

**Minutes of
AFPPD 100th Executive Committee Meeting
3 September 2025 || 05:00pm ||
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PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 17:00 after the Secretariat declared the presence of a quorum with eight (8) out of eleven (11) members of the Executive Committee present – from Cambodia, Japan, Kyrgyzstan, Maldives, Malaysia, New Zealand, Philippines and Thailand. Members of Executive Committee from China, India and Vietnam did not attend the meeting. In addition, observers from secretariat of Committees from Australia, Cambodia, Philippines, Japan and Tonga as well as MPs from Lao PDR, Nepal, and Sri Lanka also participated.

Hon. Kamikawa Yoko, MP Japan, AFPPD’s Chairperson, presided over the meeting.

I. Welcome Message

Hon. Kamikawa Yoko Chairperson of the AFPPD, welcomed the committee members. In her opening remarks, she emphasized the importance of reviewing past accomplishments of the AFPPD in order to set clear expectations for activities in 2026 and 2027.

She handed over the floor to **Dr. Usmonov Farrukh** who facilitated the discussion.

II. Confirmation of the Minutes of the 98th and 99th Executive Committee Meeting

Dr. Usmonov Farrukh then presented the minutes of the 98th and 99th Executive Committee Meetings held on 27 April 2025 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. A soft copy of the report was distributed to the members of the Executive Committee ahead of the 100th Executive Committee Meeting and uploaded on AFPPD’s website.

With no member having any objection to or comments on the Minutes of the 98th and 99th of Executive Committee Meetings, the reports were approved.

III. Report of implemented activities from April to August 2025

Hon. Kamikawa Yoko invited Dr. Usmonov to brief on next agenda – report of the activities made from April to August.

Dr. Usmonov Farrukh provided the Executive Committee members with a summary of AFPPD activities conducted from April to August 2025.

April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AFPPD’s 98 & 99 ExComs, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, 27 April <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 98th ExCom attended by 18 delegates. 8 ExCom members - 99th ExCom attended by 23 delegates: 8 ExCom members • The 15th General Assembly of AFPPD, KL, Malaysia, 27 April <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Representatives of 24 countries participated. • AFPPD Standing Committee on Active Ageing, Study Visit program, Malaysia, 28 April <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Budget for events in Malaysia: <u>\$60.000 (JTF via UNFPA APRO)</u> - Attended by more than 60 participants: More than 40 from abroad 	<p>Minutes drafted and shared</p> <p>Report is prepared</p> <p>Report is prepared</p>
May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sent a letter to the member-states for submitting proposals of activities in 2026-2027 • National-level program in Phnom Penh, Cambodia organized by CAPPD, supported by AFPPD and UNFPA Cambodia. Training for national parliamentarians (attended by 280 participants) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Budget: <u>\$10.000 (JTF via UNFPA APRO)</u> • Standing Committee on Gender Equality and Women Empowerment, Study Visit Program in Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina, 29-30 May <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Attended by 50: 16 from abroad, more than 30 locals - Targeted invitees: Members from Central Asia, Eastern Europe aiming to improve women empowerment in their respective societies - Budget: <u>\$30.000 (JTF via UNFPA EECARO)</u> 	<p>Report is prepared, uploaded on website</p> <p>Report is prepared, uploaded on website</p>
June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invitation letter sent to all members to attend the Annual Regional Conference in Manila, the Philippines • AFPPD E-Newsletter #7 (Spring edition) was published and shared • AFPPD Standing Committee on Investing in Youth, Maldives, 24-25 June <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Attended by more than 40: 14 from abroad, 10 online, 20 locals - Targeted invitees: Members-states from S.Asia and S.E.Asia having high-rate of young population - Budget: <u>\$30.000 (JTF via UNFPA APRO)</u> 	<p>Uploaded on AFPPD website and posted on Facebook</p> <p>Report is prepared, uploaded on AFPPD website</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Letter of appreciation was sent to Speaker of People’s Majlis of the Maldives by Hon. Kamikawa Yoko, MP Japan and Chair of AFPPD 	
July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Call between UNFPA APRO and AFPPD Secretariat, 25 July Logistics for the Philippines meeting: Secretariat 	
August	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preparation of documents for the Philippines meeting: Agenda, MoUs, Speeches and Presentations Logistics Drafting E-newsletter #8 	

IV. Hosting of AFPPD events in 2026 to 2027

[Dr. Usmonov Farrukh](#) shared the list of member states that submitted proposals to host AFPPD events for 2026 to 2027. In total 13 National Committees applied to host the programs as well as to receive grants for the national programs. On the other hand, some countries applied to host all possible programs for which ExCom to give opportunity to every NC (applied) to host, at least, one of the programs as to thoroughly engage the National Committees into the AFPPD framework.

[Hon. Elvira Surabaldieva](#), AFPPD Vice Chairperson, suggested moving the Standing Committee meeting on Youth in Kyrgyzstan from 2026 to 2027 due to elections in Kyrgyzstan next year.

[Hon. Howard Lee Chuan How](#), AFPPD Secretary General, raised Malaysia’s proposal to host the 2026 Regional Conference.

[Dr. Usmonov Farrukh](#) shared that AFPPD has two funding sources: UNFPA APRO and EECARO. As such, activities that are conducted in Southeast Asia must be aligned with the Asia-Pacific funding stream.

[Hon. Dr. Anara Naem](#), MP Maldives, requested support from AFPPD for continued work on women’s, youth empowerment, and family welfare programs and activities. Dr. Usmonov Farrukh expressed AFPPD’s interest to host one of the sessions on women and gender at Women Deliver Conference 2026 in Melbourne Australia.

[Ms. Megan Connor](#) from the Secretariat of Australian Parliamentary Forum looked forward to the opportunity for Australia to host the Women Deliver Conference in April 2026, the exact agenda of which will be finalized later. She added that the organizer would like to engage more CSOs during the conference.

In response to a query regarding budget guidelines for activities, [Dr. Usmonov Farrukh](#) shared that \$60,000 is the budget for regional events, \$30,000 for Standing Committees, and \$10,000 for national-level activities.

[Hon. Howard Lee Chuan How](#) expressed the government of Malaysia’s assurance of funding support for AFPPD activities hosted in the country with approximate amount of US\$ 2 million for period of 5-years.

Following further questions from [Hon. Elvira Surabaldieva](#) and [Ms. Megan Connor](#) regarding financing, [Dr. Usmonov Farrukh](#) explained that finding other sources of funding can ease budget constraints. He explained that AFPPD is aiming to apply for an

Implementing Partner status from the UNFPA and, thus, follows the latter’s strict audit process.

Hon. Kamikawa Yoko recognized the shared goals across member states but stressed the need for further coordination with funding partners to manage budgetary constraints. She emphasized the importance of standardizing national-level outcomes in order to align with funding requirements.

In the end of the discussion, the plan of activities below were approved:

events for 2026 to 2027.

2026		
Regional Conference	Standing Committee	National-Level
Malaysia (Sep-Oct)	Ageing - Indonesia Women Deliver Conference (TBC) Gender-Turkmenistan (February) Youth - Lao PDR Environment - Nepal	Timor-Leste Maldives Tajikistan
2027		
Regional Conference	Standing Committee	National-Level
Indonesia (Sep-Oct)	Ageing - Sri Lanka Gender - Cambodia Youth - Kyrgyzstan Environment – Central Asia	Pakistan Philippines Central Asia

V. Status of registration of AFPPD’s office in Malaysia

Hon. Howard Lee Chuan How reported on the status of AFPPD’s new headquarters in Malaysia, the status of which has been discussed thrice in the Malaysian Parliament. He talked about the challenges that arose from misinformation received by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs regarding the previous setup, which has since been resolved. He explained that since Malaysian law does not allow non-UN or non-ASEAN entities to register as International Organizations (IOs), he recommended that AFPPD register first as a national-level NGO then apply for IO status later. Registering as an all-party parliamentary group will allow AFPPD to receive international funding and to have foreign members with the condition of at least one Malaysian member in the ExCom.

The Malaysian government also offered AFPPD a bungalow property near the Parliament building due to security clearance issues. Malaysia also expressed providing AFPPD RM10

million (~USD 2 million) for the first five years, shouldering renovation and operational costs for the bungalow, and reaffirmed support for the 2026 regional conference.

[Hon. Kamikawa Yoko](#) thanked Hon. Howard Lee Chuan How for his report and opened the floor for discussion.

[Dr. Usmonov Farrukh](#) and some committee members inquired about losing international status upon registering as a local NGO.

[Hon. Howard Lee Chuan How](#) clarified that registration as an NGO is necessary to access legal recognition in order to apply for IP status with UNFPA.

[Hon. Kamikawa Yoko](#) acknowledged Hon. Howard Lee Chuan How's representation of AFPPD in Malaysian Parliament and explanation of possible electoral changes.

[Hon. Yogesh Gauchan Thakali](#), MP Nepal, inquired about the process of registering as an implementing partner and international organization.

[Dr. Usmonov Farrukh](#) explained that AFFPD must register as a legal entity in order to become an implementing partner of UNFPA and operate independently.

The committee voted to proceed with the decision for AFPPD to register in Malaysia under the charge of the Ministry of Internal Affairs as an NGO then as an all-party parliamentary group which will enable the AFPPD to have foreign members/staffers/CEO with the condition of one (1) Malaysian member on the board. Thereafter, AFPPD shall then pursue an implementation partner status with the UNFPA and as an international organization in Malaysia.

[Hon. Howard Lee Chuan How](#) confirmed that renovations at the bungalow are underway. The Malaysian parliament also offered a buggy for transport around the compound. To reiterate, the Malaysian Parliament shall cover expenses for the renovation of the bungalow for the use of AFPPD.

VI. Other matters

[Hon. Krisel Lagman](#), MP Philippines, raised the possibility of sending AFPPD delegates and/or representatives to the International Conference on Family Planning to be held in Bogota, Colombia in November 2025. [Ms. Aurora Quilala](#) Executive Director of PLCPD explained that PLCPD received an invitation from the European Parliamentary Forum for the biennial family planning conference, adding that such international participation may be favorable for AFPPD members.

[Hon. Howard Lee Chuan How](#) said that the Malaysian government funding for AFPPD is limited to domestic activities and operational costs. International travel for conferences will not be covered under this budget.

[Dr. Usmonov Farrukh](#) explained that AFPPD must wrap up activities by November and cannot accommodate the proposal for the additional conference participation.

Closing Remarks

In her closing message, [Hon. Chair Kamikawa Yoko](#) expressed appreciation to all members for their active participation and support. She highlighted the case study presentations from member countries during the conference. She also acknowledged the innovative legislative developments including the new law in Australia and New Zealand for social media age verification. She encouraged further learning on issues on youth, active aging, and interregional activities. The Chair also proposed organizing side events, particularly on Women, Peace, and Security, to enhance AFPPD’s visibility and policy impact.

[Dr. Usmonov Farrukh](#) concluded the meeting by distributing business cards to the Executive Committee. The meeting was adjourned at 18:37.

Participants

Executive Committee				
1.	Hon.	Lork Kheng	Cambodia	MP
2.	Hon.	Kamikawa Yoko	Japan	MP
3.	Hon.	Elvira Surabaldieva	Kyrgyzstan	MP
4.	Hon.	Howard Lee Chuan How	Malaysia	MP
5.	Hon.	Anara Naeem	Maldives	MP
6.	Hon.	Catherine Wedd	New Zealand	MP
7.	Hon.	Krisel Lagman	Philippines	MP
8.	Hon.	Prapon Tangsrikertikul	Thailand	MP

Absent				
	Hon.	Li Bin	China	MP
	Hon.	Deepender Hooda	India	MP
	Hon.	Le Van Kham	Vietnam	MP
Observers				
	Ms.	Megan Connor	Australia	APGPD officer
	Dr.	Kiyoko Ikegami	Japan	Vice-Chair of APDA
	Ms.	Hitomi Tsunekawa	Japan	Executive Director of APDA
	Hon.Dr	Kolakanh Phommvong	Lao PDR	MP
	Hon.	Yogesh Gauchan Thakali	Nepal	MP
	Ms.	Issy Freeman	New Zealand	NZPPD officer
	Ms.	Aurora Quilala	Philippines	Executive Director, PLCPD
	Hon.	Hector Appuhamy	Sri Lanka	MP
	Ms.	'Ilaisaane Ve'a	Tonga	Secretariat officer
AFPPD				
	Dr.	Usmonov Farrukh	Japan	Executive Director, AFPPD

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****Nothing follows****