Concept Note

AFPPD-NZPPD Agenda 2030 Workshop for Pacific Parliaments on Prioritizing the ICPD Agenda in the SDGs

28-29 September 2016 | Wellington, New Zealand

Background

The Asian Forum of Parliamentarians on Population and Development (AFPPD) is a network of 29 national committees of parliamentarians from Asia-Pacific countries. AFPPD promotes advocacy and parliamentary actions on population and development issues at the international, regional and country levels.

For the past 35 years, AFPPD has been playing a crucial role in engaging parliamentarians across the region in a wide variety of issues related to population and development. AFPPD’s current model for change is aimed at educating and motivating parliamentarians to take up the challenge of bringing about legislative reforms and drive change on population and development issues in their respective countries. Such a goal involves a range of activities, including organizing national, regional and global conferences for parliamentarians, publishing newsletters, briefing kits and research papers, orchestrating study trips and undertaking capacity building workshops.

The 2030 Agenda was set and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) which will influence policy priorities and resourcing for population and development issues for the next fifteen years were adopted at the UN in September 2015. To ensure that the full implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD PoA) remains a priority, parliamentarians have a critical role to play.

To enable that, the New Zealand Parliamentarians’ Group on Population and Development (NZPPD) and the AFPPD are jointly organizing the AFPPD-NZPPD Agenda 2030 Workshop for Pacific Parliaments on Prioritizing the ICPD agenda in the SDGs, which aims to strengthen parliamentarians’ advocacy skills and capacity to address population and development issues within the new development agenda. The workshop will primarily be based on two resources produced by the AFPPD in 2015 and updated in 2016, namely; “Parliamentarian Resource Kit on SRHR and Population and Development Links in Asia and the Pacific” and “Advocacy Manual for Asia-Pacific Parliamentarians Advancing Population and Development Issues beyond 2015.” Additionally, the workshop will also rely on the NZPPD’s Report on Open Hearing 2015: Engaging Boys and Men in Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights.

Purpose of the Training
This two-day training workshop will focus on strengthening the capacity of Pacific parliamentarians and staff members. Target audience are: (1) key leaders at the Pacific Parliaments (i.e., Speakers and Deputy Speakers) and Ministers; (2) parliamentarians who are expected to champion and advocate for the ICPD agenda in the SDGs framework at the national level; and (3) National Committee staff and/or parliamentary staff who are engaged in providing policy advice. The workshop will offer a wide range of the SDGs related content relevant to Pacific countries, focusing on the ICPD agenda, which merges information and processes from the toolkits. The “Advocacy Manual” provides guidance on how to advocate, while the “Parliamentarian Resource Kit” offers key messages, information and tools that can be used to advocate for ICPD in the national SDGs planning process.

**Expected Outcomes:**

1. Increased knowledge and understanding of key leaders at Pacific Parliaments, parliamentarians and national committee secretariats on the linkages of ICPD and the Agenda 2030;
2. Strengthened Pacific Parliaments’ institutional capacity (leaderships; parliamentarians; and National Committee secretariats’ skills and capacity) to advocate for ICPD implementation at the national level;
3. Increased knowledge of Pacific parliamentarians, especially AFPPD associate members and non-member countries, on the role of the AFPPD as a coordinating body of regional parliamentarians’ network in providing knowledge sharing platforms at the national, regional and global levels.

**Target countries/parliaments:** 10 Pacific Parliaments
* Australia, Cook Islands, Papua New Guinea, New Zealand, Tonga (AFPPD Members)
* Fiji, Kiribati, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tuvalu (Prospective members)

**Target audience/participants**
(1) Key leaders at Pacific Parliaments (i.e., Speakers; Deputy Speakers)
(2) AFPPD members’ national committee parliamentarians; and parliamentarians from prospective member countries
(3) National committee secretariat staff; parliamentary staff from prospective member countries

**Date and Venue:** 28-29 September 2016, Wellington, New Zealand

**Co-organizers:** Asian Forum of Parliamentarians on Population and Development (AFPPD)
The New Zealand Parliamentarians’ Group on Population and Development (NZPPD)

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