Biographies of Participants
I. MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT

AFPPD MEMBERS

Cook Islands

Hon. Ms. Niki Rattle
Speaker of Parliament

Hon. Ms. Niki Rattle was appointed as Speaker of the Parliament in 2012 and was reappointed in October 2014 following the General Elections. Previously, she has served as the Secretary-General of the Cook Islands Red Cross Society. Hon. Ms. Niki Rattle was also the President of the Cook Islands National Council of Women and the Cook Islands Women’s Counseling Centre. She is the Co-Founder of the Pacific AIDS Foundation and is a registered nurse, having been trained in the Whakatane Hospital in 1970.

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 Election. Hon. Mr. Vavia was also appointed Deputy Speaker of Parliament in 1999.

New Zealand

Ms. Barbara Kuriger
Member of Parliament

Ms. Barbara Kuriger serves as Member of Parliament for the Taranaki-King Country. In 2015, she was elected as the Chairperson of the New Zealand Parliamentarians’ Group on Population and Development (NZPPD) and the Co-chairperson of AFPPD Standing Committee on Gender Equality and Women’s Empowerment. In the New Zealand Parliament, she is the Deputy Chairperson of the Health Select Committee and the Primary Production Select Committee. Ms. Kuriger has had a lengthy dairy farming career and is passionate about agribusiness. She was named the 2012 Dairy Woman of the Year and has been a member of the Boards of Dairy NZ, Primary ITO, Taratahi, Dairy Women’s Network and NZ Young Farmers.
Ms. Ria Bond

Member of Parliament

Ms. Ria Bond is a Member of Parliament representing New Zealand First which holds 12 seats in Parliament. She is also an active member of Rotary and has served on New Zealand First's board. Ms. Bond joined NZPPD in 2016 when she was elected as NZPPD representative of AFPPD's Standing Committee on Investing in Youth. Ms. Bond has a business background and experience as a mediator and spokesperson. She has long held an interest in community and social issues, especially the well-being of children, and the rights and empowerment of women. She is outspoken of her own background which was affected by family violence and has become a powerful advocate for women and families affected by family and sexual violence.

Ms. Jo Hayes

Member of Parliament

Ms. Jo Hayes has been Third Whip and Member of Parliament for the New Zealand National Party List since 2014. She is currently a member of the Local Government and Environment Committee, and the Māori Affairs Committee. She is also the Co-Chair of the Commonwealth Women Parliamentarians NZ Group. Ms. Hayes has worked in a number of industries including education, local government, health and social services. However, it is her 11 year tenure in the health sector at both NGO and DHB levels that she is most proud of while adding social services and health auditing to her set of executive management expertise. Previously, she was a member of the Electoral and Justice Committee.

Ms. Sue Moroney

Member of Parliament

Ms. Sue Moroney has served as a member of the parliament since 2005. She is a member of the Transport and Industrial Relations Select Committee, the Co-Chair of the New Zealand-Ireland Parliamentary Friendship Group as well as the Labour Spokesperson for Transport, ACC, Workplace Safety, Pay Equity and Paid Parental Leave. She is also a mum, a former journalist and a proud Hamiltonian. Previously, she has held the roles of Junior Government Whip, Spokesperson for Education, Women's Affairs, Early Childhood Education, ACC and Aged Care at various times. She brings her experience as a trade unionist and health advocate with her to Parliament. In the 1990s she negotiated the only nationwide employment agreement for people working with horses.
Ms. Jan Logie  
*Member of Parliament*

Ms. Jan Logie serves as Member of Parliament for the Green Party of Aotearoa New Zealand. She is also the Spokesperson for Social Development, State Services, Local Government and Rainbow Issues. Previously, she has worked for Women’s Refuge, the New Zealand University Students’ Association, the YWCA and numerous other social causes before entering Parliament in 2011. In Parliament, Ms. Logie has been a champion for people and families affected by domestic and sexual violence. She initiated a select committee inquiry into funding for specialist sexual abuse and social services, and her Workplace Protection Bill is designed to protect victims and reduce the significant economic impact of domestic violence.

Mr. Su’a Viliamu (William) Sio  
*Member of Parliament*

Mr. Su’a William Sio is a Member of Parliament for the New Zealand Labour Party and a Member of the Law and Order Select Committee. His current parliamentary roles also include President of the Parliamentarians for Global Action (New Zealand Chapter), Co-Chair of the New Zealand/Pacific Parliamentary Friendship Group and Co-Chair of the New Zealand/Turkey Parliamentary Friendship Group. He is also the Labour Spokesperson for Pacific Island Affairs and for Interfaith Dialogue, as well as the Associate Spokesperson for Foreign Affairs and for Ethnic Communities. Mr. Sio first entered Parliament as a List Member of Parliament in 2008 after serving as Deputy Mayor and Councillor for the Otara Ward on Manukau City Council. He was the first Pacific person to be Deputy Mayor of Manukau, New Zealand’s second largest city.

Ms. Louisa Wall  
*Member of Parliament*

Ms. Louisa Wall is a Member of Parliament representing the New Zealand Labour Party. She is also a member of the Justice and Electoral Select Committee, Spokesperson for Youth Affairs and Courts, and Associate Spokesperson for Justice and Sports and Recreation. Ms. Wall is also the New Zealand lead of the Asia Pacific TB Caucus and the Co-Chair of NZ Commonwealth Women Parliamentarians. Previously, she has held a variety of roles across the public sector as a policy advisor and community advocate. Ms. Wall has been particularly involved in promoting the rights of LGBTQI, ending TB, promoting universal access to family planning and strengthening women rights through political participation. In 2013, same-sex couples gained the right to legally marry in New Zealand, a change in legislation driven by her.
Ms. Poto Williams  
*Member of Parliament*

Ms. Poto Williams has been Member of Parliament for the New Zealand Labour Party since 2013, when she was elected in a by-election to represent Christchurch East. She is also the Chairperson of the Commonwealth Women Parliamentarians Pacific Region Steering Committee, Spokesperson for the Community and Voluntary Sector on Disability Issues and Associate Justice Spokesperson on Sexual and Domestic Violence. Ms. Williams has worked in the community sector for most of her professional life, including mental health, disability, community health and family violence. Understanding recovery models and the role of communities in supporting and sustaining people is an important aspect of her work experience.

### Papua New Guinea

**Hon. Mr. Ken Fairweather**  
*Member of Parliament*

Hon. Mr. Ken Fairweather is a Member of Parliament, and the Chair and Patron of the Papua New Guinea Parliamentary Group on Population and Sustainable Development (PNG PGPSD). He was first elected to the 8th National Parliament for the Sumkar Open Electorate in 2007 as an Independent candidate. He was re-elected to the 9th National Parliament for the same seat in the 2012 General Elections as a People's National Congress candidate. Previously, Hon. Mr. Fairweather was appointed as the Deputy Chair of the Plans and Estimates Committee and Chair of the Parliamentary Referral Committee on Transport and Civil Aviation in 2007. Hon. Mr. Fairweather has also served as Minister for Housing and Urban Development.

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

Hon. Ms. Julie Soso was elected as Governor for Eastern Highlands Provincial in 2012 representing the Triumph Heritage Empowerment Party. She is also a Member of the Permanent Parliamentary Pensions and Retirement Benefits Committee, Member of the Parliamentary Referral Education Committee, Member of the HIV/AIDS Advocacy Special Committee and Deputy Chair of the Parliamentary Group on Population and Sustainable Development. Previously, Hon. Ms. Soso was the President of the Women Council (Eastern Highlands Province) and a self-employed business woman.
Tonga

Hon. Lord Tu’ivakano
Speaker of Parliament

Hon. Lord Tu’ivakano has been the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of Tonga since 2015. He is also a member of the Finance and Public Accounts Committee, the Social Services Committee, the Environment and Climate Change Committee, among others. He strongly supports the Non Communicable Diseases (NCD) campaign in the Pacific. Previously, Hon. Lord Tu’ivakano was elected as Prime Minister in December 2010, following a constitutional reform in which the Prime Minister was elected by the Parliament rather than appointed by the Monarch. In March 2005, he was appointed as a Cabinet Minister. From 2002 to 2004, he was appointed as the Speaker of Parliament by His Majesty the King of Tonga.

Hon. Dr. Saia Piukala
Member of Parliament

Hon. Dr. Saia Piukala currently serves as Member of Parliament, Minister for Health and Chair of the Parliament Standing Committee on Population and Development. He is a surgeon and continues to practice at Vaiola Hospital, the main referral hospital on the main island of Tongatapu. Hon. Dr. Piukala has a strong interest in population and development matters, particularly in relation to health and Non Communicable Diseases (NCDs). He has been leading Tonga’s delegation to meetings on the Sustainable Development Goals.

AFPPD ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

Kiribati

Hon. Mr. Teatao Teannaki
Speaker of Parliament

Hon. Mr. Teatao Teannaki has served as Speaker of Parliament since 2016 and has been a Member of Parliament since 1974. Previously, he was also the Vice-President of the Republic of Kiribati from 1979 to 1982, 1983 to 1987 and 1987 to 1991. He has also held the roles of Minister of Education, Training and Culture, Minister of Home Affairs and Rural Development, Minister of Finance and Planning and Member of CPA Kiribati Branch.
Hon. Mr. Rimeta Beniamina  
*Member of Parliament*

Hon. Mr. Rimeta Beniamina has served as Member of Parliament for the Nikunau Island since 2002. Additionally, he is a member of the Boutokan Te Koaua party. Previously, Hon. Mr. Beniamina was the former Minister for Natural Resources Development from 2002 to 2003, the Leader of the Opposition Party from 2007 to 2010, and the Minister for Communications, Transport and Tourism Development from 2014 to 2015.

Hon. Mr. James Taom  
*Member of Parliament*

Since 2002, Hon. Mr. James Taom has been a Member of Parliament for the Makin Island, one of the Northern Islands. He has also served as the Minister for Works and Energy, Marine Resources and Development, Education, Youth and Sport Developments between 2003 to 2009. He has a strong interest in promoting ways to fight corruption, having supported the establishment of an Anti-Corruption Select Committee. He was also involved in the creation of the “Leadership Code” Bill.

**Samoa**

Hon. Ms. Fiame Naomi Mata’afa  
*Deputy Prime Minister*

Hon. Ms. Fiame Naomi Mata’afa has been a Member of Parliament since 1985. She currently represents the Human Rights Protection Party and serves as Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Natural Resources and Environment. She has participated in the Pacific Islands Forum Foreign Ministers in 2016, the Pacific Women's Parliamentary Partnerships Forum in 2015, and AFPPD 10th General Assembly in 2012. Previously, Hon. Ms. Mata’afa was a Member of the Bills and Public Petitions Committee from 1985 to 1988, the Minister of Education from 1991 to 1996 and the Minister for Women, Community and Social Development from 2001 to 2006.
Hon. Mr. Fonotoe Nuafesili Pierre Lauofo
*Member of Parliament*

Hon. Mr. Fonotoe Nuafesili Pierre Lauofo is a Member of Parliament, representing the Human Rights Protection Party, and the current Chairman for the Economic Sector Committee. He was the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Commerce, Industry and Labour from 2011 to 2015. Hon. Mr. Lauofo has strong interests in economic development and the roles of international organizations in small island economies.

Hon. Ms. Aliimalemanu Alofa Tuuau
*Member of Parliament*

Hon. Ms. Aliimalemanu Alofa Tuuau is a Member of Parliament representing the Human Rights Protection Party. She is currently serving her first term as a Parliamentarian, having won her constituency's seat in the General Elections held in March 2016. She is also the current Chairman of the Finance and Expenditure Committee.

**NON-MEMBERS**

**Solomon Islands**

Mr. Ajilon Jasper Nasiu
*Speaker of Parliament*

Mr. Ajilon Jasper Nasiu is the Speaker of the National Parliament of Solomon Islands and is not an elected Member of Parliament in accordance with Constitution of Solomon Islands. Mr. Nasiu has served as Member of the Provincial Assembly of the Renbell Province before becoming Speaker of the National Parliament. He is also a Patron to the Young Women Parliamentary Group.

Hon. Mr. Douglas Ete
*Member of Parliament*

Hon. Mr. Douglas Ete is the Member of Parliament for East Honiara and a Member of the Public Expenditure Committee. He was the MP who received the petition made by the Young Women Parliamentary Group in 2013 regarding the short bus routes in Honiara. Hon. Mr. Ete also launched a report on voter behaviours towards female candidates who contested the 2014 National General Election. Previously, Hon. Mr. Ete
held the roles of Minister for Home Affairs and Chief Executive Officer of the National Referral Hospital.

**Hon. Mr. Andrew Manepora’a**  
*Member of Parliament*

Hon. Mr. Andrew Manepora’a became Member of Parliament in August 2012, representing the East Areare constituency in the Malaita Province. He is also a Member of the Health and Medical Services Committee and has previously served as Minister of Lands, Housing and Survey. Prior to becoming an MP, Hon. Mr. Manepora’a was a Senior Planning Officer for the Solomon Islands Government. He was also a Research Analyst for the Central Bank of Solomon Islands and an Assistant Lecturer at the University of the South Pacific.

---

**Tuvalu**

**Hon. Mr. Namoliki Sualiki Neemia**  
*Member of Parliament*

Hon. Mr. Namoliki Sualiki Neemia began his political career in 2006 when he won the election from his constituency. During his first term, he was appointed as one of the members of the Public Account committee. He was appointed as the Minister of Home Affairs and Rural Development in 2013 and was elected to the same Ministry in 2015. As part of his work, Hon. Mr. Neemia often visited each island to discuss with the elders about their needs and development. During these visits, his team carried out capacity training for local elected leaders and other important issues related to their Island council operation. Currently, Hon. Mr. Neemia is also a member of the Privileges Committee.

**Hon. Mr. Kausea Natano**  
*Member of Parliament*

Hon. Mr. Kausea Natano is currently a Member of Parliament for Funafuti. Previously, he has served as the country’s Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Communications from December 2010 to August 2013. Following the 2006 election, he was also appointed Minister for Public Utilities and Industries in Prime Minister Apisai Ielemia’s Cabinet. He has a strong interest in promoting family planning, sports and youth engagement.
II. RESOURCE PERSONS

Mr. David Nicholson  
*Director, Pacific Development, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, New Zealand*

Mr. David Nicholson is the Director of the Pacific Development Division at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade. He is responsible for the management and delivery of aid programmes in Pacific countries and ensuring bilateral relationships with partner countries are strong and constructively maintained. The Division also provides advice to the Government on Pacific development issues. Before joining MFAT, Mr. Nicholson has also held senior public service roles in the Health, Social Services and Education sectors. He has a strong commitment to development in the Pacific and has senior experience in the public sector working with Pacific communities in New Zealand.

Mr. Stan Bernstein  
*Consultant, USA*

Mr. Stan Bernstein has more than 30 years in a diverse range of capacities in academia and in the United Nations. Much of his work has been related to the production and advancement of, and awareness raising and resource mobilization for the implementation of the ICPD Programme of Action. He has conducted analyses, written articles, synthesized and disseminated the work of others (including 10 years as primary researcher and writer of the State of World Population Report) and stimulated new policy and program syntheses (e.g., as sexual and reproductive health adviser to and author for the UN Millennium Project), and advanced population and reproductive health/family planning issues within intergovernmental and interagency efforts.

Mr. Bruce Campbell  
*Director and Representative, UNFPA Pacific Sub-Regional Office*

Mr. Bruce Campbell has worked for ten years with Salvadoran, Palestinian and Afghan refugees. He has worked as Chief Technical Adviser in the Ministry of Health in Ghana and Nepal for a decade. In 2000, Mr. Campbell joined the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) and has had assignments as UNFPA Representative in Eritrea, Zimbabwe and Vietnam, and subsequently in New York as the Director of the Technical Division and leading on Innovation and Data for Development. He has been the Director and Representative of the UNFPA Pacific Sub-Regional Office since 3 August 2016.
Mr. Jacob Daubé
*Contract Researcher*

Mr. Jacob Daubé is a contract researcher. In 2014, Mr. Daubé was responsible for the preparation and analysis of the report entitled “Investment in Family Planning in Kiribati: a cost-benefit analysis.”

Ms. Jackie Edmond
*Chief Executive, Family Planning New Zealand*

Ms. Jackie Edmond is the Chief Executive of Family Planning New Zealand, a role she has held since 2006. Prior to this she managed Family Planning’s clinical services across New Zealand. Family Planning New Zealand has an extensive network of clinics and health promotion services across the country and an international development unit that works across the Pacific. Ms. Edmond is a registered nurse with over twenty years clinical experience across a number of specialties and has wide-ranging health management experience. She has been on the New Zealand delegation to the Commission on Population and Development for a number of years and for the last two years has lead the New Zealand delegation. Ms. Edmond is currently the Chair of the Asia Pacific Alliance.

Dame Carol Kidu, DBE
*Member of UN High-Level Task Force for ICPD
Former Member of Parliament*

Dame Carol Kidu retired from the Papua New Guinea Parliament in 2012 after 15 years in politics. She was the Minister for Community Development for 9 years and finished her political career as Leader of the Opposition. In addition to her Ministerial work, she established the Parliamentary Committee on HIV in 2003 and the PNG Parliamentary Group on Population and Development in 2008. Dame Carol was a member of the UN Pacific Commission on AIDS and the Global Commission on HIV and the Law and has served on the boards of the Commonwealth of Learning and the International Advisory Board of the Cairns Institute at James Cook University.
Mr. Michael Sami  
*Head, Sub Regional Office, International Planned Parenthood Federation*

Mr. Michael Sami is currently the Head of the Sub-Regional Office in the Pacific of International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF). Mr. Sami has extensive experience in management, human resources and marketing. Prior to his IPPF’s role, Mr. Sami worked with Vodafone Fiji Limited, Datec Fiji Limited and Marie Stopes International Fiji. He was the Acting Regional Programme Director for Marie Stopes International Pacific and the Business Development Manager Pacific for Australian National University Enterprise. Currently, Mr. Sami represents IPPF in various CSO, inter-governmental formations and other networks such as the Pacific Island Region Multi-Country Coordinating Mechanism (PIRM-CCM).

Ms. Johanna Wicks  
*Chief, Australia and New Zealand Office, International Planned Parenthood Federation*

Ms. Johanna Wicks is the Chief, Australia and New Zealand Office, of the International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF). Ms. Wicks is an experienced policy professional with 14 years’ experience working on sexual and reproductive health and rights, with expertise in both the public and not for profit sectors. Prior to joining IPPF, Ms. Wicks was the Deputy Regional Director – Policy and Partnerships at Marie Stopes International Australia. Most recently Ms. Wicks has been focussed on the implementation of IPPFs commitment to mainstream humanitarian preparedness and response throughout the Federation.

**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.