

With no member having any objection to or comments on the Minutes of the 96th Executive Committee Meeting, the report was approved.

The following agenda of the 97th Executive Committee Meeting was also approved:

- a. Report on AFPPD activities: From April 2024 to October 2024
- b. Discuss AFPPD's calendar of activities for 2025
- c. Hosting of the AFPPD Secretariat
- d. Other

III. New business

- a. Report on AFPPD activities from April to October 2024*

Dr. Usmonov updated the ExCom members on the activities implemented by AFPPD for the period of April to October 2024. His update covers the following activities:

<i>Activities conducted, April-October 2024</i>		
Date	Venue	Activity and activity highlights
23-24 April	Japan	AFPPD Standing Committee on Active Ageing Parliamentarians' Meeting on ICPD30: Leaving No One Behind in an Ageing World
April		Release of AFPPD E-newsletter, Winter edition
May		Secretariat circulated a letter to all member-states for their intent to apply as the next host of the AFPPD Secretariat office Deadline for submission was set of 20 September
10-11 June	Tajikistan	International Parliamentarians' Forum on ICPD30: Sustainable Water Resources and Demographic Resilience for the Interest of Youth (supported by UNFPA EECARO) Release of AFPPD E-newsletter, Winter edition
12-13 August	Pakistan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> AFPPD Standing Committee on Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment Regional Parliamentarians' Meeting on Gender Empowerment for a Green Economy
September		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Release of AFPPD E-newsletter, Winter edition Secretariat received applications from two member-states who registered their intention to host the Secretariat office
October	Indonesia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Annual Conference Addressing Three Pillars and Beyond ICPD30 97th ExCom, 7 October



b. Discuss AFPPD's Calendar of activities for 2025

Dr. Usmonov then proceeded to present the calendar of planned activities for 2025.

Calendar of planned activities, April-October 2024		
Date	Venue	Activity and description
January	Nepal Turkmenistan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> National-level workshop on SDGs and ICPD PoA in Nepal (APRO) National-level training for Turkmenistan parliamentarians to discuss on GBV law (EECARO)
February	Cambodia Malaysia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Training for newly elected young parliamentarians in Cambodia; On-site visit and observation by AFPPD interim Executive Director On-site visit and observation by AFPPD interim Executive Director
April	Malaysia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Study visit on ageing, to be attended by the members of the Standing Committee of active Ageing; 98th ExCom
May	Maldives	Standing Committee meeting on investing in youth
June/July	Fiji	Standing Committee meeting on gender equality and women's empowerment
September	Philippines	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 15th General Assembly 99th ExCom

In relation to planned the activities in 2025, **Hon. Dr. Jetn Sirathranont** from Thailand inquired on their viability in terms of AFPPD's current funding to which **Dr. Usmonov Farrukh** replied that contributions from host sites are crucial to co-funding the said events. Pre-COVID budgets exceeded \$1 million, but current resources remain limited, with future funding requests expected to be similar to those of the previous year.

c. Hosting of the AFPPD Secretariat

Hon. Gu Xiaoyu, invited **Dr. Usmonov Farrukh** to proceed with discussing the remaining agenda of the meeting, which is on hosting Secretariat.

Dr. Usmonov briefed the members that two applications were received – Malaysia and Cambodia. Representatives from both countries, Hon. Howard Lee and Hon. Lork Kheng, gave their speeches in front of ExCom members, outlining the reasons for their intention to host.

The Representative of India, **Hon. M.K. Raghavan**, conveyed **Hon. Deepender Hooda's** request to postpone the process of shortlisting the applications until the next ExCom, which is scheduled in April 2025 in Malaysia. **Hon. Dr. Jetn Sirathranont** from Thailand and **Hon. Nguyen Hoang Mai** from Vietnam underscored the importance of adhering to previously set timelines and milestones to ensure efficiency and respect for organizational processes, in particular:

- 1) AFPPD to call for member-states to apply for hosting the Secretariat starting from May to September 2024;
- 2) Secretariat to report the list of applicant countries to the Executive Committee members during the 97th Executive Committee Meeting, scheduled on 7 October 2024 in Bali, Indonesia, and the ExCom will identify the shortlisted countries;
- 3) Secretariat will visit each shortlisted country to check on the logistics and technical aspects and report to ExCom in the 98th Executive Meeting, which is scheduled in Spring 2025;
- 4) Voting on final decision will be made either in the meeting in Spring 2025 or in the General Assembly scheduled in Autumn 2025 to be held in the Philippines;
- 5) Secretariat will start moving the AFPPD office to the new host country in Asia and operate the program, which will be around Winter of 2025 or early 2026.

Dr. Usmonov reminded the members that the first step toward applying for UNFPA's IP status is when the organization registers as a legal entity and operates independently.

At the end of the meeting, the ExCom members reiterated that decision on the host country will be tackled in the next meeting in Spring 2025. The decision-making process will include on-site visit and observations by the Interim Executive Director in two candidate countries before the next executive committee meeting in Malaysia. Results of these observations will be presented at the following meeting.

Note: The discussion highlighted the need for AFPPD to establish a legal entity to operate independently. The consensus leaned towards following established decisions to facilitate progress and address ongoing budgetary constraints. Participants also shared operational challenges in managing the office in Thailand and the implications of potentially shifting locations. It was emphasized that the organization must learn from past experiences, given its history since 1981. Transition plans must be carefully managed to ensure sustainability.

d. Other matters

Honoring the Retirement of Hon. Senator Dr. Jetn Sirathranont (Secretary General) - **Dr. Usmonov Farrukh** read a letter of appreciation from **Hon. Prof. Keizo Takemi**, MP Japan and Chair of AFPPD, emphasizing his dedication to population and development goals and his ongoing commitment to these efforts. **Hon. Dr. Jetn Sirathranont**, served as Secretary General of AFPPD for over ten years, his contributions to the AFPPD and the Senate of the Kingdom of Thailand were acknowledged.

With no other matters to be discussed, the meeting was adjourned at 17:30.

Prepared by: the AFPPD Secretariat Approved during the 98th ExCom Meeting
Date: 22 October 2024 Date: ____ April 2025

Attendees:

1	Hon.	Lork Kheng	Cambodia	MP
2	Hon.	Gu Xiaoyu	China	MP
3	Hon.	M. K. Raghavan	India	MP
4	Hon.	Howard Lee Chuan How	Malaysia	MP,
5	Hon.	Raoul Manuel	Philippines	MP
6	Hon. Dr.	Jetn Sirathranont	Thailand	MP
7	Hon.	Nguyen Hoang Mai	Vietnam	MP
Absent				
	Hon.	Lisa Chesters	Australia	MP
			Kazakhstan	
	Hon.	Keizo Takemi	Japan	MP
	Hon.	Lord Tu'ivakano	Tonga	MP
Observers				
1	Ms.	Megan Connor	Australia	APGPD Secretariat
2	Ms.	Muy Kim	Cambodia	CAPPD secretariat

3	Hon.	Li Wei	China	MP
4	Mr.	Manmohan Sharma	India	IAPPD Secretariat
5	Mr.	Samijo	Indonesia	IFPPD Secretariat
6	Dr.	Kiyoko Ikegami	Japan	APDA
7	Ms.	Hitomi Tsunekawa	Japan	APDA
8	Hon.	Catherine Wedd	New Zealand	MP
9	Ms.	Shelley Sweeney	New Zealand	NZPGPD Secretariat
10	Ms.	Nenita Dalde	Philippines	PLCPD secretariat
11	Hon.	Prapon Tangsrikertikul	Thailand	MP
AFPPD				
1	Dr.	Farrukh Usmonov	Japan	Interim Executive Director of AFPPD

*****Nothing follows*****