Biographies of Participants
I. MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENTS

(Alphabetical Order)

Bangladesh

**Hon. Mr. A.S.M. Feroz**  
*Member of Parliament and Chief Whip*

Hon. Mr. A.S.M. Feroz serves as Chief Whip in the 10th Parliament, Chair of the House Committee, President of the Parliament Members’ Club, President of the Parliament Members’ Forum on Climate Change, and President of the Bangladesh-South Korea Parliamentary Friendship Group. Hon. Mr. Feroz is also an active member of the Bangladesh Association of Parliamentarians on Population and Development (BAPPD), which is a National Committee of AFPPD. He is involved in various social works and patronizes the expansion of quality education. He was first elected to the House in 1979 and was subsequently elected from the seat in the third, fifth, seventh, ninth and tenth general elections.

**Hon. Ms. Fazilatun Nessa**  
*Member of Parliament*

Hon. Ms. Fazilatun Nessa serves as Women Affairs Secretary of the ruling party's Central Committee of the Bangladesh Awami League. Previously, she has served as Chair of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Ministry of Women and Children Affairs during the 9th Parliament. From 2003 to 2009, Hon. Ms. Nessa was the General Secretary of the Central Committee of the Bangladesh Mohila (Women) Awami League. She is also an active member of the Bangladesh Association of Parliamentarians on Population and Development (BAPPD) which is a National Committee of AFPPD.

Bhutan

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

H.E. Mr. Jigme Zangpo has been elected as the Speaker of the National Assembly in the Second Parliament since 2013. He represents as the Member of Parliament from Mongar Constituency in Eastern Bhutan. He served as Drangpon (judge) at the High Court, Royal Court of Justice in Thimphu from 2006 to 2010 and as Secretary General of the National Assembly from 2003 to 2006. He also served as the Governor of Bumthang and Paro Dzongkhags from 1997 to 2003 as well as the Deputy Project Director, Inspector of Schools, District Education Officer, Head Teacher and Teacher from 1970 to 1997 in the Ministry of Education. During the long service, he was appointed as a Member of Commissions in the Royal Civil Service.
The Speaker also led the Bhutanese Parliamentary delegation to Bangkok during the 11th AFPPD General Assembly in 2016 when Bhutan became a member.

**H.E. Mr. Dasho Kuenga**  
*Member of Parliament*

H.E. Mr. Dasho Kuenga has served as Member of Parliament for the Nyishog Saephu constituency under Wangdue Phodrang Dzongkhag since 2013. He is the Chairperson of the Social and Cultural Committee and a member of the People's Democratic Party.

**Cambodia**

**H.E. Mr. Sathya Vuth**  
*Member of Parliament*

H.E. Mr. Sathya Vuth is a Member of the National Assembly of the 5th Legislature. Previously, he has served as the Chief Secretary for the Oudong District People's Political Party from 1985 to 1988, Chief Secretary for the District People’s Political Party and District Governor for the Phnom Srouch District from 1988 to 1999, and Deputy Provincial Governor for the Kampong Speu Province from 1999 to 2014.

**Cook Islands**

**Hon. Mr. Tangata Vavia**  
*Member of Parliament*

Hon. Mr. Tangata Vavia was elected as Member of Parliament of the Cook Islands for the island of Mitiaro in the 1994 General Election. He is the Chairperson of the Parliamentary Group on Population and Development, which is a National Committee member of AFPPD. He was re-elected in the General Elections of 1999 and 2004, and in the 2006 Snap Election. Hon. Mr. Vavia was also appointed Deputy Speaker of Parliament in 1999.
India

**Hon. Mr. Laxmi Narayan Yadav**  
*Member of Parliament*

Hon. Mr. Laxmi Narayan Yadav serves as Member of Parliament for the Sagar (Madhya Pradesh) constituency representing the Bharatiya Janata Party. He has also been a member of the Standing Committee on Petroleum and Natural Gas since September 2014. Previously, he was a Member of the State Legislative Assembly of Madhya Pradesh from 1977 to 1980 and has served as the Minister for Higher Education from 1978 to 1980.

Indonesia

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

Hon. Ms. Ermalena Muslim Hasbullah serves as Deputy Chairperson of Commission IX (Population and Health) of the Indonesian Parliament. She has also been the Chairperson of the Indonesian Forum of Parliamentarians on Population and Development (IFPPD) since 2015. Before joining the Parliament, she has served as Senior Adviser to the Minister of Cooperative and Small Business and Senior Adviser to the Minister of Religious Affairs. Hon. Ms. Hasbullah has also held various roles with international organizations such as UNICEF, Save the Children, and Helen Keller International, as well as with several institutions under the Nahdatul Ulama (the biggest Muslim organization in Indonesia).

Japan

**Hon. Professor Keizo Takemi**  
*Member of the House of Councillors in Japan*  
*Chairperson, Asian Forum of Parliamentarians on Population and Development (AFPPD)*

Hon. Professor Keizo Takemi is a member of the House of Councillors in Japan, and former Senior Vice-Minister of Health, Labour, and Welfare. Hon. Professor Takemi is currently AFPPD’s Chairperson and Co-chair of the Standing Committee on Active Ageing. In April 2016, Hon. Professor Takemi co-hosted the Global Conference of Parliamentarians on Population and Development (GCPPD) toward the 2016 G7 Ise-Shima Summit. He spearheaded the adoption of the GCPPD Declaration and Recommendations to the G7 Summit, which greatly contributed to the G7 Ise-Shima Leaders’ Declaration and the Ise-Shima Vision for Global Health. Hon. Professor Takemi is also a current Member of the UN High-Level Task Force for the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD).
Kazakhstan

Hon. Ms. Aigul Nurkina  
*Member of Parliament*

In 2007, Hon. Ms. Aigul Nurkina was elected to the local parliament in the city of Pavlodar. She was first elected to the National Parliament of Kazakhstan in 2011, and re-elected in 2016. She is currently a member of the Committee on Social and Cultural Development and a member of the ruling party Nur Otan. She is also a member of the Business Women Association of Pavlodar and Women Policymakers Club of Pavlodar. Hon. Ms. Nurkina is a specialist in family law and environment regulations. She has work experience in teaching and monitoring of social security services. While working as a professor in the Kazakh Institute of Legislation and International Relations, she has initiated a non-profit organization that provided legal support to disadvantaged groups for free of change.

Kyrgyzstan

Hon. Mr. Osmonbek Artykbayev  
*Member of Parliament*

Hon. Mr. Osmonbek Artykbayev is the State Counselor of 2nd Class. In October 2015, he was elected to Jogorku Kenesh, Parliament of Kyrgyz Republic. He currently serves as the Chairman of the Population and Development Committee. He was elected as Member of Parliament of the IV Convocation from 2005 to 2010, and worked as the Minister of Energy from 2010 to 2011 and 2013 to 2014. Prior to serving the Kyrgyzstan Parliament, Hon. Mr. Artykbayev was a businessman, acting as the Director-General of major local companies including the largest pharmaceutical company in Kyrgyzstan.

Lao PDR

Hon. Dr. Somphou Douangsavanh  
*Member of Parliament*

Hon. Dr. Somphou Douangsavanh serves as Member of Parliament representing the 13th Constituency, Savannakhet Province. He is the Vice Chairman of the Social and Cultural Affairs Committee as well as the Vice President of the Lao Association of Parliamentarians on Population and Development (LAPPD). Hon. Dr. Douangsavanh is also the Chair of the Lao-Japanese Parliamentarians’ Friendship Group. From 2002 to 2006, he was the Deputy Head (equivalently Deputy Minister) of the National Assembly Cabinet (Fifth Legislature). Previously, he has served as the Director-General of the Secretariat Department and Secretary to the President of the National Assembly (Fourth Legislature). During the Third Legislature, he was appointed Chief of the Secretariat Division and Deputy Director General of the Research and Summary Department.
Malaysia

Hon. Mr. Datuk Aaron Ago Anak Dagang
*Member of Parliament*

Hon. Mr. Datuk Aaron Ago Anak Dagang has been a Member of Parliament for the Kanowit constituency representing the Parti Rakyat Sarawak (PRS) since 2004. He is also the Chairman of the Malaysian Palm Oil Certification Council (MPOCC), and a Board Member of Astronautics Technology S/B and Kanowit-Pelita-Boustead Plantation. Previously, he has served as the Political Secretary to the Prime Minister of Malaysia.

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Hon. Mr. Datuk Wilson Ugak Anak Kumbong
*Member of Parliament*

Hon. Mr. Datuk Wilson Agak Anak Kumbong serves as Member of Parliament for the P216 Hulu Rajang. He was one of the longest serving Political Secretaries in Sarawak, having held the role of Political Secretary to the Chief Minister of Sarawak from 1995 to 2010. In 2014, he was appointed as a member of the Board of Directors in Sarawak Hidro Sdn. Bhd. In 2015, he was knighted by the DYMM King of Malaysia which carries the title Datuk.

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Maldives

Hon. Ali Mohamed, MP
*Member of Parliament*

Hon. Mr. Ali Mohamed currently serves as Member of Parliament for the N. Hollhudhoo Constituency and Chairperson of the Social Committee. Prior to this, he was appointed as the Deputy Minister of Health and has served as Member of Parliament for the Noon Atoll Constituency. Hon. Mr. Mohamed has served as a government employee in the health sector for over 32 years and is actively involved in the promotion of community health and National Health Systems.

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Nepal

Hon. Mr. Badri Pandey, MP
*Member of Parliament*

Hon. Mr. Badri Pandey is a Member of Parliament of the Nepali Congress. He is a member of the Central Working Committee and the Education Sub-Committee of the Parliament.
Pakistan

Hon. Mr. Murtaza Javed Abbasi, MP  
*Member of Parliament*

Hon. Mr. Murtaza Javed Abbasi has been elected as Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly of Pakistan in June 2013. Prior to this, Hon. Mr. Abbasi was elected as Member of the National Assembly on the ticket of the Pakistan Muslim League (N) in the 2008 election. He was also elected as Chairman of the 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. Ibad Ullah, MP  
*Member of Parliament*

Hon. Dr. Ibad Ullah is a Pakistani politician. Hon. Dr. Ibad Ullah was elected as a member of the National Assembly on a ticket of Pakistan Muslim League (N) from NA-31 (Shangla) in the Pakistani General Election in 2013.

Philippines

Hon. Rep. Rodel Batocabe  
*Member of the Congress*

Hon. Rep. Rodel Batocabe is a member of the House of Representatives of the Philippines for the AKO BICOL Party-list. He is an active member of the Philippine Legislators’ Committee on Population and Development Foundation, Inc. (PLCPD), which is a National Committee member of AFPPD. Since 2010, Hon. Rep. Batocabe has supported and championed many bills to promote human development and human rights, including reproductive health rights, in the Philippines. Hon. Rep. Batocabe is also a lawyer.

Sri Lanka

Hon. Mr. S.B. Dissanayake, MP  
*Minister of Social Empowerment & Welfare*

Hon. Mr. S.B. Dissanayake is a member of the United People’s Freedom Alliance (UPFA) and Minister of Social Empowerment and Welfare. Hon. Mr. Dissanayake is a member of the Committee of Public Accounts. His political career include: member of the Communist Party in Sri Lanka from 1970 to 1979; President of the Inter-University Students’ Federation from 1972 to 1974; President of the Student Council of the Vidyodaya University from 1972 to 1974; and President of the Lanka National Student Council from 1974 to 1976.
Hon. Mrs. Ashurova Gulbakhhor
*Member of Parliament*

Hon. Mrs. Ashurova Gulbakhhor was elected as Member of Parliament of the V Convocation in 2015. She is a member of the Committee on Social Issues, Family and Health Care. She is a medical doctor, an obstetrician and a gynaecologist. Driven by her strong interest in health, Hon. Mrs. Ashurova has been actively involved in the healthcare system legislation, focusing on reproductive health. From 1998 to 2007, she has worked as a gynaecologist in numerous national hospitals. In 2008, she became the Chief Specialist of the Organization of Health Services for Mothers and Children and Family Planning of the Ministry of Health. Since January 2014, Hon. Mrs. Ashurova has served as the Director of the National Center for Reproductive Health of the Ministry of Health and Social Protection of Tajikistan.

**Thailand**

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

Hon. Dr. Jetn Sirathranont has been the Secretary-General of AFPPD since 2014. Hon. Dr. Sirathranont 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 teenage pregnancy issues through a Reproductive Health Protection Bill in Thailand. Hon. Dr. Sirathranont has served twice as member of the Senate of Thailand from 2008 to 2011 and from 2011 to 2014. From 2013 to 2014, he was the Chairperson of the Standing Committee of Public Health of the Senate.

**Timor Leste**

Hon. Mr. Virgilio da Costa Hornia
*Member of Parliament*

Hon. Mr. Virgilio da Costa Hornia serves as Member of Parliament from the Democratic Party. He has been the President of the Commission for Education, Health, Youth and Sport, Social Solidarity, and Gender Equality (Commission F) in the National Parliament since 2012. Additionally, he is also the President of the Parliament Friendship Group Timor Leste-Indonesia.
Hon. Mrs. Domingas Alves da Silva  
*Member of Parliament*

Hon. Mrs. Domingas Alves da Silva serves as Member of Parliament from the CNRT Party (National Congress for Timorese Reconstruction). She is the first Vice Secretary and Top Defense and Security Council Member of the National Parliament. She has also been a member of the Commission on Education, Health, Youth and Sport, Social Solidarity, and Gender Equality (Commission F) for two periods.

Hon. Mrs. Jacinta Abucau Pereira  
*Member of Parliament*

Hon. Mrs. Jacinta Abucau Pereira serves as Member of Parliament from the Democratic Party. She has been the President of the Commission on Economic and Development (Commission D) in the National Parliament for two periods.

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**Tonga**

Hon. Lord Fusitu’a, MP, Tonga  
*Member of the Parliament*  
*AFPPD Standing Committee on Gender Equality and Women Empowerment Co-Chairperson*

Hon. Lord Fusitu’a is the Co-Chairperson of AFPPD’s Standing Committee on Gender Equality and Women Empowerment. He has participated in AFPPD’s activities since 2013, and is a strong advocate of the International Conference on Population and Development Programme of Action (ICPD PoA) in the Kingdom of Tonga and in the Pacific Region. Lord Fusitu’a is Member of Parliament for the Niuas, Legislative Assembly of the Kingdom of Tonga. He is a member of the Standing Committee on Privileges, Standing Committee on Legislation, Standing Committee on Social Services and Standing Committee for Retirement Fund Board. Lord Fusitu’a also serves as Barrister of the High Court of Australia, Barrister and Solicitor of the Supreme Court of the Australian Capital Territory and Law Practitioner of the Supreme Court of Tonga.
Hon. Mme. Nguyen Thuy Anh  
*Member of Parliament*

Hon. Mme. Nguyen Thuy Anh is a Member of the National Assembly’s Standing Committee and Chair of the Parliamentary Committee for Social Affairs (PCSA), which she has previously served as Deputy Head. She is also the Chairwoman of the Vietnam Section in the Parliamentary Assembly of the Francophonie (APF), a member of the Standing Committee of Vietnam Woman Association and the Deputy Chief of Law Association of the National Assembly Office.

Hon. Mr. Nguyen Hoang Mai  
*Member of Parliament*

Hon. Mr. Nguyen Hoang Mai currently serves as Member of the National Assembly and Vice Chairperson Vietnam Parliamentary Committee on Social Affairs (PCSA). Previously, he was the Director of the Department for Social Affairs (DSA) at the Vietnam National Assembly Office from 2012 to 2016, as well as Deputy Director of the same department from 2004 to 2012. From 1991 to 1995, he was a Researcher of Marxism-Leninism and Ho Chi Minh Ideology.
II. RESOURCE PERSONS
(Alphabetical Order)

Ms. Lubna Baqi
Deputy Regional Director, UNFPA Asia Pacific Regional Office

Ms. Lubna Baqi became Deputy Director of the UNFPA Asia and Pacific Regional Office in September 2011. Prior to this, she worked as the Associate Director of the United Nations Development Operations Coordination Office (UNDOCO) in New York for three years. Ms. Baqi first joined UNFPA in 1990 as a Programme Officer for Asia and the Pacific, and has served as Special Assistant to the Deputy Executive Director, Deputy Representative in Egypt, Representative in Sri Lanka and Country Director for Maldives.

Dr. John Beard
Director, Department of Ageing and Life Course, World Health Organization

Dr. John Beard is the Director of Department of Ageing and Life Course at the World Health Organization in Geneva. He was the Lead Editor of the World Report on Ageing and Health, Co-editor of the 2014 Lancet Series on Ageing and is a past Chair of the World Economic Forum’s Global Agenda Council on an Ageing Society. His team drafted the 2016 Global Strategy and Action Plan on Ageing and Health and oversees many ongoing initiatives, including the Global Network of Age-friendly Cities and Communities. Previously, Dr. Beard has worked in primary health care, including several years as a Medical Officer for an Aboriginal Medical Service. He has also worked as a Senior Epidemiologist with the New York Academy of Medicine for three years.

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

Ms. Reiko Hayashi has participated in numerous ODA projects through her company, Linz Co. Ltd., which provides consultations in health care, population, architecture and urban planning. Previously, she has worked as a Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) Expert in Senegal for the Project for Development of Human Resources in Health from 2002 to 2003, and as a Technical Adviser to the Minister of Health and Prevention of Senegal from 2008 to 2011. After working as an 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 the National Institute of Population and Social Security Research in April 2012.
**Mr. Eduardo Klien**  
*Regional Director, East Asia and Pacific, HelpAge*

Mr. Eduardo Klien joined HelpAge as the Asia/Pacific Regional Representative in September 2004. He has worked in Asia for the last 12 years. Previously, he has worked with Oxfam GB as the Regional Manager for the Horn of Africa and the Regional Director for Mexico/Central America. Mr. Klien is an economist by profession and has been a Lecturer in Economics at the Universities of Mexico and Nicaragua. He has also been a Visiting Research Fellow at the Queen Elizabeth House of the University of Oxford. Mr. Klien is currently a Visiting Fellow at the Oxford Institute of Ageing of the University of Oxford.

**Dr. Soonman Kwon**  
*Chief of Health Advisor, Sustainable Development and Climate Change Development, Asian Development Bank*

Dr. Soonman Kwon is the Chief of the Health Sector Group in the Asian Development Bank. He was the President of the Korean Gerontological Society from 2015 to 2016 and Korean Association of Schools of Public Health from 2013 to 2014. He is currently the President-elect of the Korean Health Economic Association. Dr. Kwon is also the Associate Editor of Health Policy (Elsevier) and was the Editor of the Korean Journal of Health Economics from 2014 to 2015 and the Korean Journal of Public Health from 2007 to 2009.

**Mr. Peter Morrison**  
*Regional Programme Manager, HelpAge Asia Pacific Regional Office*

Mr. Peter Morrison has been a Regional Programme Manager for HelpAge’s East Asia-Pacific Regional Office since 2007. Until recently he worked in HelpAge’s Myanmar Country Office in Yangon. For HelpAge, he covers a range of sectoral issues related to older people and population ageing across the region, as well as research, special events and strategic planning. Mr. Morrison previously worked on programmes in Indonesia, the Pacific Islands and other countries for several international NGOs and the World Bank.

**Ms. Vanessa Steinmayer**  
*Population Affairs Officer, Social Development Division, UNESCAP*

Ms. Vanessa Steinmayer is a Population Affairs Officer in the Social Development Division of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission of Asia and the Pacific in Bangkok. Her work areas include analysis of population ageing, including analyzing of and advocating for establishing pension systems, the review of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing and international migration as well as other areas of social policy analysis. She has work experience in Asia, Africa, the Middle East and Europe.
Mr. Srinivas Tata  
*Chief, Social Policy and Population Section, Social Development Division, UNESCAP*

Mr. Srinivas Tata is currently serving as the Chief of Social Policy and Population in the United Nations Economic and Social Commission of Asia and the Pacific in Bangkok. He oversees the work of the section in relation to overall formulation of social policy and the impact of population dynamics. The focus areas covered by the section include population ageing, population policies, migration, health and development linkages including access to reproductive and sexual health and HIV services.

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**III. SECRETARIAT**

Ms. Mika Marumoto, Ph.D., Japan  
*Executive Director of the Asian Forum of Parliamentarians on Population and Development*

Ms. Mika Marumoto is the Executive Director of the Asian Forum of Parliamentarians on Population and Development (AFPPD). Ms. Marumoto is currently working with AFPPD's Standing Committees on Gender Equality and Women’s Empowerment, Investing in Youth, and Active Ageing. Prior to her current position, Ms. Marumoto was a special advisor for management and governance, serving on the AFPPD Task Force on Transparency, Accountability and Governance. She also worked as a development practitioner and strategy consultant for organizations including the ADB, UNFPA, UNDP, the World Bank Group, and McKinsey & Company.