Biographies of Participants

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I. MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENTS  
(Alphabetical Order)

Afghanistan

Hon. Dr. Obaidullah Kalemzai  
*Member of Parliament, Lower House*

Hon. Dr. Kalemzai worked in USAID health branch for four years. He worked as head of central clinic commission for two years and also served as deputy of Botack Company for five years.

Hon. Dr. Gholai Nur Safi  
*Member of Parliament, Lower House*

Hon. Dr. Safi is an eye physician in Noor hospital and coordinator of medical programs in medica mondiale organization. She is currently on her fifteenth term in the Lower House.

Hon. Dr. Safi graduated from the Crimea Medical University of Ukraine, where she trained as a doctor and specialized in gynaecology, in 2002. After the fall of the Taliban in 2001, Hon. Dr. Safi worked closely with medica mondiale, a German women’s organization working in Afghanistan, supporting victims of trauma. After 2002 Hon. Dr. Safi worked at a government hospital. Hon. Dr. Safi serves as one of eight women representatives on the High Peace Council. She is affiliated with Hezb-e-Muhaz Milli Islami Afghanistan.

Argentina

Hon. Ms. Ana Carolina Gaillard  
*Member of Parliament*

Hon. Gaillard is a Member of Parliament from Argentina representing the province of Entre Rios. Her specialization include public health, human rights, education; tourism; and youth.

Hon. Gaillard was a director of the House of Entre Rios in Buenos Aires and reached the position of national deputy for Entre Rios after the election on October 27, 2013.

Among her most important achievements are: the implementation of the "Youth Program Close to Home" and "Entrerriano Youth Card," which provide multiple benefits for its carriers, including discounts on professionals and services for Entre Rios residents in the City of Buenos Aires. Additionally, the House of Entre Rios were able to create several jobs for the people of Entre Rios.
Hon. Dr. Andrew Southcott  
*Member of Parliament*

Hon. Dr. Andrew Southcott was first elected to represent the electorate of Boothby in 1996 and has represented this electorate continuously since then. Hon. Dr. Southcott studied medicine at the University of Adelaide from 1985 – 1990. In 1989, Hon. Dr. Southcott became President of the Adelaide Medical Students Society and later that year worked as a volunteer at a hospital in Kwazulu/Natal in South Africa. On his return to Adelaide, Hon. Dr. Southcott completed his internship at the Royal Adelaide Hospital and completed basic surgical training there in 1992 and 1993. In 1994, he became a surgical registrar in vascular surgery at the Repatriation General Hospital and a surgical registrar at the Breast Cancer Unit at Flinders Medical Centre.

He is currently Chair of the Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit; the Coalition Backbench Indigenous Affairs Committee; the Parliamentary Friendship Group for Rural and Remote Allied Health (Co-chair); and, the Australia/Vietnam Parliamentary Group. Between 2007 and 2013, Hon. Dr. Southcott held a number of Shadow Ministerial portfolios including Shadow Minister for Employment Participation, Training and Sport; and the Shadow Parliamentary Secretary for Regional Health Services, Health and Wellbeing. From 2010 to 2013 Andrew was the Shadow Parliamentary Secretary for Primary Healthcare. Hon. Dr. Southcott is a member of the Global TB Caucus, and a founding member of the Asia Pacific TB Caucus and the Australian TB Caucus.

Hon. Dr. Sharman Stone  
*Member of Parliament, Liberal member of House of Representatives, Division of Murray, Victoria; Vice-Chairperson of AFPPD.*

Dr Stone was elected the Federal Member for Murray in 1996. She has been re-elected for six subsequent terms. Since 1998 the Hon Dr Stone has held numerous portfolios including as Parliamentary Secretary for the Environment and Heritage and for Finance and has been the Minister for Workforce Participation and Shadow Minister for the Status of Women and Early Childhood Education, Immigration and Citizenship, Environment, Heritage, the Arts and Indigenous Affairs. The Hon Dr Stone served on the Council for Aboriginal Reconciliation from 1997 to 2000.

She is currently: Chair of the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Indigenous Affairs; Chair of the Foreign Affairs and Aid Sub-committee of the Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade; Chair of the Coalition Policy Committee on Agriculture; Vice Chairperson of the Asian Forum of Parliamentarians on Population and Development; Chair of the UN Parliamentary Group of Australia; Chair of the Australia Parliamentary Group on Population Development; Co-Chair and Founder of the Parliamentarians for the Prevention of FASD/FAS; Co-Chair of the Drug Law Reform Parliamentary Group; Co-Chair of Dying with Dignity Parliamentary Group; and Co-Chair of Parliamentarians for the Introduction of Medicinal Cannabis.

Before entering Federal Parliament, the Hon Dr Stone was the Manager of International Development for the University of Melbourne. Hon. Dr. Stone holds a Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Anthropology, Monash University; Master of Arts in Sociology, La Trobe University.
University; Graduate Diploma in Tertiary Education, Melbourne University; and Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Economics and Business, Monash University. Dr Stone has authored or co-written a number of books, including “Aborigines in White Australia”: A Documentary History of the Attitudes Affecting Official Policy and the Australian Aborigines 1697-1973 and has published numerous journal articles and papers on social policy, environmental and rural issues and water law.

Azerbaijan

Hon. Dr. Malahat Ibrahimgizi
Member of Parliament

Hon. Dr. Ibrahimgizi was born in Kichik Mezre village in the Republic of Armenia. She graduated from the Paediatrics Department of the Azerbaijan State Medical Institute and the Law Department of the Baku State University, Georgia. Hon. Dr. Ibrahimgizi holds Ph.D. in medical and historical sciences.

In 1982-1992 Hon. Dr. Ibrahimgizi worked as a paediatrician at the Children’s outpatient’s clinic in Baku. In 1992 she became the Chief physician in the same clinic. From 1998 to 2000 Hon. Dr. Ibrahimgizi became the first Deputy Chairperson of the State Committee on Women’s Affairs of the Republic of Azerbaijan.

Hon. Dr. Ibrahimgizi has been a member of the Azerbaijan Parliament since 2000. Hon. Dr. Ibrahimgizi is a member of the political council of New Azerbaijan Party. She is a Member of the Amnesty Commission under the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan. Hon. Ibrahimgizi is a chairperson of the Parliament’s Vote’s Counting Commission and a member of the Standing Commission on Social Policy. She is the head of several inter-parliamentary working groups. Hon. Dr. Ibrahimgizi is a member of the Azerbaijan delegation to the NATO Parliamentary Assembly.

Hon. Dr. Ibrahimgizi is one of the prominent leaders on gender issues in Azerbaijan. She is a Co-chair of the National Confederation of Azerbaijani Women and an honorary member of the Owner Women Council. In 2000, she founded the NGO Leader Women Social Union which focuses on equal rights and opportunities for women. Hon. Dr. Ibrahimgizi has authored six books on gender issues.

Bangladesh

Hon. Ms. Mahabub Ara Begum Gini
Member of Parliament and Whip

Hon. Gini has been appointed as Whip in the 10th Jatiya Sangsad (Parliament). Hon. Gini was involved in many extra-curricular activities during her student life. She was the National Champion in Lawn Tennis in 1980. She represented Bangladesh in Athletics in the second SAF games in 1985. The national Gold Medalist in Athletics in 1987-1988 and a member of the first Bangladesh Women’s Cricket Team. Hon. Gini was sports secretary of Samsunnahar Hall, Dhaka University and sports secretary of Gaibandha Samity, Dhaka. Hon. Gini holds a M.S.S., a B.S.S. in Social Welfare, post-graduate diploma in Personal Management, and a B.A. in Physical Education.
Hon. Prof. Dr. AFM Ruhal Haque  
*Member of Parliament*

Hon. Prof. Dr. Haque is former Minister of the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare. Hon. Dr. Haque is Chairman of the Standing Committee on Ministry of Science and Technology. He is also a Member of the Public Accounts Committee and the Standing Committee on Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. He is a medical doctor by profession. His education includes MBBS, FRCS, FICS, and FCPS.

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### Bhutan

**Hon. Mr. Karma Dorji**  
*Member of Parliament*

Hon. Dorji is a Member of Parliament. Prior to the position, he experienced various tasks such as Cultural Guide, Executive of the Team Leader Customer Care, Business, Teacher, Manager in private firm, and also Volunteer works.

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**H.E. Mr. Jigme Zangpo**  
*Speaker of Parliament*

H.E. Zangpo has been Speaker of National Assembly since 2013. He was elected first in 2012 to represent Mongar Constituency. Prior to his political career, H.E. Zangpo served as *Drangpon*, High Court, Royal Court of Justice, Thimphu (2006-2010), Secretary General at the National Assembly (2003-2006). He was Deputy Project Director at the Department of Education, and served in the education sector as educator and administrator over 30 years. H.E. Zangpo holds a Master’s degree in Education, University of New Brunswick, Canada. He also obtained diplomas in Physical Education, Amravati, India, and Educational Planning and Administration, NIEPA, New Delhi, India.

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### Bolivia

**Hon. Ms. Adriana Salvatierra**  
*Member of Parliament*

Hon. Salvatierra is a political scientist. She is 26 years old and is the youngest senator of Bolivia. Joint marriage and the decriminalization of abortion are on her political agenda. She started political activities in the Youth Movement toward Socialism (MAS) at the age of sixteen. Last year, Hon. Salvatierra served as a Secretary of Committee of Constitution, Legislation and Interpretation. This year, Hon. Salvatierra is the President of the Commission of Justice Plural in the Ministry of Legal Defense of the State.
Bosnia and Herzegovina

Hon. Dr. Nermina Kapetanovic

*Member of Parliament*

Hon. Dr. Kapetanovic is a member of the Party of Democratic Action. Prior to this parliament term she was a member of the House of Representatives until 2010. Before becoming a parliamentarian Hon. Dr. Kapetanovic worked in Cantonal Hospital in the city of Zenica until 2003, and in Health Care Centre in Zenica from 1987 to 1990.

Hon. Dr. Kapetanovic is a Doctor of Medical Sciences, Specialist in Anesthesia and Reanimation. She completed postgraduate studies in Experimental Medicine from 1987 to 1990 in the Faculty of Medical Sciences, University of Sarajevo. In addition, from 2008 to 2010, she competed postgraduate studies in "Diplomacy in Contemporary World ", Faculty of Political Science, University of Sarajevo.

Botswana

Hon. Mr. Fidelis Mmilili Macdonald Molao

*Assistant Minister of Education and Skills Development*

Hon. Molao has been an Assistant Minister of Education and Skills Development since 2015. Hon. Molao started his career as an English Teacher at Moeti CJSS in 2001 and later moved to Moeding College as a history teacher. In the same year he left the teaching career to join METSEF. In 2003, he left METSEF to join the Botswana Democratic Party as Deputy Executive Secretary, where he was responsible for general administration and various structures of BDP. He also served in various Party committees, including Secretary to the Party Disciplinary Committee, Council of Elders and the Party Electoral Board. At this time, he was staked with the coordination of all Party Congresses (National Congress, National Council, National Youth Wing Congress and the National Women's Wing Congress) and planning and implementing of the Party’s educational programmes.

In 2008, he joined Botswana National Sports Council (BNSC) as a Marketing and Communications Officer where he was responsible for all internal and external communications. In 2009, Hon. Molao joined Botswana National Youth Council as Executive Director, a position he held until he entered the Parliament.

Cambodia

Hon. Mrs. Lork Kheng

*Member of Commission on Human Rights Reception of Complaints, Investigation and National Assembly-Senate Relation.*

Hon. Kheng is a champion of gender equality and women's empowerment in Cambodia. Prior to her involvement in Cambodian politics, she was a business owner shortly after the Pol Pot regime. She offered loans without interest to those from poor communities. In doing so, Hon. Kheng earned
popularity and political support. From 1997 and 2008, Hon. Kheng was a Deputy Director of Cabinet for Samdech Chea Sim. In 2008, she ran as a candidate for the National Assembly Elections and she was elected as Member of the Parliament in Phnom Penh. In the 5th mandate NA Elections 2013, Her Excellency Kheng was re-elected for the Phnom Penh constituency. Alongside her role as parliamentarian, Hon. Kheng has been a member of the Cambodian Red Cross’ Phnom Penh Branch since 2003. She was previously Finance Director for the organization and is now Deputy Director.

Cameroon

Hon. Ms. Marie Rose Nguini Effa
Member of Parliament

Hon. Marie Rose Nguini Effa is a member of the National Assembly in Cameroon, and Vice-Chair of the Social, Cultural and Familial Affairs Committee and Member of the Cameroon-France Friendship Group. Hon. Marie Rose Nguini Effa is also a representative of her country in the Pan African Parliament where she chairs the Health, Labour and Social Affairs Committee. Active in the civil society and NGO community, she chairs the National Commission for the fight against HIV/AIDS, Malaria and Tuberculosis. She is the Honorary President of a Cameroon Red-Cross chapter and a founding member of the Association of Mefou and Akono Women for Development.

Canada

Hon. Ms. Pamela Fraser-Damoff
Member of Parliament

Hon. Fraser-Damoff is a business professional and community activist who has served as a town councilor in Oakville since 2010. Her extensive public service, combined with over 27 years of corporate experience on Bay Street, provides a solid background to represent Oakville North-Burlington in Ottawa. Working hard to ensure her community’s sustainability for future generations, she is an ardent advocate for preserving greenspace and a healthy, active lifestyle. She co-founded Cycle Oakville to promote cycling and improved cycling infrastructure and received the 2013 Bicycling Leadership Award for her tireless promotion of cycling in Ontario. Hon. Fraser-Damoff is an active volunteer in her community; she is Chair of the Oakville Santa Claus Parade and Terry Fox Run, and a member of the organizing committee of the Courage Polar Bear Dip. She also volunteers countless hours with many local charities and community groups. Hon. Fraser-Damoff was the proud recipient of the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee medal and Paul Harris Fellow Award for her community service and the Top 40 Fabulous Women Over 40 Excellence Award for Community Leadership.

Hon. Dr. Hedy Fry
Member of Parliament

Hon. Dr. Fry was first elected to Parliament for Vancouver Centre in 1993 becoming the first rookie to defeat a sitting Prime Minister. She has been re-elected in 1997, 2000, 2004, 2006, 2008 and 2011. She practiced family medicine at St. Paul’s Hospital in the West End of Vancouver for two decades and was a local, provincial and national leader in medical politics. She served
as president of the Vancouver Medical Association (VMA), BC Medical Association (BCMA), and the Federation of Medical Women, during which time she was hailed as a powerful and successful negotiator. Recently, she was appointed the Special Representative on Gender Issues of the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) Parliamentary Assembly (PA).

Cape Verde

Hon. José Manuel Sanches Tavares  
*Member of Parliament*

Hon. Tavares has been a member of the National Assembly of Cape Verde since 2011. He also served as a member of the Executive Secretariat of the African Forum for Population and Development in 2014 after completing Doctorate in Anthropology at the University of Coimbra in 2013. Prior to the post graduate study, Hon. Tavares was Chairman of the Parliamentary Network on Population and Development in 2012, and was a professor of the University of Cape Verde from 2007 to 2011.

Chad

Hon. Mme. Dingamadji Ngakoutou Moryo Delphine  
*Member of Parliament*

Hon. Delphine has been a member of the National Assembly of Chad since June 2011. She was Member of the Community Parliament of CEMAC in 2011, and was also Member of the Network of Parliamentarians Chadians for Population and Development (REPOD). From 1991 to 1994, after studying License Management and Economic Techniques at the University of N’Djamena, Hon. Delphine served as Manager of the appropriations to the Informatics Directorate of the Ministry of Finance. From 1994 to 1999, she served as Monitoring Agent to the Directorate of Financial Control (MEF). She also started serving as Controller to the Directorate General of Taxes (branches of large enterprises) in 2003 after having training at the National School of the Governed Financial (ENAREF) of Ouagadougou Burkina Faso from 2000 to 2003.

Chile

Hon. Dr. Marco Antonio Nuñez  
*Member of Parliament*

Hon. Dr. Nuñez was the President of the Lower House of Congress until March 22, 2016. Hon. Dr. Nuñez is a medical doctor and holds a Master degree in Health Policy from Harvard University and a Ph.D. in Public Health. He has worked as a consultant for the World Bank and the International Labour Organization in the area of social protection. He has been an adjunct scholar at the School of Medicine at the University of Chile since 2009, director of the Health Network “Healthy Aconcagua,” advisor to the Ministry of General Secretariat of the Government of Chile (1992-1994), mayor of the Fifth Region of Valparaíso (2001-2003) and
North Metropolitan Health Director (2003-2005). He has been a legislator since 2006. He was Vice Chair of the IAPG Council in 2013.

**China**

**Hon. Dr. Wang Longde**  
*Member of the National People’s Congress (NPC) Standing Committee*  
*Vice-Chairman of the ESCPHC, NPC*  
*Vice-Chairman of the AFPPD*

Hon. Dr. Wang plays a significant leadership role in public health in China. He is currently the President of the Chinese Preventive Medicine Association, the Chairman of the Expert Committee of Disease Prevention and Control, and National Health and Family Planning Commission of the People’s Republic of China. Hon. Dr. Wang is also a member of the 12th Standing Committee of the National People’s Congress of China and has served as Vice-Minister of Ministry of Health for 12 years. Hon. Dr. Wang is an academician at the Chinese Academy of Engineering. He has authored over 100 papers and more than 30 books related to public health, preventive medicine, and epidemiology and disease control. Some of his papers were published on prominent journals such as the New England Journal of Medicine and the Lancet. Hon. Dr. Wang is a recipient of several acclamations including the China National Science and Technology Award, the Stop TB Partnership’s 2007 Kochon Prize, and the 2007 UNAIDS Award of Excellent Leadership and Continuous Contribution for Response to AIDS.

**Hon. Mr. Wang Zuoshu**  
*Member of the NPC Standing Committee*  
*Vice-Chairman of the ESCPHC, NPC*

Hon. Zuoshu graduated from Harbin Normal University in 1982, majoring in chemistry. He served as a tutor, a professor, deputy dean, associate president, deputy president and president of Harbin Normal University. Hon. Zuoshu’s previous positions include: Vice-Chairman and Chairman of the Heilongjiang Commission of China Association for Promoting Democracy; Deputy Governor of Heilongjiang province; Vice-Chairman of the Central Commission of China Association for Promoting Democracy; Member of the 8th and 9th Chinese People’s Consultative Conference; Member of the 10th NPC Standing Committee and the Financial and Economic Committee; Member of the 11th NPC Standing Committee and Vice-Chairman of the Education, Science, Culture and Public Health Committee.

**Cook Islands**

**Hon. Ms. Rose Brown**  
*Deputy Speaker*

Hon. Brown has been a Member of Parliament since the 2014 general election, and appointed as Deputy Speaker of Parliament. Also, she has been in the Family Law Bill Parliamentary Select Committee since 2015. Before entering politics, she was a business woman on Rarotonga and co-owner of
the 24 hours Super Brown Mega Store on Rarotonga and on the island of Atiu. She is renowned for her strong community services on the Islands of Atiu.

Hon. Mr. Tangata Vavia  
*Member of Parliament*

Hon. Vavia was elected as a Member of Parliament of the Cook Islands for the island of Mitiaro in 1994 General Election. He was re-elected in the General Elections of 1999, 2004 and on 26th September 2006, Snap Election. Hon. Vavia was appointed Deputy Speaker of Parliament in 1999.

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**Côte d'Ivoire**

Hon. Mr. Toure Souleymane  
*Vice-President of the National Assembly*

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**Egypt**

Hon. Dr. Ayman Ahmed Hussien Abu El Ella  
*Member of Parliament*

Hon. Dr. Ella is a former member of People Assembly in 2012. He was deputy chief of parliamentarian authority and member of the Health Committee in the parliament. Hon. Dr. Ella is the Chairman of the Committee of Monitoring the Governmental Performance and the Parliamentarian Affairs in Free Egyptians Party. He is also a founding member and member of board of directors of Egyptian Association of Health Care companies. He also serves as chairman of Committee of Legislation in National Council of Health.

Hon. Dr. Mohammed Magdy Saad Ali Morshed  
*Member of Parliament*

Hon. Dr. Morshed is Deputy Chief and member of the Presidential Council of Al Moatmr Party. He is founder and member of the Presidential Council of New Independents Party, which was established in 2011. From 1989 to 1994, Hon. Dr. Morshed was a physician and surgeon of ophthalmology and researcher at Saint Carlos hospital in Madrid, Spain. In 1995 to 2001, he took on the role as lecturer of medicine and surgery of eyes in faculty of medicine, Zaqziq University, Egypt where he became an assistant professor and then professor in the faculty of medicine. From 2005 to present, Hon. Dr. Morshed is the head of medicine and surgery of eyes section at October 6 University. He is also the chairman of board of directors of RESALA association in Faqous city, Sharkeya governorate, member of the scientific complex of medicine of eyes from 2011 to present and member of the Board of Directors and a secretary general of the
Egyptian association of eyes from 2003 to 2014. He is part of the team that organized and managed 40 global conferences of medicine of eyes in Egypt. He has a diploma on history and the developments of the political regimes in the world from the Political Studies Center in Madrid.

**El Salvador**

**Hon. Dr. Guillermo Mata Bennet**  
*Member of Parliament*

Hon. Dr. Bennet is a member of the Government Party FMLN. He is a medical doctor specializing in paediatrics and neonatology. He is currently secretary of the Board of the National Assembly of El Salvador. In addition, Hon. Dr. Bennet chairs the Climate Change and Environment Commission and is a member of the Health Commission. He had a leading role in the health reform law in his country, and has authored a number of initiatives related to reproductive health. In 2004 he ran as Vice President in the national presidential elections. He is currently an IAPG Board Member representing Central America and has actively participated in IPCI Conferences and other IAPG activities.

**Ethiopia**

**Hon. Mrs. Sofiya Almamum Babekir**  
*Member of Parliament*

**H.E. Mr. Abadula Gemeda Dago**  
*Speaker of the House of Peoples’ Representatives*

Hon. Dago obtained his MA in Leadership from Greenwich University, UK in 2001; his BA and MA in Public Administration from Century University, USA in 2001 and 2004 respectively. He also got Certificate in Higher Military Leadership from Chinese Defense University in 1995. He has been Speaker of the HPR of the FDRE from October 2010 to date. Previously, Hon. Dago was President of the Oromiya National Regional State from 2005-2010. Additionally, he was Chairman of the Oromo Peoples’ Democratic Organization (OPDO) and member of the Executive Committee of the Ethiopian Peoples’ Revolutionary Democratic Front (EPRDF) from 2002-2011. Also, he was elected to a member of Oromiya National Regional State Council and a member of the House of Federation of the FDRE from 2006-2011.
Hon. Zewdu Kebede Tesema  
*Member of Parliament*  
*Chairman of the Standing Committee of Trade Affairs in the House of People's Representatives of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia*

Hon. Tesema has been a Member of Parliament, and Chairman of the Standing Committee of Trade Affairs in the House of People’s Representatives of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia since 2003 to present. His career started as an elementary school teacher in Oromia regional state from 1985 to 1987, and a high school teacher from 1988 to 1997. After dedicating as a teacher for the state, Hon. Tesema served as Mayor of Metehara Municipality City East Shewa Zone in Oromia regional state from 1998 to 2002.

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**Fiji**

**Hon. Mr. Ruveni Nadalo**  
*Deputy Speaker of Fiji Parliament*  
*Member of Parliament*

Hon. Nadalo has been Deputy Speaker of the Fiji Parliament since 2014. Hon. Nadalo holds a degree in Hotel Management and worked in the hospitality industry for more than 30 years. Before becoming an MP in 2014, he worked as a Sports and Recreation manager in Shangri-La Resort in Fiji from 2007 till 2014. Prior to that, he had worked in various positions at different hotels in Fiji. From 1997 – 1999, Hon. Nadalo worked in the Yalavou Rural Development Project. This project assisted in the development of rural agricultural infrastructure including irrigation, road networks and water supply.

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**Hon. Mr. Mataiasi Akauola Niumataiwalu**  
*Member of Parliament*

Hon. Niumataiwalu is a member of the Parliament of the Republic of the Fiji Islands. He officially became a Member of Parliament first, the Government side of The House on February 8, 2016. Hon. Niumataiwalu currently serves as Regional Media Development Specialist with the Oceania National Olympic Committees (ONOC) based in Suva, Fiji. ONOC is the umbrella organization for 17 National Olympic Committees (NOCs) in the Oceania Region. Hon. Niumataiwalu was Director for the Media Industry Development Authority of Fiji (MIDA) for a year (Oct 2013– Sept 2014). Prior to the position, he was Manager & Training Coordinator of the Pacific Islands News Association (PINA), and in mainstream media for 31 years. Hon. Niumataiwalu has witnessed and learnt significant events in his homeland over the past three decades. He holds vivid memories of four military coups, general elections from the early 80s to 2006, Great Council of Chiefs meetings, town council meetings, court proceedings, hurricanes and cyclones, and has also been abreast with technological changes happening in the media. In addition, he was at PINA- the regional umbrella body for media (television, radio, print and new media) for five years. This role at PINA required him to be a technical advisor at higher levels of policy development in the media industry, including national association administrations. His role also involved overall donor relationships to help PINA find funding for its organizational purposes and to monitor its webpage member information. He focused on liaising with media associations, individual media members and Journalism Schools at various universities around the region. The PINA clearly straddled political, economic, as well as non-political assistance, advisory and training roles.
France

**Hon. Mr. Pascal Cherki**  
*Member of Parliament*

Hon. Cherki is member of the left wing of the Socialist Party. He was mayor of the fourteenth district of Paris before becoming a member of parliament in the capital in 2012.

**Hon. Ms. Edith Gueugneau**  
*Member of Parliament*

Hon. Gueugneau has been member of the French National Assembly (14th legislature) since 2012. Her constituency is the 2nd Electoral District of Saône-et-Loire Department and she sits in Parliament along with the Socialist, Republican & Citizen Parliamentary Group. Hon. Gueugneau was born in Bourbon-Lancy (Saône-et-Loire) and she is a member of the French Socialist Party (PS). At the National Assembly, she is a member of the National Defence and Armed Forces Committee; a member of the Delegation on Women Rights & Equality between Men & Women; a member of the Study Group on International Gender Issues and Women Rights. At the local level, she is the Mayor of Bourbon-Lancy and the President of the Community of Municipalities “Between Somme and Loire.” Hon. Gueugneau has a professional background as health worker (pharmacy technician) and is currently member of the French National Tourism Committee.

Germany

**Hon. Dr. Frank Heinrich**  
*Member of Parliament*

Hon. Dr. Heinrich is a member of the Christian Democratic Union (CDU). He has been a member of the German Parliament (Bundestag) since 2009. Hon. Dr. Heinrich is a full member of the Development Committee as well as the Human Rights Committee of the German Bundestag. After completing his studies in social work and two semesters of Theology in Canada in the 1980s, Hon. Dr. Heinrich has worked for many years as Head of the Salvation Army and Divisional Youth Officer in Chemnitz.
Ghana

Hon. Mr. Frank Annoh-Dompreh
Member of Parliament

Hon. Annoh-Dompreh is a Member of Parliament after serving as Consultant at IMAS Ghana Consult, Proposal Evaluator and Consultant at BUSAC FUND. Hon. Annoh-Dompreh was also an Assistant Procurement Manager at Blue Skies Ghana Limited from 2005-2007, Facilitator at Rural Enterprise Development Project for the Ministry of Trade and Industry from 2003-2005 after pursuing his effort for SNV-Ghana, Netherlands Development Organization and USAID.

India

Hon. Mr. Shri Jugal Kishore Sharma
Member of Parliament

Hon. Sharma has been a member of the Standing Committee on Rural Development, and also a member of the Consultative Committee at the Ministry of Power and New and Renewable Energy since 2014. From 2002 to 2008 and 2010 to 2014, he served as Leader, B.J.P., Jammu and Kashmir Legislative Assembly. Hon. Sharma has been elected to Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) since 2014.

Hon. Ms. Viplove Thakur
Member of Parliament

Hon. Thakur was member of the Committee on Government Assurances from May 2008 - September 2009. From 2008 to 2009, she was involved in the Consultative Committee for the Ministry of Women and Child Development’s Committee on Government. She was also a member of the Hindi Salahkar Samiti of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry. From January 2010 to April 2012, Hon. Thakur was a member of the Hindi Salahkar Samiti of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. From May 2011 to April 2012, she was an active member of Sub-Committee I to examine the functioning of AIIMS of the Committee of Health and Family Welfare.

Hon. Ms. Vijaylaxmi Sadho
Member of Parliament

Hon. Sadho was General Secretary of Indian Youth Congress, Madhya Pradesh from 1985 to 1992. She served as a member of Madhya Pradesh Legislative Assembly from 1985 to 1989. She has been a member of Public Accounts Committee, Committee on Women and Child Welfare and Committee on the Welfare for SC, ST and other backward classes. From 1989 to 1990, she served as a parliamentary secretary. She was a member of Department of Public Health and Family welfare and Department of Jails, Govt. of Madhya Pradesh from 1993 to 1998.
Hon. Sadho was elected to Rajya Sabha in April, 2010. She served as a member of Committee on Health and Family Welfare, Select Committee to the Prevention of Torture Bill, Committee on Papers Laid on the Table member, Consultative Committee for the Ministry of Rural Development, Committee on Health and Family Welfare and Central Supervisory Board.

**Indonesia**

**Hon. Ms. Ermalena Muslim Hasbullah**  
*Member of Parliament*

Hon. Hasbullah is Deputy Chairperson of Commission IX (Population and Health) of the Indonesian Parliament from 2014 to 2019. She is also Chairperson of Indonesian Forum of Parliamentarians on Population and Development (IFPPD) from 2015-2019. Before joining the Parliament she served as a Senior Adviser to the Minister of Cooperative and Small Business, and a Senior Adviser to the Minister of Religious Affairs. Prior to that, she worked with several international organizations such as UNICEF, Save the Children, and Helen Keller International. She was also active in several institutions under the Nahdatul Ulama, the biggest Muslim organization in Indonesia, such as LKKNU, PMII, IPPNU, Fatayat NU, and Muslimat NU. Hon. Hasbullah graduated as a pharmacist from Pancasila University of Jakarta.

**Hon. Mr. Pius Lustrilanang**  
*Member of Parliament*

Hon. Lustrilanang is the Deputy Chairperson of Commission IX (Population and Health) of the Indonesian Parliament, 2014-2019. He is in the second term of the Parliament membership from Great Indonesia Movement Party (Gerindra). Before joining the Parliament, he was a human rights activist. He also worked in several CSOs, and a private company. Hon. Lustrilanang was graduated from International Relation Department of Parahyangan University of Bandung and University of Indonesia, Jakarta.

**Iran**

**Mr. Ezzatollah Yousefian Molla**  
*Member of Parliament  
Executive member of AFPPD*

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Italy

Hon. Ms. Roberta Agostini
Member of Parliament

Hon. Agostini is Vice-President of the Committee on Constitutional Affairs of the Presidency of the Council of Ministers. She was elected in the city council of Rome in 1993 and served until 1997. In 2003, she was elected for the first time in the provincial council in Rome and until 2008 she served as Vice-President of the Committee on Culture, Sports and Social Policies. Re-elected in the provincial council in 2008, she became president of the Committee of Women until 2012. In 2009, she joined the National Secretariat of the Democratic Party. In 2011 she was elected spokesperson of the National Conference of Democratic Women. In 2013, she was elected deputy of the Italian Republic in the list of the Democratic Party.

Hon. Ms. Sandra Zampa
Member of Parliament

Hon. Zampa is the Vice-President of the Committee on Childhood and Adolescence, member of the Committee Foreign and Communitarian Affairs, Permanent Committee on Agenda 2030 and SDGs and member of the Permanent Committee on Human Rights. Hon. Zampa takes part of the Delegation at the Parliamentarian Assembly of the European Council. She is the Vice-President of the Democratic Party. Hon. Zampa is passionate about SRHR, Women’s empowerment, gender equality, women’s and girls’ rights, eradicating FGM and Early and Forced Marriage.

Japan

H.E. Mr. Shinzo Abe (TBC)
Prime Minister of Japan

H.E. Mr. Shinzo Abe has been Prime Minister of Japan since 2012. He was born in Tokyo in 1954, and studied Politics at Seikei University and the University of Southern California. In 1979, he began working for Kobe Steel after graduation. In 1982, he left the company and pursued a number of government positions including Executive Assistant to the Foreign Minister. In 1993, as he rose quickly into the circle of party leaders from whom Japan’s top government officials have been drawn, H.E. Abe was elected as Member of the House of Representatives, and Trustee Committee on Health and Welfare Director at Social Affairs Division in Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) in 1999. Following the year, he was named as Deputy Chief Cabinet Secretary in the Hon. Yoshiro Mori and Hon. Junichiro Koizumi Cabinets from 2000 to 2002. In 2003, he became Secretary-General, also acting Secretary-General and Chairman of Reform Promotion Headquarters in LDP in 2004. In addition, when Third Koizumi Cabinet inaugurated in 2005, he served as Chief Cabinet Secretary. After the year, H.E. Abe was appointed as the president of the ruling LDP, and also on September 26th 2006, appointed as Prime Minister regarded as the consensus choice within the LDP to replace Hon. Koizumi, former Prime Minister.
Hon. Dr. Toshiko Abe
*Member of the House of Representatives, Vice-Chair of JPFP*

Hon. Dr. Abe is a Japanese politician of the Liberal Democratic Party, a member of the House of Representatives in the Diet. Prior to the current position, she was a nurse with a passion for serving the poor, children and the elderly who first inspired her to become a nurse. In the wake of her doctorate program, Hon. Dr. Abe served as lecturer at Gunma University and then lecturer and assistant professor at Tokyo Medical and Dental University. With her conviction that changing politics will make a better society, Hon. Dr. Abe has pursued a career in the government of her native Japan. Her legislative career has focused particularly on health and nutrition for the elderly. She was first elected to the House of Representatives in 2005, and she also served as Parliamentary Vice-Minister for foreign affairs. Hon. Dr. Abe has a stated goal to reform programs and increase quality of life for the vulnerable populations.

Hon. Mr. Ichiro Aisawa
*Member of the House of Representatives, Senior Vice-Chair of JPFP*

Hon. Aisawa is a member of the House of Representatives. He was elected to the House of Representatives for the first term in 1986. He also served as Parliamentary Vice-Minister of Economy, Industry and Trade in 1992, Chairman of the House Committee on Foreign Affairs in 1996, Senior Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs in 2003, and Secretary-General of the Liberal Democratic Party in 2005. Hon. Aisawa assumed Chairmanship of the House Committee on Rules and Administration in 2006, the House Committee on Budget since September in 2007, Diet Affairs Committee of the Liberal Democratic Party in 2010, the House of Committee on Rules and Administration in 2013, and the Committee on Fundamental National Policies. Hon. Aisawa also serves Chairman in Japan-Australia Parliamentary Friendship Association, Chairman of Parliamentary Association for Boy Scouts Promotion, and Chief-Secretary of UNHCR Parliamentary Association. Hon. Aisawa is a Senior Vice-Chair of JPFP.

Hon. Mr. Tsuneo Akaeda
*Member of the House of Representatives*

Hon. Akaeda has been Member of the House of Representatives since 2012. After graduating from Tokyo Medical University specializing in obstetrics and gynecology, he opened Akaeda Roppongi Clinic in 1977. In the same year, Hon. Akaeda was awarded a medical doctorate. Hon. Akaeda established the Akaeda Medical Research Foundation in 1991. He opened Street Corner Free Consultation Room in 1999, and established Akaeda Oketani breast management center at the National Maternal and Child Health Hospital (ICMH) in Dhaka, Bangladesh in 2000.

Hon. Akaeda has supported many public health activities, programs, and training such as free AIDS street corner screening, the radio educational program “Girls guard girl of the infirmary,” and sex education peer educator training course “Group Monday Morning.” In 2012, Hon. Akaeda was elected as a member of the House of Representatives for the first time, then continuously he has served for the current position. Hon. Akaeda is dedicated to expanding the “Girl Guard Exercise” to prevent unwanted pregnancy and sexually transmitted infections from adolescent children.
Hon. Mr. Tatsuo Fukuda  
*Vice-Chair of International Cooperation Committee, JPFP*

Hon. Fukuda has been a member of the House of Representatives since 2012. He has been a member of the Committee on Economy, Trade and Industry, the Committee on Audit and Oversight of Administration, and Special Committee on Promotion of Science and Technology and Innovation. Additionally, Hon. Fukuda served as Deputy Chief Secretary, Research Commission on Small and Medium-Sized Enterprise as well as Deputy Director at Youth Division. Hon. Fukuda graduated from Keio University with a B.A. degree in law. He was a researcher at Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS) at Johns Hopkins University. Prior to his political career, Hon. Fukuda worked at Mitsubishi Corporation for 11 years.

H.E. Mr. Yasuo Fukuda  
*Former Prime Minister of Japan  
Honorary Chair of the Japan Organizing Committee of the G7 Global Conference of Parliamentarians on Population and Development  
Honorary Chair of JPFP*

H.E. Fukuda was the 91st Prime Minister of Japan serving from 2007 to 2008. H.E. Fukuda hosted the 34th G8 Summit in Toyako, Japan in 2008. He was previously the longest-serving Chief Cabinet Secretary in Japanese history, serving for three and a half years (2000–2004). Following the resignation of Prime Minister Shinzō Abe, H.E. Fukuda was elected as President of the Liberal Democratic Party and became Prime Minister in 2007. He was Chair of AFPPD from 2005 to 2013 and Chair of JPFP from 2007 to 2012.

Hon. Dr. Kuniko Inoguchi, Ph.D.  
*Member of the House of Councillors*

Hon. Dr. Inoguchi is the Chairman, Special Committee on Okinawa and Northern Problems, and Member, of the Science Council of Japan. She was appointed Minister of State for Gender Equality and Social Affairs (2005 to 2006), and elected as Member of the House of Representatives (2005 to 2009). She also served as Acting Director-General of the International Bureau of the Liberal Democratic Party. Prior to her political appointments, she served as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary and Head of the Delegation of Japan to the Conference on Disarmament in Geneva, Switzerland (2002 to 2004). She also served the challenging post of President of the Conference on Disarmament (2003), and Chairperson of the First UN Biennial Meeting of States for Small Arms and Light Weapons (2003). Prior to her appointment as Ambassador, she taught first as Associate Professor, then Professor of Political Science in the Faculty of Law at Sophia University, Tokyo (1981 to 2002). During this period, she also spent time as a Fulbright Visiting Fellow at Harvard University's Center for International Affairs. She received her Ph.D. in Political Science from Yale University (1982), M.A. from Yale University (1977), and B.A. from Sophia University (1975).
Hon. Mr. Masahiro Ishida  
*Member of the House of Councillors, Deputy Secretary-General of JPFP*

Hon. Ishida has been a member of the House of Councillors since July 2013. Hon. Ishida is currently a member of the Committee on Budget, Committee on Financial Affairs, Special Committee on Okinawa and Northern Problems (Director). Additionally, Hon. Ishida served as Deputy Director of Health, Labor and Welfare Division. He served as Secretary to a member of the House of Representatives, Secretary General of Japan Nursing Federation. Hon. Ishida graduated from the University of Tokyo, Faculty of Medicine, and he worked as a nurse at St. Luke’s International Hospital and Tokyo Musashino Hospital.

Hon. Mr. Ryuhei Kawada  
*Member of the House of Councillors, Director of JPFP*

Hon. Kawada has been a member of the House of Councillors since 2007, and he was re-elected in 2013. Hon. Kawada is a member of the Committee on Health, Welfare and Labour, Committee on Budget, and Director of the Research Committee on Deflation-Ending Measures and Strengthening Public Finance for Nationals’ Life. Prior to his political career, he was a lecturer at Matsumoto University. In 2007, he was chosen as one of the “Young Global Leaders” by the World Economic Forum. He was a member of the IPU Advisory Group on HIV/AIDS in 2011, and his advocacy work involved the 1993 Tokyo HIV lawsuit against the Japanese Government and the pharmaceutical companies regarding their liability in the pharmaceutically induced AIDS cases. Hon. Kawada is a graduate of Tokyo Keizai University, Faculty of Economics.

Hon. Mr. Hitoshi Kikawada  
*Parliamentary Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs*

Hon. Kikawada has been a member of the House of Representatives since 2012, and re-elected in 2014. Hon. Kikawada currently serves as Parliamentary Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs. Hon. Kikawada was a member of the Committee on Internal Affairs and Communications, Committee on Economy, Trade and Industry, Special Committee on Reconstruction after Great East Japan Earthquake, and Special Committee for Regional Revitalization in 2014.

Prior to his political career, Hon. Kikawada was a leader of the branch of the Liberal Democratic Party in Saitama in 2011. He was a researcher at the Ocean Policy Research Foundation in 2010, researcher at the Matsushita Institute of Government and Management in 2006-2009. He graduated from Tokyo University of Science, and earned a Master’s Degree in Marine Estuarine Environmental Science Graduate Program of the University of Maryland. After graduating from the University of Maryland, he worked at TOWA SCIENTIFIC Co., Ltd in 2002, and Northwest Pacific Region Environmental Cooperation Center as Chief researcher in 2004.
Hon. Mr. Seigo Kitamura
Member of the House of Representatives

Hon. Kitamura was elected as a member of the House of Representatives for his sixth term in 2014. While he was a student at Waseda University, Hon. Kitamura served as Deputy Secretary for Hon. Mr. Shirahama, a former member of the House of Representatives. After graduation, he served as Deputy Secretary from 1970 to 1985. In 1983, he was elected as Sasebo City Council member. In 2000, He was first elected as Member of the House of Representatives. Hon. Kitamura’s previous positions include Parliamentary Secretary, Defense Agency; Senior Vice-Minister of Defense; Chairman of the Standing Committee on Security and the Special Committee on Okinawa and Northern Problems.

Hon. Ms. Yuriko Koike
Member of the House of Representative, Vice-Chair of JPFP

Hon. Koike began her career as a TV personality, then served as Minister of the Environment from 2003 to 2006. She was successful in promoting people’s mind-sets and developing technologies in order to tackle global warming. Hon. Koike held two cabinet posts – Special Advisor to the Prime Minister for National Security Affairs, appointed in 2006, and Japan’s first female Defense Minister, in July 2007. In 2008, she ran for the head of Japan’s ruling party which brings the prime ministership as the first female candidate.

Hon. Dr. Karen Makishima, Ph.D.
Member of the House of Representatives

Hon. Dr. Makishima is a Member of the House of Representatives from Japan. She is Parliamentary Vice-Minister of Cabinet Office. Hon. Dr. Makishima is also a Deputy Chief for the Women’s Division of the Japan Parliamentarians Federation for Population (JPFP), the world’s first non-partisan parliamentary group working on population and development issues. She also serves as Secretary General for Women’s Division and International Healthcare Division in her party.

In May 2015, Hon. Dr. Makishima led the Japanese Delegation at the IPU Global Conference of Young Parliamentarians in Tokyo. She is actively communicating through Twitter and Facebook. Hon. Dr. Makishima is also an author of a best-selling book entitled “Politics become song” under the diplomacy and international relations category in 2009.

Hon. Mr. Teruhiko Mashiko
Member of the House of Councillors, Vice Chair of JPFP

Hon. Mashiko has been a member of House of Councillors since 2007. He is a member of the Democratic Party. He started his career as a Secretary in the House of Councillors in 1969. He was a member of Fukushima Prefectural Assembly for one term in 1983, and was a member of the House of Representatives for three terms from 1990. In 2007, Hon. Mashiko first elected to the House of Councillors. In 2009, he was a Senior Vice-Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry for a major post in the Government, was a Chairman for Special Committee on Reconstruction after the Great East Japan Earthquake in 2011 in the House of Councillors, and was also appointed as a president of Judge Impeachment Court as well as Chairman of Committee on Economy and Industry in 2012. As of March 14, 2016, he
is Director of Committee on Land and Transport, and a member of Special Committee on Reconstruction after the Great East Japan Earthquake and Nuclear Power Issues.

**Hon. Mr. Asahiko Mihara**  
*Member of the House of Representatives, Director of JPPF*

Hon. Mihara is a Japanese politician of the Liberal Democratic Party (LDP), a member of the House of Representatives in the Diet (national legislature). He was elected to the House of Representatives for the first time in 1986. He participated in the formation of the New Party Sakigake in 1993 but later returned to the LDP. Hon. Mihara was re-elected as a member of House of Representative for his six year term in 2012, Chairman of Liberal Democratic Party International Cooperation Committee and Secretary General at LDP in 2013. In 2014, he was Director of the House of Representatives, Economy, Trade and Industry Committee.

**Hon. Mr. Hiroyuki Nagahama**  
*Member of the House of Councillors, Vice Chair of JPPF*

Hon. Nagahama is a Japanese Politician of the Democratic party of Japan (DPJ), a member of the House of Councillors in the Diet (national legislature). He was elected to the House of Representatives for the first time in 1993 as a member of Morihiro Hosokawa’s Japan New Party. After losing his seat in 1996 as a member of the New Frontier Party, he was elected again in 2000 as a member of DPJ. In 2007, he was elected to the House of Councillors for the first time. In 2012, Hon. Nagahama was appointed as Minister of the Environment.

**Hon. Mr. Shinsuke Okuno**  
*Member of the House of Representatives*

Hon. Okuno is a member of the House of Representatives serving his fourth term starting in 2014. After graduating from Keio University in 1966, he joined Nissan Motor Co., Ltd, and appointed as President and CEO, Nissan Group Vantec Holdings in 1999, and Chairman, CEO and President of Vantec Holdings in 2003. Hon. Okuno was first elected to the House of Representatives from Nara prefecture in November 2003. In 2006, Hon. Okuno was appointed as Parliamentary Secretary, Minister of Justice. In 2010, he was inaugurated as President of Liberal Democratic Party Nara Branch Federation, and in the same year, he as elected as Member of the House of Representatives for his third time. In 2013, Hon. Okuno was appointed as Justice Deputy Minister in 2013 as well as Legal Chairman of the House of Representatives in 2014.

**H.E. Mr. Tadamori Oshima**  
*Speaker, House of Representatives of Japan*

After graduating from Keio University in 1970 (Bachelor of Law), H.E. Oshima began his career at Mainichi Shinbun. He was elected to the Assembly of Aomori Prefecture in 1975 at the age of 28 and served two terms. H.E. Oshima was elected to the House of Representatives in 1983 for the first time from Aomori Prefecture. Since then, he has been continuously re-elected, and he is now in his 7th term. Starting from the Deputy Chief Cabinet Secretary under Kaifu Administration, H.E. Oshima has been appointed numerous positions in the Cabinet, House
and the Liberal Democratic Party (LDP). As a cabinet member, he has served as Secretary of Environment in 1995, Minister of Education and Secretary of Science & Technology (‘00), and Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fishery 2002. In the House, he was appointed as a Chairman of Steering Committee in 1999, and served nearly two years. Prior to this position, H.E. Oshima served numerous terms as a director of the committee. In the party, he served two years as a Deputy Secretary General from 1993 to 1995. He was appointed as a Chairman of LDP Diet Affairs Committee 2000, and served nearly 2 years as well. He now belongs to the House Budget Committee and Committee on Land, Infrastructure and Transport. In the Party, H.E. Oshima is a ranking member of several committees, such as Research Committee on Agricultural Policy, Research Committee on Agricultural, Forestry and Fishery Trade, Special Committee on Tobacco and Salt, Research Committee on Regional Revival. He is also an Acting Chairman of Asia-Africa Parliamentary Association, and Chairman of Parliamentary League on Supporting the Democratization of Myanmar.

Hon. Ms. Aiko Shimajiri  
*Member of the House of Councillors, Secretary General of JPFP*

Hon. Shimajiri is a member of the House of Councillors, having responsibilities as Minister of State for Okinawa and Northern Territories Affairs, Minister of State for Science and Technology Policy, Minister of State for Space Policy, Minister in charge of Ocean Policy and Territorial Issues, Minister in charge of Information Technology Policy, and Minister in charge of the “Cool Japan” Strategy. Hon. Shimajiri is a former director of the Women’s Affairs Division of Japan’s ruling Liberal Democratic Party in 2011. Hon. Shimajiri also served as Parliamentary Vice-Minister of the Cabinet Office from 2012 to 2013, Chairperson of the Committee on Environment of the House of Councillors (upper house of the national legislature) in 2014, Chairperson of the Federation of Okinawa Prefecture, Liberal Democratic Party of Japan Branches in 2015, and other significant roles in the government.

Hon. Mr. Yasuhisa Shiozaki  
*Minister of Health, Labour and Welfare*

Hon. Shiozaki has been Minister of Health, Labour and Welfare since 2014. He was elected as a member of the House of Representatives in 1993, and from 1997-98, he served as Parliamentary Vice-Minister of Finance.

In 2000, he served as Chairman for the Foreign Affairs Division, Director for the Standing Committee on Judicial Affairs from 2001-2003, Chief director for the Standing Committee on Judicial Affairs from 2004-2005, Senior Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs from 2005-2006, and from 2006-2007, he served as Chief Cabinet Secretary for Minister of State for the Abduction Issue. In 2010, he served as Director of the Committee on Budget, Chairman for Press Bureau in 2011, Acting Chairman for Policy Research Council in 2012, and Chief Director for Standing Committee on Budget.
Hon. Professor Keizo Takemi  
*Member of House of Councillors  
AFPPD Chairperson, Executive Director of JPFP*

Hon. Professor Takemi has been re-elected to be a member of House of Councillors in 2013, after being elected in 1995, 2001, and 2012. He is a member of Committee on Health, Welfare and Labour, Special Committee on Political Ethics and Election System, and Research Committee on Governing Structures.

Hon. Professor Takemi has been Chairperson of AFPPD since 2013, after succeeding former Prime Minister Fukuda. Hon. Professor Takemi is one of 25 eminent advocates appointed by the United Nations to the High-Level Task Force for the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD). He is a former Senior Vice-Minister of Health, Labour, and Welfare. He was also State Secretary for Foreign Affairs. Various global initiatives he was involved in include: the Commission on Information and Accountability for Women's and Children's Health from 2010 to 2011; World Health Organization Expert Working Group on R & D Financing in 2009 to 2010; Global Health Workforce Alliance in 2010 to present; and the International Organizing Committee of the Prince Mahidol Award Conference from 2009 to present. In 2008, he led a high-level working group dedicated to advocating for collective action on global health, particularly on health system strengthening, within the G8 Summit in Japan. Both the pre-summit proposal and the follow-up report were successful in ensuring strong commitment by the G8 2008 to recognize and address the global health workforce crisis.

Hon. Mr. Sadakazu Tanigaki  
*Member of the House of Representatives, Chairperson of JPFP*

Hon. Tanigaki was the Minister of Finance from 2003 to 2006 in the cabinet of Jun'ichirō Koizumi. He also served as Minister of Construction and Transport in the cabinet of Hon. Yasuo Fukuda and served his ninth term as a member of the House of Representatives, representing Kyoto’s Fifth District. On 24 September 2007, Hon. Tanigaki was named chief policymaker of the Liberal Democratic Party (LDP). He was elected as President of the LDP on 28 September 2009. He was subsequently appointed as minister of construction and transport on 1 August 2008.

Hon. Dr. Michiyo Yakushiji  
*Member of House of Councillors*

Hon. Dr. Yakushiji has been a member of House of Councillors since 2013. Hon. Dr. Yakushiji is a member of the Committee on Health, Welfare and Labour, Committee on Budget, and the Special Committee on Disasters. After obtaining Ph.D. in medical science in 1996, Hon. Dr. Yakushiji served as a member of the Cabinet Secretariat (2003-2010). Prior to her political career, she taught at Aichi Mizuho College. She graduated from Tokyo Women’s Medical University's School of Medicine (Ph.D. in Medicine), Kyusyu University Graduate School of Medical Sciences, Department of Health Care Administration and Management. In 2005, Hon. Dr. Yakushiji obtained a master's degree in medical administration and also served as member of directors at a certified NPO organization. Hon.
H.E. Mr. Masaaki Yamazaki
President, House of Councillors of Japan

In 1975, H.E. Yamazaki was member of Ono City Assembly. In 1979, he was member of the Fukui Prefectural Assembly for four terms. In 1985, he became Vice-Chairman of the Fukui Prefectural Assembly. In a 1991, he was Chairman of Fukui Prefectural Assembly. He was first elected to the House of Councillors in 1992. He was the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules and Administration in 2001. In 2003, he was Chairperson of the Special Committee on Responses to Armed Attacks. In 2003, H.E. Yamazaki was the Deputy Chief Cabinet Secretary. In 2006, H.E. Yamazaki served as Chairperson of the Special Committee on Official Development Assistance and Related Matters. In 2007, he served as Secretary General for the Liberal Democratic Party in the House of Councillors. In 2012, he was Vice-President of the House of Councillors and in 2013 he became President.

Kazakhstan

Hon. Ms. Gulmira Issimbayeva
Vice-Speaker, Parliament of Kazakhstan

Since 2007 Hon. Issimbayeva has been a member of the Mazhilis (lower chamber) of the Parliament of Kazakhstan. Hon. Issimbayeva is a Member of ruling party Nur Otan. She was re-elected to the Parliament in March 2016. At the first session of new parliament Hon. Issimbayeva was appointed as Vice-Speaker of Parliament.

Hon. Issimbayeva has degrees in pedagogy and law. She started her professional career as a school teacher. From 1990 to 1993, she served as a member of Supreme Council of Kazakh Soviet Socialist Republic, Deputy Chair of Education and Science Committee. From 1993 to 2007, Hon. Issimbayeva was Head of the Education Department of Almaty City. Hon. Issimbayeva is the author of a major textbook for primary schools in Kazakhstan. She won many awards from the State and Almaty City.

Hon. Ms. Kuralay Karaken
Member of Parliament

Since 2012, Hon. Karaken has been a member of the Mazhilis (lower chamber) of the Parliament of Kazakhstan. She was re-elected to the Parliament in March 2016. Hon. Karaken is a member of the ruling party Nur Otan.

Hon. Karaken has medical background, holding a degree in epidemiology. Hon. Karaken graduated from the First Moscow Medical Institute, Russia. She worked continuously to take up different positions in the healthcare system of Kazakhstan, mainly in the city of Aktubinsk. In 2002-2012, she worked as Head of the Epidemiological Department of the Ministry of Health, covering the Aktubinsk District. Hon. Karaken has been awarded numerous state awards.

Kenya
Hon. Mr. Andrew Toboso Anyanga  
*Member of Parliament*

Hon. Toboso is a member of the National Assembly for Butere. He is also coalition member of Coalition for Reforms and Democracy, member of Orange Democratic Movement, and member of Departmental Committee on Finance, Planning and Trade. Hon. Toboso graduated with a B.A. in Economics from Kenyatta University (KU) in 1994. He also holds an MBA in Strategic Management (Moi University) and Global Diploma in Leadership (Oxford University) and Post Graduate Diploma in Public Policy (Singapore University).

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Kyrgyzstan

Hon. Mr. Osmonbek Artykbayev  
*Member of Parliament*

Hon. Artykbayev is Chairperson of Kyrgyzstan Parliamentarians National Committee on Population and Development. He was elected as an MP for the second time in October 2015 through a party list of the Social Democratic Party. His first term as a parliamentarian was in 2005-2010. During the years 2010-2011 and 2013-2014, Hon. Artykbayev served as a Minister of Energy of Kyrgyzstan. Prior to his political career, Hon. Artykbayev worked as a Director General of some prominent Kyrgyz private companies, including the largest pharmaceutical company of Kyrgyzstan. He holds a PhD in Economics. Hon. Artykbayev also has an official state rank “State Counselor of 2nd Class.”

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Hon. Ms. Zhylldyz Musabekova  
*Member of Parliament*

Hon. Musabekova was elected first time to the Parliament in November 2015. She is a member of the Committee on International Affairs, Defence and Security. She is a party-list nominee of the Social Democratic Party of Kyrgyzstan which is currently ruling, presidential party. Hon. Musabekova started her professional career in 1995 as a reporter of a weekly newspaper. From 2008 to 2012, Hon. Musabekova continuously served as a Chief Editor in several newspapers. In 2012, she was promoted to the position of Department Head in Bishkek City municipality.

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Hon. Ms. Elvira Surabaldiyeva  
*Member of Parliament*

Hon. Elvira Surabaldiyeva was elected first time to the Parliament of Kyrgyzstan in November 2015. She is a member of the Committee on Economic and Fiscal Policy. Hon. Surabaldiyeva is a party-list nominee of the Social Democratic Party of Kyrgyzstan, a ruling party currently. In 2003 Hon. Elvira Surabaldiyeva graduated from the University of Bristol (UK), Department of International Affairs. Before starting a political career, Hon. Surabaldiyeva was the Director General of a car retail center. From 2003 to 2006, she was working on various managerial positions in Kyrgyzstan Union of Entrepreneurs. From 2004 to 2006, she also served as a Head of the Public Relations Department of the State Social Fund.
Hon. Surabaldieva has several Certificates of Merit from Bishkek’s Mayor Office for her contribution to the development of the city.

### Lao PDR

**Hon. Dr. Somphou Douangsavanh**  
*Member of Parliament*

Hon. Douangsavanh is a Member of Parliament representing the 13th Constituency, Savannakhet Province. He is a Vice Chairman of the Social and Cultural Affairs Committee as well as a Vice President of the Lao Association of Parliamentarians on Population and Development (LAPPD). Hon. Douangsavanh is also the Chair of the Lao-Japanese Parliamentarians’ Friendship Group.

From 2002-2006, 2006, Hon. Douangsavanh was the Deputy Head (equivalently Deputy Minister) of National Assembly Cabinet (Fifth Legislature). Prior to that from 1997-2002, he served as a Director General of the Secretariat Department and Secretary to President of the National Assembly (Fourth Legislature). During the Third Legislature, he was a Chief of the Secretariat Division and Deputy Director General of the Research and Summary Department.

**Hon. Mrs. Manivanh Yiapaoher**  
*Member of Parliament*

Hon. Yiapaoher has been a member of Parliament in 8th Constituency, Houaphanh Province since 2016, and Director General of the Education and Culture Department since 2011. After completing master’s degree in History and Politics, she served as Vice Chief of Research and Summary Division from 1993-1996, also served as Deputy Director General of Social and Cultural Affairs Department from 2005 to 2010.

### Lithuania

**Hon. Ms. Marija Ausrine Pavilioniene**  
*Member of Parliament*

Hon. Pavilioniene became a member of the Parliament in 2012. Previously she was elected to the Parliament for the terms of 2008-2012 and 2004-2008. Prior to becoming a parliamentarian, Hon. Pavilioniene was a Professor of the Department of World Literature in Vilnius University in 2001-2004. During 1999 – 2002 she was a Managing Editor and a Compiler of the journal “Feminism, Society, Culture” issued by the Vilnius University. She served as the Head of the Department of World Literature in 1995 -2001 in the Vilnius University. She also occupied a position of the Director of the Gender Studies Centre of the Vilnius University in 1994 – 2000. She has founded the Gender Studies Centre in 1992. Prior to that she occupied various positions in the same University.

Hon. Pavilioniene graduated from the Vilnius State University, studies of the English language and literature, in 1967. Her postgraduate studies were on Western European and American literature. In 1977 Hon. Pavilioniene completed PhD degree in Humanities in the University.
of Kyiv, Ukraine. She completed traineeships in various Universities, including, Saint-Petersburg State University (Russia,) Georgetown University (Washington D. C., USA,) University of Madison (Wisconsin, USA,) and Lund University (Sweden.) In 1995 she completed International programme on Women's Role in Politics in USA. In 1999 she also completed Doctor Habilitatus programme in the Vilnius University.

Hon. Pavilioniene was a President of the Lithuanian Association of University Women in 1991–1996. She has got an award “Woman of the Year 2009” and an award by the European Parliament Forum for protection of human and women's rights in Lithuania and for activities in the Family Planning and Sexual Health Association in 2012.

Hon. Pavilioniene is an author of several publications: monographs “The Drama of the Sexes” (1998) and “The Plays of Life and Theatre: Twentieth Century Western Drama” (2004); articles for textbooks and scientific journals Feminism, Society, Culture and Literature of Vilnius University. In 2011 she authored the book “Hopes and Disillusion”.

**Malawi**

Hon. Mr. Paul Chibingu  
*Member of Parliament*

Hon. Chibingu is the Chairperson of the Committee on Health and Population in the Malawi Parliament; a member of the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD) Plan of Action in Malawi; and an Executive Member of the Network of the African Parliamentary Committee of Health.

Hon. Chibingu was Minister of Home Affairs in 2014-2015. He holds a diploma in clinical medicine, which he obtained from Collage of Health Sciences in Malawi in 1997.

**Malaysia**

Hon. Mr. Dato’ Abdul Manan Ismail  
*Member of Parliament*

Hon. Dato’ Ismail is a Member of Parliament for the Paya Besar constituency in Pahang. He is a member of the United Malays National Organisation (UMNO) party in the governing Barisan Nasional coalition. Hon. Dato’ Ismail is the Chairman of Agricultural Development Council and Consultative Council of Cooperatives for the Paya Besar constituency. He was also appointed as Chairman of Intellectual Property Corporation of Malaysia (MyIPO) on 1 July 2010. Hon. Dato’ Ismail holds a Masters in Political Science from Golden State University, California, USA. He was a long-serving private secretary to Najib Razak, who was Minister of Defence, Minister of Education, and Minister of Youth and Sports. Hon. Dato’ Ismail is active in several organizations. He was Chairman of the Youth Movement 4B(M) Kawasan Paya Besar from 1994 to 2007; Chairman of the Youth Movement 4B(M) Negeri Pahang from 1998 to 2007; and Vice Chairman of Pahang State Anti-Drug Association of Malaysia (PEMADAM) from 2006 to 2008.
Hon. Dr. Datuk Ronald Kiandee

*Deputy Speaker of the House of Representatives*

Hon. Dr. Kiandee has been a Member of Parliament for the constituency of Beluran in the state of Sabah, since 1999. Prior to embarking on a political career, Hon. Dr. Kiandee was a Government Officer from 1984 to 1990. He was appointed as Political Secretary to a Sabah State Minister in 1994 served until 1999. Hon. Dr. Kiandee obtained his Ph.D. from Universiti Sains Malaysia in 2014. He also holds a Master Degree in Business Administration (MBA) from Universiti Tun Abdul Razak (2003) and a Bachelor of Science degree from Universiti Putra Malaysia (1984). He has served as the Vice-Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA) from 2013 to 2015 and a Member of the CPA Executive Committee from 2008 to 2015. Hon. Dr. Kiandee was also President of the Asian Regional Council of the Global Parliamentarians on Habitat (GPH) and the Director of the Board of Directors for GPH since 2011; has been a Committee Member of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU), CPA and the Asian Forum of Parliamentarians on Population and Development (AFPPD), Malaysia Branch, since 2009. He served as Head of Delegation for Malaysia for the ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Association (AIPA) for 2014. Hon. Dr. Kiandee was awarded the Ahli Setia Darjah Kinabalu (ASDK) in 1994, the Panglima Gemilang Darjah Kinabalu (PGDK) by the Governor of the State of Sabah in 2004 and the Darjah Kebesaran Seri Mahkota Wilayah (SMW) by the King of Malaysia in 2014.

### Maldives

**Hon. Ahmed Nihan Hussain Manik**

*Member of Parliament*

Hon. Manik is a Member of Parliament representing the Villimale Constituency of capital Male. He is the Majority Leader of the 18th Parliament. He is Parliamentary Group leader and Council member of the Progressive Party of Maldives (PPM). He also serves as Chairperson for the Public Accounts Committee.

**H.E. Mr. Abdulla Maseeh Mohamed**

*Speaker of the People’s Majlis*

H.E. Mohamed was elected the Speaker of the 18th People’s Majlis on 28th May 2014. He was first elected MP for Fuvahmulah in 2000 and, five years later, retained the seat for a consecutive second term. In the first multiparty parliamentary elections in 2009, he secured the seat for South Constituency of Fuvahmulah and won it again in 2014. Concurrently, he served from July 2004 to August 2008 in the Special Majlis that was mandated with the drafting of a new Constitution for the Maldives.
Morocco

**Hon. Ms. Loubna Amhair**  
*Member of Parliament*

Hon. Amhair is member of the Popular Movement Party from 2011 to 2016. She is member/rapporteur of the Committee on Foreign Affairs, National Defence, Islamic Affairs and Immigration in 2014. From 2011 to 2013, she was member of the Finances and Economic Development Committee. She was advisor to the State Minister Mr. Mohand Laenser from 2009 to 2011. She was in charge of studies, communication and technical matters, law projects, political issues. She was head of the studies service, adequation between education and employment. She also served the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, 2007-2009. She also worked on prospection studies on agricultural jobs; educational programmes evaluation and des systèmes et programmes de formation agricole; Youth Employment Observatory, Monitoring Alumni Insertion. She was advisor to the Secretary of State for Rural Development from January to July 2007. Hon. Amhair has been involved in Integrated Rural Development projects, development of partnerships with national and international organizations, socio-economic promotion of rural women. She was Chief of cattle feed and rangeland management Bureau, 2004 to 2006. She was responsible for the rural women activities from 2004 to 2006. Hon. Amhair is passionate about framing women’s groups, income-generating activities, conducting workshops and awareness trainings.

Mozambique

**Hon. Mr. Antonio Niquice**  
*Member of Parliament*

Hon. António Rosário Niquice is graduated in International Relations and Diplomacy with a Master degree in Governance and Public Policy and Ph.D. candidate. University Lecture with the following academic research fields: International Relations, cooperation and Diplomacy, Constitutional Law and Political Science, Public Administration and Strategic Planning. Hon. Niquice is an elected Member of Parliament in Mozambique from 2004 (reelected 3 times 2004/09; 2009/14; 2014/2019).

Hon. Niquice has been part of the following board and international councils: Executive Committee Member of IPPF-Africa Region, Parliamentarians for Global Action and African Network on Population and Development. He has been deeply involved in SRH campaigns and is a family planning activist.

Currently Hon. Niquice is the President of Mozambique-Turkey Parliamentarian Friendship League and Rapporteur of the International Relations and Cooperation Committee, entrepreneur and businessman.
**Myanmar**

**Hon. Mrs. Nan Moe Moe Htwe**  
*Member of Union Parliament (Pyidaungsu Hluttaw)*

Hon. Mrs. Nan Moe Moe Htwe is a Member of Parliament, representing Kalaw constituency. She is also a member of the International Relation Parliamentary Committee and the Asian Inter Parliamentary Assembly Committee. Prior to becoming a parliamentarian, Hon. Naing was a director principle of Kanbawza Private High school 2011-2015. She worked in MAJ, international non-governmental organization occupying various posts as coordinator, project manager and general manager implementing projects in the development of Education, Public Health, Small Industries and Agriculture in 1997-2004. She graduated from Yangon University with a major in English Literature. She was invited to Japan in 2000 by the local government to participate in a cultural exchange program for the welfare of children facing poverty and juvenile delinquency. She was awarded a scholarship by the Foreign Ministry of Israel in 2013 to study Israel's reconstruction and educational reform, as well as to learn its current educational system. She has participated in programs educating people around the country, lecturing on subjects related to leadership, volunteering management, and capacity building.

**Hon. Ms. Pyone Kathy Naing**  
*Member of Parliament Lower House (Pyithu Hluttaw)*

Hon. Naing became a member of Parliament in 2015, representing Kalaw constituency. She is also a member of the International Relation Parliamentary Committee and the Asian Inter Parliamentary Assembly Committee. Prior to becoming a parliamentarian, Hon. Naing was a director principle of Kanbawza Private High school 2011-2015. She worked in MAJ, international non-governmental organization occupying various posts as coordinator, project manager and general manager implementing projects in the development of Education, Public Health, Small Industries and Agriculture in 1997-2004. She graduated from Yangon University with a major in English Literature. She was invited to Japan in 2000 by the local government to participate in a cultural exchange program for the welfare of children facing poverty and juvenile delinquency. She was awarded a scholarship by the Foreign Ministry of Israel in 2013 to study Israel's reconstruction and educational reform, as well as to learn its current educational system. She has participated in programs educating people around the country, lecturing on subjects related to leadership, volunteering management, and capacity building.

**Hon. Mrs. Shew Shew Sein Latt**  
*Member of Union Parliament (Pyidaungsu Hluttaw)*

**Hon. Mr. Hnair Uk**  
*Member of Parliament Lower House (Pyithu Hluttaw)*

Hon. Uk is a Member of Parliament, and former Township Coordinator as well as Dry Zone Revolving Fund Coordinator at UNDP. Hon. Uk served as Patron of Maternal and Children Care Association, and assumed other various positions including Township Red Cross Society Secretary, Headmaster at State Middle and High School, Myanmar Central Workers’ Asiayone member, Chin State Council Member (MP), English Language Lecturer (CCU), and Chin State Manager at GRET.
Namibia

**H.E. Ms. Margareth Natalie Mensah-Williams**  
*Member of Parliament, Chairperson/Speaker of the National Council*

H.E. Mensah-Williams was Vice-Chairperson of the National Council of the Parliament of the Republic of Namibia from 1998 to 2015. Prior to that she was a Member of the Executive Central Committee of SWAPO Party Women’s Council from 1997 to 2006. She leads the fight against gender inequality, violence against women and children, human trafficking especially of women and children. H.E. Mensah-Williams is also passionate about community development. She has served in international organizations and held various positions including: being the first President of IPU Co-coordinating Committee of Women Parliamentarians (2013-2016), Member of the Board: IPU 2nd Vice-President (2012-2014), African Women’s Development and Network and Vice-Chairperson, Southern Africa (1995); Member of the Women and Shelter, Africa (1996); Member of the National Release: Member of Elected Women’s Forum, Member of Parliamentary Women’s Forum and Executive Member of the Commonwealth Parliamentary (1997); Member of the Executive of Pan African Women’s Organisation (PAWO) Southern Africa Region; Coordinator of all National Council Standing Committees; Patron of various projects and schools; Member of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) National Group (1999); Member of IPU Executive Committee (2003-2007); Ex-officio member of the IPU Women’s Coordinating Committee (2003-2007); Member of the IPU Gender Partnership Group (2003-2007).

Nepal

**Hon. Dr. Bhishma Nath Adhikari**  
*Member of Parliament*

Hon. Dr. Adhikari is a Member of Parliament, and conducting research work on power devolution and practice of decentralization in Nepal currently. He previously served as a member of Constituent Assembly, the assembly that promulgated the constitution of Nepal 2015, also his past jobs include being a consultant and advisor of minister for local development of Nepalese Government. Hon. Dr. Adhikari worked as a member of the regulation draft committee of local government. His political career started as a student activist when he was involved in the democratic movement of Nepal 1978. In 1989 and 1990, Hon. Dr. Adhikari was actively involved in the joint mass movement of Nepalese Political Parties; this movement succeeded to bring the monarchy under Nepalese constitution. After promulgation of Constitution of Nepal adhering universal values and standard of modern democracy, Hon. Dr. Adhikari was involving in re-drafting various laws in Nepal. During the last 2 years, he has been actively participating in population and development networks of parliamentarians. He has also been busy attending international conferences, seminars and workshops in various Asian, American and European countries.
Hon. Ms. Kamala Kumari Ghimire Subedi
Member of Parliament

Hon. Subedi is a current member of the Parliament of Nepal and former member of the Constituent Assembly of Nepal. She is from the ruling party CPN (UML), where she was a member of the Central Committee and presently a member of the Central Advisory Committee. Hon. Subedi is a lawyer with a graduate degree in humanities.

Hon. Mr. Sher Bahadur Tamang
Member of Parliament

Hon. Sher Bahadur Tamang was born in Sindhukoot-8 in Sindhupalchok district on 28th March, 1969 and married to Mrs. Usha Kala Rai who was also a member in the former Constituent Assembly. Hon. Tamang has acquired degree of masters in Sociology/Anthropology, History and Law from Tribuwan University of Nepal and is keen in the field of research. He already accomplished two research tasks – Socio-Economic condition of ‘Raji Indigenous’ an anthropological study; and Development of Nepalese Legal system. Hon. Tamang has been working as a member of Legislative Parliament and serves as the member of the Central Committee of CPN (UML) which is one of the ruling parties in the present coalition government of Nepal. Hon. Tamang speaks Nepali, Hindi and English fluently; however Tamang is his mother tongue. Hon. Tamang is a member of the Global TB Caucus and recently founded the Nepalese TB Caucus.

Hon. Ms. Dina Mahalaxmi Upadhyay
Member of Parliament
Co-Chairperson, AFPPD Standing Committee on Investing in Youth

Hon. Upadhyay is a member of parliament from Nepal. She is a central member of Nepali Congress, which is the largest party of Nepal. She was a member of the Drafting Committee of Constitution on Fundamental Rights and Directive Principle. She also serves as a State Minister of Water Resource of Nepal Government and President of the Community and Women Development Center (CWDC).

Hon. Upadhyay has strong interest in social and development issues and has extensive training on: HIV/AIDS/STI awareness; non-formal education; leadership development and women; skill management and market management; safe motherhood and reproductive health; and community development and sanitation. She graduated with a master degree in Economics from Tribhuyan University in 1990. She graduated in Rural Extension and Women from Reading University in United Kingdom. Hon. Upadhyay is the Chairperson of the Nepalese Forum of Parliamentarians for Population and Development (NFPPD), and the co-chair of the AFPPD Standing Committee on Investing in Youth.
New Zealand

**Hon. Ms. Jan Logie**  
*Member of Parliament*

Hon. Logie is a spokesperson for Social Development (Inc. Women, Community and Voluntary Sector), State Services, Local Government and Rainbow Issues. Hon. Logie worked for Women’s Refuge, the New Zealand University Students’ Association, the YWCA and numerous other social causes before entering parliament in 2011. She also has a proud history as a volunteer – for youthline, HELP Sexual Abuse Crisis Line, Wellington Rape Crisis Board and others. In Parliament, she has been a champion for people and families affected by domestic and sexual violence.

**Hon. Ms. Tracey Martin**  
*Member of Parliament*

Hon. Martin left the paid workforce in 1995 to be the full-time at-home caregiver of her and Ben’s three children. She was elected as a New Zealand First list Member of Parliament based in Warkworth at the 2011 Election. With early beginnings on the various administrative and fundraising committees of Helensville Playcentre, Mahurangi Kindergarten, Warkworth Primary School and Mahurangi College PTA’s, Hon. Martin was successfully elected onto the Warkworth Primary School Board of Trustees in 2004, a position she held for seven years after re-election, holding policy and finance portfolios of the Board during this time. Passionate about opportunities for youth employment, Hon. Martin and her staff have worked with local businesses, schools, ITOs and government departments to create the Business Linked Internship Scheme. Connectivity to greater Auckland, access to day surgery at the local surgical unit, recent developments around homelessness and being a member of the Warkworth Town Hall Restoration Trust are a few of the other local issues Tracey focuses on while addressing her spokesperson roles nationally for New Zealand First.

Pakistan

**Hon. Mr. Murtaza Javed Abbasi**  
*Member National Assembly of Pakistan,  
Deputy Speaker National Assembly of Pakistan*

Hon. Murtaza Javed Abbasi was elected as MNA on the ticket of PML (N) in 2008 election and was also elected as Chairman Standing Committee on Narcotic Control of the National Assembly and successfully discharged his responsibilities and parliamentary functions in accordance with the Rules of procedures and conduct of business in the National Assembly.
**Hon. Dr. Ibadullah MNA**  
*Member of Parliament*

Hon. Ibadullah is a Pakistani politician. Hon. Ibadullah was elected a member of national assembly on a ticket of Pakistan Muslim League (N) from NA-31 (Shangla) in Pakistani general election, 2013.

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**Palestinian Authority**

**Hon. Dr. Sahar Fahed Daoud Qawasmi**  
*Member of Parliament*

Hon. Dr. Qawasmi is currently a member of the Palestinian Legislative Council (member of Fateh Parliamentary Block). She is member of the Political Committee, the Social Affairs and Health Committee, and the Economic Committee in the Palestinian Legislative Council. Hon. Dr. Qawasmi is the Chairperson of the Board of Women’s Center for Legal Aid and Counselling since 2013 and also member of the Parliamentary Forum on small arms and light weapons, Coalition of Women MPs From Arab Countries to Combat Violence Against Women and Palestinian Motherhood and Childhood High Council (since 1997) among many others. She has a Bachelor of Medicine from USSR. In 1993, she completed the Jordanian Board Specialty in Obstetric and Gynaecology from King Hussein Medical Center from Jordan and in 2003, Sub Specialty in IVF Program from the USA.

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**Papua New Guinea**

**Hon. Ms. Julie Soso**  
*Member of Parliament*

Hon. Soso was elected in 2012. She belongs to the Triumph Heritage Empowerment Party. She is the Governor for Eastern Highlands Provincial Member of Permanent Parliamentary Pensions and Retirement Benefits Committee, Member of Parliamentary Referral Education Committee, Member of HIV/AIDS Advocacy Special Committee and Deputy Chair of Parliamentary Group on Population and Sustainable Development. Prior to elections Hon. Soso was the President of the Eastern Highlands Province Women Council (N.G.O) and a self-employed Business women. She was also the Women Council President in Eastern Highlands Province in 1996-2012 and a Women's nominated representative in 1998-2002.
Philippines

Hon. Mr. Aquilino "Koko" Pimentel
Member of Parliament

Hon. Pimentel holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Mathematics from Ateneo de Manila University and a Bachelor of Laws from University of the Philippines, Diliman. He was subsequently the topnotcher in the 1990 Philippine Bar Examinations. Hon. Pimentel began working as a lawyer in 1990, and was commissioner (representing Mindanao) on the National Youth Commission from 1995 to 1998. Since 2006 he has been a professorial lecturer from MBA-JD Consortium, De La Salle Professional Schools and Far Eastern University Institute of Law. He was conferred doctor of humanities honoris causa by the Polytechnic University of the Philippines (PUP) on May 18, 2012.

Hon. Ms. Cynthia Aguilar Villar
Member of Parliament

Hon. Villar is the Chairperson of the Senate Committee on Agriculture and Food and Senate Committee on Government Corporations and Public Enterprises. She earned her degree in Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from the University of the Philippines, which recognized her as one of its Distinguished Alumni in 2004. She completed her Master's degree in Business Administration at the New York University. She practiced as a financial analyst and college professor. In 2001, Hon. Villar was elected as Representative of Las Piñas to the Philippine’s House of Representatives, where she completed three terms or nine years of service until 2010. She was Chairman of Committee on Higher and Technical Education and a PLCPD trustee during the 13th and 14th congress. She was President of the Lady Legislators during the 12th, 13th & 14th Congress initiating Legislation benefitting women, children and family. Hon. Villar’s social and civic concerns are wide and varied. Thus, in 1992, she founded and chaired the Villar Foundation, the programs of which includes providing assistance to OFWs, environment protection and livelihood projects, which now have pilot centers in nearly 500 locations all over the country. She served as Managing Director of the foundation until 2012.

Republic of Korea

Hon. Dr. Yong-Ik Kim, M.D., Ph.D.
Member of Parliament, Member of the Health and Welfare Committee

Hon. Dr. Kim is a current Member of Parliament at the 19th National Assembly of the Republic of Korea via the Minjoo Party of Korea as one of Proportional Representations. He is serving as one of the Members of Health & Welfare Affairs Committee, National Assembly. Previously, Hon. Dr. Kim served as the Senior Secretary to the President of Korea for Social Policy, the Office of The President of Republic of Korea between Feb 2006 and Feb 2008. Hon. Dr. Kim had also served as a professor at Department of Health Policy and Management, Seoul National University College of Medicine for about 30 years (Jun 1985 – Feb 2013). Hon. Dr. Kim obtained both MD and Ph.D (in Health Policy and Management) degrees from Seoul National University.
**Romania**

**Hon. Sen. Dr. Florian Dorel Bodog  
Member of Parliament, Upper House**

Hon. Dr. Bodog was elected as a Senator in 2012. He is a member of the Social Democratic Party of Romania. Hon. Dr. Bodog is a Secretary of the Public Health Standing Committee. He is a member of the Special Committee of the Chamber of Representatives and the Senate on joint accession to the Schengen Area. He is also a member of parliamentary friendship groups with several countries.

Hon. Dr. Bodog holds PhD in medical sciences. He graduated from the Faculty of Medicine and Pharmacy, University of Oradea, Romania. He has also graduated in 2011 from the National Institute of Administration with a degree of Senior Civil Servants.

From May to December 2012 Hon. Dr. Bodog worked as a Secretary of State for Public Health and International Relations in the Ministry of Health. From 2011 till May 2012 he was a Director of the Cabinet in the Ministry of Health. From 2010 to 2011 he worked as a Director of Public Health and Control department in the Ministry of Health. In 2009 - 2010 he worked as a Manager of County Hospital in the city of Oradea. In 2008 - 2012 he was Dean of the Faculty of Medicine and Pharmacy in the University of Oradea.

**Hon. Sen. Mr. Ion Rotaru  
Member of Parliament, Upper House**

Hon. Rotaru was first elected as a Senator in 2008. He is a member of the Social Democratic Party of Romania. He is a Chairman of the Public Health Standing Committee. From 2008 till 2010 he served as a Secretary of the Commission on Human Rights, Religion and Minorities. Hon. Rotaru graduated from the University of Bucharest with a degree in Law. Later he studied “Performance Management in Social Protection” in the National Institute of Directors in Romania. Hon. Rotaru also completed postgraduate studies on “Business Management” in the University of Lower Danube in Galati, Romania and Master Degree on "Local Government and Community" in the National School of Political Science and Public Administration, Romania. He also graduated from the National Institute of Administration with a degree of Senior Civil Servant.

In his professional career, Hon. Rotaru worked as a legal adviser, director of insurance company and head of various departments and services in local administrations. In 2002-2007 Hon. Rotaru was a President of the Red Cross County Branch in Braila, Romania.

**Russia**

**Hon. Ms. Tatyana Alekseyeva  
Member of Parliament**

Hon. Alekseyeva became a Member of the Lower House of the Parliament in 2011. She was elected through party lists of the United Russia Party. Currently she is a member of the Party fraction in the Parliament and a member of the Committee on budget and taxation.
In 1988-1991 Hon. Alekseyeva worked as Senior Engineer of the Commercial Center in the city of Kemerovo. During same period she was the Chief of the USSR Chamber of Commerce, Krasnoyarsk branch, Kemerovo office, and the Director of Central-Siberian Chamber of Commerce, Kemerovo office. In 1992-2011 she was the President of the Kuzbass Chamber of Commerce Board. In 2011 she became a Chairperson of the Board. Hon. Alekseyeva has been a member of the Russian Federation Chamber of Commerce Board since 2002. In 2011 she became its’ Member of the Presidium.

Hon. Alekseyeva has graduated from the Kemerovo University with a degree in philology and English language and literature studies. She also holds a Ph.D. in Economics.

Hon. Dr. Saliya Murzabayeva
Member of Parliament

Hon. Dr. Murzabayeva is a Member of the State Duma (Lower house of the Parliament) Committee on Public Health. She is the Chair of the Informal All-Party Parliamentary Group on Population and Development in the Duma and is a Member of the Executive Committee of the European Parliamentary Forum on Population and Development (EPF).

Hon. Dr. Murzabayeva graduated as a paediatrician from the State medical university of the Republic of Bashkiria, Russian Federation. She holds a Ph.D. in medical science and specializes on genetics. Currently Hon. Dr. Murzabayeva is a professor at the State medical University of Republic of Bashkiria. Hon. Dr. Murzabayeva started her professional career as a paediatrician in a maternity house in the city of Ufa. In 1998-2007 she worked as a deputy minister of health in the Republic of Bashkiria. She was first elected to the Parliament in 2007 and re-elected in 2011. Hon. Dr. Murzabayeva recently published a new scientific article on the reproductive rights and health model law of the Inter-parliamentary Assembly of Member Nations of the Commonwealth of Independent States (IPA CIS). Hon. Dr. Murzabayeva has numerous state awards as a highly qualified medical doctor.

Senegal

Hon. Ms. Mously Diakhate
Member of Parliament

Hon. Diakhate is the Coordinator of the network of parliamentarians for Population and development, 2nd vice president of Forum of Parliamentarians for Population and Development Africa and Arab. Hon. Diakhate is also a member of the Africa Forum and at the same time of the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD). She is also the founder of movement A3J (National Convergence for Peace and Development), the Fund of Assistance of Support Economic and social (FADES) and the author of the book “From Daraa to the Chamber.”
Sierra Leone

Hon. Ms. Helen Kuyembeh
Member of Parliament

Hon. Kuyembeh is a Sierra Leonean Member of Parliament. She has a Bachelor of Arts in Education, Master of Arts in Inter. Development Studies and a Master of Arts in Organizational management. Hon. Kuyembeh has experience working in the public service of Sierra Leone for over 15 years and in the United States Public Service for 14 years. She has vast experience working with UN Agencies and International organizations in the area of Population, Development and Education. Presently serving in the government and constituents of the Sierra Leone Parliament. She is married and has two sons.

Spain

Hon. Mr. Jose Antonio Rubio Mielgo
Member of Parliament

A graduate in medicine and surgery, he is a specialist in public health, and is a member of Spanish Senate since 2004. In the last legislature was President of the Committee on International Cooperation and Development.

He is a member of the Spanish APPG since 2008, participating in several parliamentary study visits, such as in Ethiopia, and parliamentarian conferences, such as G7/G20 Parliamentary Conference held in London in 2013. As member of the APPG, he promoted the parliamentary initiative based on the Parliamentarian Declaration approved last year in Berlin during the G7/G20 Conference.

Sri Lanka

Hon. Ms. Chandrani Bandara
Minister of Women and Child Affairs

Hon. Bandara is a politician and parliamentarian. She is currently Minister of Women and Child Affairs. A member of parliament since 2000, Hon. Bandara has been advocating for the implementation of long term programmes to eliminate child rapes, abuses and other crimes. It is during the tenure of Hon. Bandara that the Sri Lankan government brought in the amendment to the Local Authorities Elections Ordinance aimed at increasing women’s participation at local government level.
Hon. Ms. Sriyani Wijewickrama  
*Member of Parliament*

Hon. Wijewickrama is a member of parliament at the party of the United People’s Freedom Alliance (UPFA) as well as an Attorney-at-Law by profession. She has also involved in Committees such as: Legislative standing Committee: Consultative Committee on Water Supply and Drainage; Consultative Committee on Child Development and Women’s Affairs; Consultative Committee on Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development; Consultative Committee on Lands and Land Development; Consultative Committee on Agrarian Services and Wildlife; Consultative Committee on Productivity Promotion; Women Parliamentarians Caucus in Parliament of Sri Lanka; Consultative Committee on Wildlife Resources Conservation; Consultative Committee on Sugar Industry Development; Consultative Committee on Special Projects; Consultative Committee on Resettlement, Reconstruction and Hindu Religious Affairs; Consultative Committee on Provincial Councils and Regional Development.

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**Swaziland**

**H.R.H Princess Phumelele Dlamini  
Member of Parliament**

H.R.H. Princess Phumelele is a Member of Parliament of the Kingdom of Swaziland, currently serving as Chairperson of the Ministry of Housing and Urban Development Portfolio Committee. H.R.H Princess Phumelele sits in a number of parliamentary committees, including the Women Parliamentary Caucus, the HIV/AIDS Committee, and the Government Assurances Committee, and also serves in committees dealing with rural development, preservation and promotion of Swazi culture. H.R.H. Princess Phumelele is also a member of the Pan African Parliamentary sub-committee working on matters of common interest to member states in areas of natural resources, energy, agricultural and economic development. H.R.H. Princess Phumelele was a member of the Commission responsible for drafting the constitution of Swaziland. Prior to entering the Parliament, H.R.H Princess Phumelele served in the Ministry of Agriculture and Co-operatives. H.R.H. Princess Phumelele is also a businesswoman involved in the farming and real estate sector, and serves as board member of Royal Swaziland Sugar Corporation. H.R.H. Princess Phumelele holds a diploma in General Home Economics from Vincennes’s University; and a degree in Merchandising and Fashion Promotion at the University of Arizona.

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**Tajikistan**

**Hon. Ms. Hilolbi Qurbonzoda  
Member of Parliament**

Hon. Qurbonzoda is the Chairperson of the Committee on Social Issues, Family and Healthcare. She was elected for the first time as party’s list candidate of the People Democratic Party of Tajikistan in March 2015. Hon. Qurbonzoda started her political career in early 2000 at the Committee on Youth Affairs under the President of Tajikistan. Prior to that, she was
teaching at various universities and the Academy of Science. In 2011, Hon. Qurbonzoda was appointed as Deputy Chair of the Committee on Family and Women Affairs under the President of Tajikistan. During her work at the Committee, Hon. Qurbonzoda has been actively involved in drafting legal documents improving the status of women. Particularly, she contributed to drafting of the Law on Prevention of Domestic Violence, “National Strategy for Enhancing the Role of Women in the Republic of Tajikistan for 2011-2020,” “State Program for the Prevention of Domestic Violence in the Republic of Tajikistan for 2014 – 2023.” Hon. Qurbonzoda holds a Ph.D. in History, and she is an author of more than 15 publications.

**Hon. Ms. Khayriniso Yusufi**  
*Vice Speaker, Parliament of Tajikistan, Co-chair of AFPPD Standing Committee on Investing in Youth*

Hon. Yusufi is Vice-Speaker of the Lower House of the Parliament in Tajikistan. She has been an MP since 2008. Hon. Yusufi belongs to the ruling “People Democracy Party.” She has university degrees in several areas such as veterinary, law, philology and management. She started political career in 1987 when she became the First Secretary of Young Communist League in her hometown, Pendjikent. In 2004, after serving several years on various managerial positions, Hon. Yusufi became Vice-Prime Minister of the Republic of Tajikistan. Upon leaving this position, Hon. Yusufi became Chair of the National Committee on Family and Women Affairs under the President of Tajikistan. One of her major accomplishments as a legislator was the adoption of the Law on Domestic Violence, the first of its kind in Tajikistan. The Law was adopted in 2012 after 10 years of advocacy work spearheaded by Hon. Yusufi. In 2014, the National Committee on Population and Development was established under the leadership of Hon. Yusufi. In November 2015, the Inter-Parliamentary Assembly of the CIS awarded Hon. Yusufi for her contribution to development of inter-country relationships.

**Thailand**

**Hon. Mr. Wallop Kerdphol**  
*Member of the National Legislative Assembly*

Hon. Adm. Kerdphol has been a Member of the National Legislative Assembly (NLA) since 2014. Prior to becoming the member of the NLA, Hon. Adm. Kerdphol served as Deputy Chief of Defense Forces from 2009-2011. Hon. Kerdphol was named Knight Grand Cordon (Special Class) of the Most Exalted Order of the White Elephant and Knight Grand Cordon (Special Class) of the Most Noble Order of the Crown of Thailand.

**Hon. Dr. Jetn Sirathranont**  
*Member of Parliament, AFPPD Secretary General*

Hon. Dr. Sirathranont has been Secretary-General of AFPPD since 2014. He is a medical doctor and has been working on health issues as a legislator. In his capacity as the current Chairperson of Thailand’s National Legislative Assembly’s (NLA) Public Health Committee as well as AFPPD’s Secretary-General, Hon. Dr. Sirathranont is leading advocacy efforts to address adolescent pregnancy issues through a Reproductive Health Protection Bill in Thailand.

Hon. Dr. Sirathranont served twice as member of the Senate of Thailand in 2008-2011 and 2011-2014. From 2013 to 2014, he was the Chairperson of the Standing Committee of Public
Health of the Senate. He was Director of Somdet Phraphuttha Loetla Hospital in Samut Songkhram Province, and Director of Phrachomklao Phetchaburi Hospital in Phetchaburi Province.

### Timor-Leste

**Hon. Mrs. Angelica da Costa**  
*Member of Parliament*

Hon. Da Costa is a Member of Parliament from Timor Leste from the FRETILIN party. She is a Member of the Commission on Ethics (Commission G). She has been a Member of Parliament Since 2012. She received her Bachelor Degree in Education and Economics.

**Hon. Mr. Eladio Faculto**  
*Member of Parliament*

Hon. Faculto is a Member of Parliament from Timor Leste from the FRETILIN party. He is a Member of the Commission on Health, Education, Culture, veterans and Gender Equality (Commission F). Previously, he was the Secretary-General of the organization of Youths and Students of Timor-Leste (Organização de Jovens e Estudantes de Timor Leste or OJETIL). Hon. Faculto is decorated with the Order Lorico Assuwain because he took part in 1991 at the demonstration against the Indonesian occupation.

### Tonga

**H.E. Dr. Saia Ma’u Piukala**  
*Minister of Health*

H.E. Dr. Piukala is the Mister of Health who is also the People’s Representative for Vava’u Constituency 14. He entered the Parliament in 2014. H.E. Dr. Piukala holds a Bachelor of Medicine and Surgery, and a Master of Medicine in Surgery. He also holds Certificates in care of the critically ill patient and early management of severe Trauma. His profession encompasses Medical Officer, Surgical Registrar, Medical Superintendent, and Senior Medical Officer.

**H.E. Mr. Lord Tu’ivakano**  
*Speaker of the House*

H.E. Tu’ivakano has been Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of Tonga since 2015. He was first elected to as a noble representative for the island of Tongatapu in 1996, then became a Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of Tonga in 2002 to 2004. During his term as Speaker, H.E. Tu’ivakano was in charge of Legislative Assembly Reforms involving the Reorganization of the assembly, Standing Orders of the House and realignment of the Parliamentary Pensions Scheme in accordance with other Commonwealth Countries. H.E.
Tu’ivakano was appointed Minister of Labor in 2005, and Minister of Training, Employment, Youth and Sport in 2006. From 2010-2014, H.E. Tu’ivakano served as Prime Minister of Tonga. It was under H.E. Tu’ivakano's premiership that Tonga became, in November 2011, a founding member of the Polynesian Leaders Group, a regional grouping intended to cooperate on a variety of issues including culture and language, education, responses to climate change, and trade and investment.

### Turkey

#### Hon. Ms. Öznur Çalik

**Member of Parliament**

Hon. Çalik is a member of EPF Executive Committee. She has been a member of parliament of Turkey for 10 years. Prior to that she worked as pharmacists. Hon. Çalik is vice-chair of the Committee on Equality of Opportunities for Women and Men. In 2014-2015 she was a vice-chair of the AK Party and a chair of public relations and civil society group of AK Party. She has been a member of the Central Decision Making and Administrative Committee (CDAC) of AK Party since its establishment in 2002.

Hon. Çalik is a Board member in numerous professional organizations and NGOs, such as Malatya Chamber of Pharmacists, Humanitarian Association, Malatya Education Foundation (MEV), and Istanbul Women's Platform. She also served as Iveka Founding Member.

#### Hon. Mr. Mehmet Mus

**Member of Parliament**

Hon. Mus has been elected to the parliament during three terms. He is a member of the Foreign Affairs Committee, Planning and Budgeting Committee. He is also member of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly.

Hon. Mus graduated from the Department of Business at the Eastern Mediterranean University, Cyprus. He completed postgraduate studies in Economics in the Washington State University School of Economic Sciences, Pullman, WA, USA. He completed his Ph.D. in Economic in the Marmara University, Turkey. Prior to political career Hon. Mus worked as a specialist in budget planning and reporting in the private sector.

### Turkmeniastan

#### H.E. Ms. Akja Nurberdiyeva

**Chairperson of Mejlis of Turkmenistan**

Hon. Nurberdiyeva was re-elected chairperson of Mejlis of Turkmenistan of 4th convocation, held in Ashgabat on 9 January. Akja Nurberdiyeva was elected chairperson of the parliament of Turkmenistan.
Uganda

**Hon. Mr. Chris Baryomunsi**  
*Chair of UPFFSP & D  
Minister of State for Health  
Member of Parliament*

Hon. Baryomunsi is a Ugandan physician, public health specialist, demographer and politician who has served as State Minister of Health for General Duties in the Cabinet of Uganda since 2015. Hon. Baryomunsi is the elected Member of Parliament for Kinkiizi County East and a member of Uganda’s ruling party, the National Resistance Movement (NRM). He was appointed as State Health Minister for General Duties on 1 March 2015.

Venezuela

**Hon. Mr. Miguel Pizarro Rodriguez**  
*Member of Parliament*

Hon. Rodriguez is the Chairperson of Social Development Commission and from the MUD coalition in opposition. He comes from the student movement and is a young MP (27 years old) who has been active in social issues (food security and health crisis) and has recently expressed interest in advancing the women’s rights agenda.

Vietnam

**Hon. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Le Bo Linh**  
*Member of Parliament, Vice chairman of the Committee on Science, Technology and Environment*

Hon. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Le Bo Linh is a Member of Parliament from Viet Nam. Since 2007, he has been the Vice Chairperson of the Committee on Science, Technology and Environment. He is also a member of the National Commission on Sustainable Development and Competitiveness. From 1995-2007, he served as Director General for the Institute for Southeast Studies under the Vietnam Academy of Social Sciences. During this period, he was also Chief Editor on the world economic and political issues for Vietnam Economic Review and Vice Director General for the Institute of World Economics and Politics. His research works and publications include: Economic Globalization and East Asian Integration; Vietnam Economic development; Policies on Science and Technology; Infrastructure and Sustainable development.
Hon. Dr. Nguyen Van Tien  
Member of Parliament, AFPPD Executive Committee Member

Hon. Dr. Nguyen has served as AFPPD’s Executive Member, Vice-Chairperson, and has been supportive to AFPPD’s work in the region for more than ten years. He is the Vice-Chairperson of Parliamentary Committee for Social Affairs and Vice Chair of the Vietnam Association of Parliamentarians on Population and Development (VAPPD). Hon. Dr. Nguyen has been a member of the National Assembly of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam since 2006. Hon. Dr. Nguyen graduated from Hanoi Medical College as a medical doctor. He also holds a MA degree of Population and Reproductive Health from Mahidol University, Thailand and Fellow for Ph.D. degree in Public Health Policy for the elderly from the Military Medical Institute, Vietnam. He also participated in a series of training on Health and Population issues in the U.S.A. and Asian countries. Since 1995, he has been the chief editor of Laws for Policy, which is responsible for making assessment Bill in the fields of heath and population issues. Currently, he is directly in charge of public health and population issues at the Department of Social Affairs of National Assembly.

Zambia

Hon. Mr. Highvie Hambulo Hamududu  
Member of Parliament

Hon. Hamududu is a member of parliament in Zambia and is President of the Zambian All Party Parliamentary Group on Population and Development (ZAPPD). Hon. Hamududu played a key role on the drafting committee of the Stockholm Statement of Commitment at IPCI 2014. He was also a speaker at the IPCI side event in New York at UNGA in September of 2014.
II. RESOURCE PERSONS (NON-MPs)

Opening & Plenary Sessions

Dr. Babatunde Osotimehin
Executive Director of UNFPA

Dr. Babatunde Osotimehin is a global leader of public health, women’s empowerment and young people, particularly focused on promoting human rights, including sexual and reproductive health and rights, as well as population and development. Since his appointment as UNFPA Executive Director, effective 2011, he has spearheaded efforts by the international community to advance the milestone consensus of the International Conference on Population and Development, held in Cairo in 1994. Already into his second term as Executive Director as of 2015, Dr. Osotimehin has introduced new reforms that have increased the effectiveness and efficiency of UNFPA and outlined a more robust vision for improving the lives of women, adolescents and youth around the world. His leadership and advocacy with governments and other key stakeholders will continue to focus on youth and voluntarily family planning. He is also steering UNFPA’s humanitarian action and efforts around eliminating gender-based violence and other harmful practices. The UNFPA Executive Director serves in various advisory boards and councils. Dr. Osotimehin chairs the World Economic Forum’s Global Agenda Council on the Demographic Dividend. He is also a Global Agenda Trustee for the Forum’s Global Challenge on Economic Growth and Social Inclusion, and co-chairs the Family Planning 2020 Reference Group.

Session 1: Gender Equality and Women’s Empowerment

Ms. Sarbani Chakraborty
Senior Director for Global Public Policy, Merck Healthcare

Ms. Sarbani Chakraborty is responsible for shaping Merck’s external policy engagement on global health, specifically universal health coverage and the role of the private sector, non-communicable diseases, global health security and healthy women and healthy economies. She led Merck’s activities as co-chair on the development of the Healthy Women, Healthy Economies Policy Toolkit. Prior to joining Merck in 2013, Sarbani worked for 16 years with the World Bank. A large part of Sarbani’s professional work has focused on health systems strengthening in low and middle income countries. She has worked in Africa, South-east and Central Asia and Europe. She has been involved in World Bank evaluations on access to health in Ethiopia, Russia, Uganda and Vietnam. Sarbani has a Masters of Public Health and Ph.D. from the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health and a Master of Science in Social Policy from the London School of Economics. She has published in peer-reviewed journals, including Health Policy and Planning, the Lancet and Social Science and Medicine. She is currently guest lecturer in global health policy at the Center for International Health, Ludwig Maximillian University, Munich.
Ms. Anjali Sen
*Regional Director of South Asia Region*
*International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF)*

Anjali’s distinctive experience of more than 30 years spans diverse arenas including working with the Government of India, and civil society organizations like International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF). Prior to joining IPPF, Anjali has established an impressive record of achievements in the Indian Civil Service in various leadership positions over 25 years.

In 2004, Anjali began to focus on advancing the sexual and reproductive health rights of the poorest, most vulnerable and most marginalized communities in the region. As the Regional Director for IPPF South Asia Region she is currently responsible for overseeing the policy and management of the nine Members Associations in the Region. She is involved in developing their self-governing, self-sustaining and self-managing capacities and has gained experience in planning, developing and monitoring sexual and reproductive health programmes in South Asia. Anjali also serves in several institutional boards including the International and National Board of VSO as trustee.

Anjali has championed and advocated for various complex and sensitive issues like LGBT rights, sexual diversity, adolescent sexuality, engagement of boys and men for gender equality, violence prevention and SRHR alongside issues of gender justice and women’s empowerment including universal access to reproductive health based on informed choice. She has also played an instrumental role in IPPF’s work with the Parliamentarians in the South Asia Region.

**Session 2: Investing in Youth**

Dr. Leonardo Garnier, Ph.D.
*Associate Professor (Catedrático) at the School of Economics, Universidad de Costa Rica*

Dr. Garnier has a Ph.D. in Economics, with specialization in Political Economy and Economic Development from the Graduate Faculty of the New School for Social Research, New York, where he also completed his Master of Arts in Economics. In 1977, he completed Licenciado in Economics at the Universidad de Costa Rica where he took Bachelor of Arts in Economics. Dr. Garnier has been a consultant to different United Nations agencies including UNICEF and UNDP. He has authored over 60 publications and research. Dr. Garnier was Minister of Public Education of Costa Rica from 2006 to 2014. During this term, he was president of the Consejo Superior de Educación de Costa Rica (CSE) and president of the Consejo de Educación Superior Privada (CONESUP).
Ms. Yoshimi Horiuchi
*Director/founder of a non-profit organization, Always Reading Caravan (ARC); Project Officer at Asia-Pacific Development Center on Disability (APCD)*

Ms. Horiuchi has a degree in Japanese Language Education from International Christian University, Tokyo, Japan. She completely lost her sight in late teen. Besides Japanese, she speaks English and Thai. She has studied in the US and Thailand one year each as an exchange student. After working as a translation coordinator at Mizuho Securities in Tokyo, she received scholarship for one-year course at International Institute for Social Entrepreneurs (IISE), Kerala, India in 2009. After graduation, she established ARC to promote joy of reading and learning through mobile library services for children in Thailand. In addition, she is currently working part time as a project officer at APCD.

Ms. Hilka Ngwedha Amadhila
*The National Chairperson of the Youth Action Movement (YAM)*

Ms. Amadhila is the national chairperson of the youth Action Movement in Namibia (YAM) under the Namibia Planned Parenthood Association (NAPPA) an affiliate to the International Planned parenthood Federation (IPPF). With over 5 years, she has a proven track record in advocacy, education, gender and sexual reproductive health and rights. Ms. Amadhila has been working towards strengthening young women’s confidence to speak on issues related to health and education. She works directly with young people with a special focus on young women and girls. She is a former Secretary of gender and child welfare (2011-2014) of the Namibia National Students Organization. She is a volunteer, student and Counsellor. Besides her volunteer work, Ms. Amadhila was appointed in 2013 by the minister of Education as an Alternate council member to the National Council for Higher education (NCHE) to speak on student matters. Ms. Amadhila is a professionally trained financial Administrator that persistently volunteers her youth in pushing for education of a girl child, HIV and AIDS and sexual reproductive health education of youth in Namibia, Africa and beyond.

Ms. Hasret Saygi
*Pro-Refugee Activist, DurDe*

Ms. Saygi is a pro-refugee activist in DurDe, a grassroots organization combating racism and nationalism in Turkey, and a voluntary teacher in the Syrian-Palestinian-run Community Center, Ad.dar. She is also a researcher in sociolinguistics, and a Ph.D. candidate at Bogazici University, Istanbul. She has taken active role in Back-to-School and After-School Projects run by Ad.dar. The projects aim to help the school-aged Syrian children register and integrate in the local schools and to provide them with the supplementary language and literacy education in their neighbourhood in Istanbul. The project team works in close coordination with the parents, the school teachers and the local branch offices of the Ministry of Education. Last year, the project was extended to include the Syrian mothers to provide Turkish and literacy education.
Session 3: Active Ageing

Dr. Minah Kang
Professor, Department of Public Administration College of Social Science
Dean, Career Development Center Ewha Woman’s University

Dr. Kang has published in New England Journal of Medicine, Health Affairs, Asia Pacific Viewpoint, Medical Care, JAMA, and other internationally recognized health and public policy journals. Her research interests are global health and governance, ODA policy, and political analysis of public policy.

Dr. Takao Suzuki
Professor, J.F. Oberlin University; Director Dr. Takao, Research Institute, National Center for Geriatrics and Gerontology, Obu City, Aichi Prefecture

Dr. Suzuki has published more than 200 peer reviewed international papers and served as editorial members of several domestic and international journals. He has been the chairs of some national committees related the Long-Term Care Insurance in Japan, particularly effective strategy for the prevention of long-term care state in the elderly living in the community. He has also attempted for many years to accumulate the evidence-based effective measures for the prevention of geriatric syndrome such as falls, incontinence, foot and walking trouble, under-nutrition relating to the insufficiency of serum vitamin D, sarcopenia and mild cognitive impairments (MCI) as an early stage of dementia, all of which have negative influence on the health status and quality of life among the elderly people.

Ms. Reiko Hayashi
Director, Department of International Research and Co-operation, National Institute of Population and Social Security Research

After working at Kimura Structural Engineers, Tokyo, Japan, she set up Linz co. ltd. In 1996, a company dealing with consulting in health care, population, architecture and urban planning, through which she participated in a number of ODA projects. Among others, she worked as a Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) expert in Senegal for the Project for Development of Human Resources in Health in 2002/03, and as Technical Adviser to the Minister of Health and Prevention of Senegal from 2008 to 2011. After working as Assistant Professor in the Center for Sustainable Urban Regeneration at the University of Tokyo, she assumed the position of Director of International Research and Cooperation at National Institute of Population and Social Security Research in April 2012.

Mr. Toby Porter
Chief Executive Officer, HelpAge International

Mr. Porter is the Chief Executive of HelpAge International, a global network of organisations working to help older women and men claim their rights, challenge discrimination and overcome poverty in older age. Mr. Porter has dedicated his career to humanitarian and development assistance. Mr. Porter joined HelpAge In October 2013, overseeing the development and
approval of their new 2020 Strategy. Ambitious goals have been set by HelpAge for better health, income security, voice, an end to age discrimination and elder abuse, along with increased respect for the rights of older women and men globally.

In his time to date, Mr. Porter has visited HelpAge's work in Ethiopia, Kenya, Tanzania, the Philippines, Haiti, Myanmar, Pakistan, Lebanon, and Nepal. These humanitarian disasters highlight not just the vulnerability of older people in emergencies, but the massive contribution they make to recovery efforts within families and communities.

In June 2014, Mr. Porter accepted an invitation to join the World Economic Forum’s Global Agenda Council on Ageing for 2014-16. The focus of the Global Agenda Council on Ageing in the current term is: **Capitalize on the economic opportunities presented by an ageing population by encouraging business and governments to adopt age-friendly practices.** He has represented HelpAge International at the World Economic Forum meeting in Davos at the Annual Meeting in 2014 and 2015. In 2015, he was part of a High Level Panel on Humanitarian Cash Transfers that has delivered a set of recommendations for 2016’s World Humanitarian Summit.

### Session 4: Human Security and Establishment of Risk Management System for Infectious Diseases

**Dr. Bruce Aylward**  
*Executive Director a.i., Outbreaks and Health Emergencies, Director-General’s Special Representative for the Ebola Response, WHO*

Dr. Aylward is the Executive Director ad interim of the Outbreaks and Health Emergencies Cluster at the World Health Organization. Since August 2014, Dr. Aylward serves as the Special Representative for the Ebola Response, and Assistant Director-General of the Emergencies Cluster. Until August 2014, Dr. Aylward has served as the Assistant Director-General for Polio and Emergencies Cluster which brings together WHO's work in polio eradication and humanitarian response. Since 1998, Dr. Aylward has been responsible for the oversight and coordination of all polio eradication activities across WHO’s Regional Offices and the Global Polio Eradication Initiative partnership. He oversaw and managed the scale-up of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, which since 1997 has expanded to operate in every polio-affected country of the world and reduced the number of polio-endemic countries to three. Since 2011, Dr. Aylward has led WHO’s work in preparedness, readiness and response to humanitarian emergencies as the lead agency of the Global Health Cluster.

**Ms. Ugochi Daniels**  
*Chief of Humanitarian Response, UNFPA*

A national of Nigeria, Ms. Daniels has been with UNFPA for eight years, serving as Programme Specialist for the Africa Division at the headquarters in New York from 2002 to 2007, and as Deputy Representative in Nepal from 2007 until October 2010. Prior to joining UNFPA, she was with USAID in Lagos, Nigeria from 1999 to 2002 as MIS Manager/Facilitator and later as the Monitoring and Evaluation Information Specialist. She began her career as a lecturer at the Nigerian Defense Academy, Kaduna in 1985, before joining the private sector in 1992, where she worked on evaluation and systems development.
Ms. Daniels holds a Master’s Degree in Geography from the University of Ibadan in Nigeria. She is a Microsoft Certified Systems Engineer and holds a diploma in Information Management from the University of Lagos, Nigeria.

Dr. Mustapha Sidiki Kaloko
Commissioner for Social Affairs at the African Union Commission

His Excellency Dr. Mustapha Sidiki Kaloko is the Commissioner for Social Affairs at the African Union Commission. Dr. Kaloko provides the overall strategic and political leadership on social development issues for the continental body. His portfolio includes sport, culture, social welfare, health, population, migration, labour and employment, drug control, as well as the wellbeing and protection of children. He has played a significant role in ensuring that global health remains one of the top priorities in Africa and globally. With his background in medical practice spanning over one and a half decades, he is passionate about achieving Universal Health Coverage in Africa which is a prerequisite for sustainable development. Dr. Kaloko has thus continued to work with Member States of the African Union for the full implementation of the Abuja commitments on health and the African Union Roadmap for Shared Responsibility and Global Solidarity on AIDS, TB and Malaria. Recently he played a critical role in positioning health and social development issues in the African Common Position on the Post-2015 Development Agenda. The global health goals in the recently adopted Sustainable Development Goals reflect Africa key priorities on health and social development. Dr. Kaloko has spearheaded continental advocacy efforts for Domestic Financing for health and other critical social development issues on the continent.

On sport, Dr. Kaloko has been the main architect for the operationalization of the African Union new sport architecture which was restructured to position sport as a vehicle for development.

His concern about Africa harnessing the demographic dividend has led him to work with member states on youth and women employment, extending the social protection floor to the vulnerable and marginalized, especially those in the informal and rural sectors, and ensuring that more emphasis is placed on people-centered and inclusive development that eliminates exclusion and socio-economic and political inequalities.

Before being appointed Commissioner, Dr. Kaloko served as UNDP Liaison Officer to the African Union. Prior to this appointment, he had served at the Medical Services Directorate of the African Union Commission for over 14 years in various capacities as Physician, Head and Physician Consultant. He has extensive experience of medical practice in Ethiopia, Sierra Leone and England.

Dr. Kaloko holds a Medical Degree (MD), from the Addis Ababa University, Ethiopia, PLAB Examination for Medical Registration in the United Kingdom, First Part Membership of Royal College of Physicians, UK, Post Graduate Specialist degree in Internal Medicine, Addis Ababa University, School of Post Graduate Medicine, Ethiopia and a Diploma in Tropical Medicine and Hygiene (DTM&H) University of Liverpool, United Kingdom (UK). Dr. Kaloko is a well-travelled gentleman. His several years of serving the OAU/AU sculptured him into an experienced technocrat, an accomplished diplomat and a politician with an immense knowledge of the African Union, its history and the direction the organization seems to be taking.
Sub-Session 4.1: Healthcare Workers in Action Ebola, HIV, and Other Infectious Diseases (TBC)

Dr. Frances Hughes

CEO of the International Council of Nurses

Dr. Frances Hughes is Chief Executive Officer of the International Council of Nurses (ICN) since February 2016. A native of New Zealand, Dr. Hughes has held the post of Chief Nurse and Midwifery Officer of Queensland, Australia since 2012. Prior to this, she was Chief Advisor (Nursing) to New Zealand’s Ministry of Health and, as consultant at the World Health Organization (WHO) and other NGOs, has worked in Australia, South Pacific, UK, Canada and Asia. She also held the position of Commandant-Colonel of the Royal New Zealand Army Nursing Corps and was the first Professor of Nursing at the University of Auckland.

Dr. Hughes, who has a strong background as a health clinician, manager and educator, is the recipient of several awards and honours, including a Harkness Fellowship in Health Care Policy from the Commonwealth Fund in New York, which enabled her to study health policy under the mentorship of Dr. Linda Aiken of the University of Pennsylvania. She also received a Fulbright Senior Scholarship to undertake research in the USA 2012/2013 on post-disaster lessons as they apply to health professionals, and was made an officer of the New Zealand Order of Merit for services to mental health in 2005. Dr. Hughes received in 2013 the distinguished Alumni Award from Massy University in New Zealand. Hughes is a visiting professorship at the University of Sydney, Australia

Dr. Shigeru Suganami

President and Chair
Association of Medical Doctors of Asia (AMDA) Group

Dr. Suganami has been a president of Association of Medical Doctors of Asia (AMDA) since it was established in 1984. Since then AMDA has grown in size and scope activity engaging in emergency relief as well as in integrated community development all over the world. Prior to the establishment of AMDA, Dr. Suganami set up his own clinic in Okayama-City, presently known as Asuka International Clinic. He also served honorably as President at Sukoyaka-en (Nursing home for the elderly), Ichinomiya Service Center (Providing care for the elderly), and Asuka Nurse Station. Additionally, he also taught at many Medical Schools, for instances, at Osaka University, Kyoto University, and Okayama University. As for social activities, he served as a member of JICA Primary Health Care Project in Lusaka (Zambia), Advisor for Council of Local Authorities for International Relations, a member of Okayama Prefectural Drive for International Contribution, Board Member of Okayama Council for the Promotion of International Contribution, and Honorary Member at Department of Public Health, Okayama University Graduate School of Medicine, Dentistry and Pharmaceutical Sciences.
Dr. Hiroki Nakatani  
*Professor for Global Initiatives at Keio University*

Dr. Hiroki Nakatani is presently, Minister’s Advisor on International Affairs, Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare, Professor for Global Initiatives at Keio University and Specially Appointed Professor for Global and Innovative Medicine at Osaka University. He served as Assistant Director-General of WHO from March 2007 to May 2015. He led the largest technical cluster comprising HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis, Malaria and Neglected Tropical Diseases. During his tenure, the morbidity and mortality of these three major infections showed trends of decline, and a few tropical diseases were on track towards elimination and even eradication in case of dracunculiasis (guinea worm disease). Before joining WHO, he worked at the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare of Japan. Dr. Nakatani received his M.D. from Keio University School of Medicine, M.H.P.Ed from the University of New South Wales, and Ph.D. from Keio University.

Dr. Kunihiko Chris Hirabayashi  
*Director of the UNICEF Tokyo Office*

Dr. Kunihiko Chris Hirabayashi assumed his duties as Director of UNICEF Tokyo in April 2010. Prior to this appointment, Dr. Hirabayashi served as Deputy Representative of UNICEF India from 2008. From September 2006 – June 2008, he was the Senior Programme Manager of UNICEF Tokyo. Prior to this, he served as a Senior Programme Advisor to the Ministry of Public Health Afghanistan, a Senior Project Officer, Chief of Health and Nutrition Section at UNICEF Afghanistan, and Chief of Health and Nutrition Emergency Programme at UNICEF Lebanon. Before joining UNICEF, Dr. Hirabayashi worked as a Technical advisor for Center for International Medical Cooperation, International Medical Center of Japan, Ministry of Health, Labor and Welfare and extended technical assistance to many developing countries such as Bolivia, Colombia, India, Indonesia, Honduras, Uzbekistan, South Africa and Vietnam for about 10 years since 1994.

Sub-Session 4.2: Dialogue between Parliamentarians and Civil Society  
~ Building partnerships toward G7 & TICAD for Achieving SDGs

Ms. Yumiko Horie  
*Advocacy Manager, Save the Children Japan*

Ms. Yumiko Horie joined Save the Children Japan in 2002. In 2010, she was appointed to manage the EVERY ONE campaign, a global campaign to achieve MDG4. Since 2012, she was appointed as Advocacy Manager to take on advocacy for broader issues in international development, such as global health, nutrition, and the Sustainable Development Goals. She is also a member of the steering committee for Ugoku Ugokasu (GCAP Japan).
Ms. Yoriko Yasukawa
Regional Director, Asia and the Pacific Regional Office
United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)

Ms. Yasukawa joined the United Nations Population Fund, UNFPA, as the Director of its Asia-Pacific Regional Office in August 2015.

Originally from Japan, Ms. Yasukawa brings to the role over 30 years of experience with the United Nations system in sustainable development, the defense and promotion of human rights, democratic governance and conflict prevention and resolution. The majority of her years within the UN have been in Central and South America. Before joining UNFPA, Yasukawa served as UN Resident Coordinator and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Resident Representative in Costa Rica and Bolivia. Earlier she held various senior positions with the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), including Associate Director of Policy, Advocacy and Knowledge Management in the Division of Policy and Practice; Deputy Director of the Programme Division (Regional and Interagency Affairs Section); and Representative in Mexico and Ecuador.

In her post at UNFPA Asia-Pacific, Ms. Yasukawa liaises with 23 country offices on the Fund's core issues, including sexual and reproductive health, gender equality and population dynamics, viewing them through the lens of human rights and social protection for some of the most vulnerable populations across this vast region -- pregnant women, new mothers and their infants, and young people.

Dr. Toru Honda
Chairperson of Services for the Health in Asian and African Regions (SHARE)
Board member of Japan Association for International Health (JAIH)

After his three-year assignment in Tunisia as a Japan Overseas Cooperation Volunteer from 1977, Dr. Honda worked as a doctor at Saku Central Hospital (which pioneers in community health) in Nagano, learning extensively on rural medicine. In 1983, he participated in the establishment of SHARE, and represents the NGO from 1988. He has been involved in PHC/MCH projects in several Asian countries for the past decades, and has deep experience in volunteer work domestically as well as overseas. He currently is a doctor at the Asakusa Hospital, with strong focus on urban ageing/poverty issues and community health.

Ms. Tomoko Hoshino
Vice President, Environmental Partnership Council (EPC)

Ms. Hoshino is Vice President of the Environmental Partnership Council (EPC). After graduating from college, she joined environmental groups managing environmental information and events, civic activities support, youth environment activities (creating mechanisms of events to reduce waste, and the establishment of the National Youth Environment Federation (Ecoleague). As she devoted to improve the environment issues through those activities, she realized the importance of safe food distribution, and accumulated the know-how of the national network and volunteer activities building. She also learned town development for welfare and environment, democratic consensus building, international cooperation, and sustainability in Denmark. In addition, Ms. Hoshino attended at Johannesburg Summit 2002 about education for the “United Nations Sustainable Development 10 years of the (ESD)” promotion exercise, the 2010 Biodiversity COP10 civil network, Rio +20 Earth, and the launch
and operation of Summit NGO Liaison Committee. Since 2003, she has involved in the management of the Global Environment Partnership Plaza (GEOC). Ms. Hoshino also serves for wide range of civic activities such as Director of the Mosquito Japan Council, Director of Japan NGO Center for International Cooperation, and planning farming experience “Soil of the school.”

Ms. Eri Ishikawa
Chair of the Board of the Japan Association of Refugees (JAR)

The civil war in Rwanda, in 1994, made Ms. Ishikawa, then a university student, strongly concerned of refugees, which prompted her to volunteer in the establishment of JAR. After graduation, she worked in the corporate industry for a while before joining JAR in 2001 as full-time staff. Since then, she has actively sought social change in Japan in support of refugees. In January 2008, Ms. Ishikawa was appointed as Secretary General of JAR, and fulfilled her responsibilities while taking two maternity leaves. She became Chair of the JAR Board in December 2014. Currently serves as an executive committee member of the Japan Association for Migration Policy Studies (JAMPS).

Ms. Ayano Kubota
A senior student majoring Nursing at Nagoya University

Ms. Kubota has been actively working to “creating a society where voices of the residents are heard and reflected in each community.” As a youth activist, she is a campaign officer of the Japan Youth Platform for Sustainability (JYPS), which gathers the voices of the younger generation in Japan and make them reflected at national government through policies, and also calls upon UN agencies and civil society. She is currently preparing for the upcoming “G7 Youth Summit” planned to be held on May 22 at Mie University. Furthermore, Ms. Kubota has experience as a civil society activist, through her participation in Oxfam Japan’s young leadership program for social change, CHANGE Initiative 2015, and coming back to the event as a facilitator in 2016.
Mr. Tewodros Melesse  
*Director General, International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF)*

Mr. Tewodros Melesse took up the post of IPPF Director-General in September 2011. An economist who studied at the Catholic University in Louvain, Belgium, he has over 25 years’ experience in family planning and reproductive health, starting in 1984 as a programme officer with Family Planning International Assistance (FPIA). He subsequently joined IPPF Africa Region and gained extensive experience planning, developing, monitoring, and managing large-scale development and reproductive health programmes in Africa. He assumed the directorship of the Africa Regional Office in 2002, and vigorously refocused and restructured the operation. Mr. Tewodros brings to the role a profound belief in leadership founded on transparency and vision.

Mr. Arthur Erken  
*Director, Division of Communications and Strategic Partnerships  
United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)*

Mr. Erken has been appointed as a Director of the UNFPA Division of Communications and Strategic Partnerships in 2015. Mr. Erken has been working with the UNFPA for more than 20 years. He joined the UNFPA in 1993 to be part of the Secretariat of the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD). After that he has worked on various positions, including Special Assistant to Deputy Executive Director on Programme, Associate Director for Policy and Global Quality Standards, Development Group Office, Representative in Bangladesh and Vietnam. Mr. Erken holds a Master’s degree from the Cultural Anthropology from the Catholic University Nijmegen, Netherlands (now renamed Radboud University.)