I. MEMBERS/SPEAKERS OF PARLIAMENT AND MINISTERS

AFPPD MEMBERS

Afghanistan

Hon. Mrs. Ruqia Naiel
Member of Parliament

Hon. Mrs. Ruqia Naiel serves as Member of Parliament and Member of the Standing Committee on Finance, Budget, Public Accounts and Banking Affairs. She was elected to the Parliament in 2005 and has served on the Commission for Communication, Transportation, Urban Housing and Municipalities. In addition to her parliamentary roles, Hon. Mrs. Naiel also serves as the Deputy of the Movement of Afghan Sisters (MAS) and a member of the Advisory Board for the Center for International Private Enterprise (CIPE) in Afghanistan. Previously, she has worked as a nurse in the children's clinic in Lal Wa Sar Jangal and as a representative for the Ghor province in the Emergency Loya Jirga in 2002.

Hon. Mrs. Sahira Sharif
Member of Parliament

Hon. Mrs. Sahira Sharif is a Member of Parliament and a Member of the Standing Committee on Religious and Cultural Affairs, Education and Higher Education. She also voluntarily teaches at Khost University and is the author of five books that focus on the political, cultural and economic roles of women in the history of Afghanistan. Previously, Hon. Mrs. Sharif was the Head of the Department of Women’s Affairs in the Khost province from 2003 to 2005. During the same period, she directed the Afghanistan Development Association (ADA) Women's Fast Learning Program in Khost. From 1992 to 2002, Hon. Mrs. Sharif has worked as a teacher at the German Organisation for Technical Cooperation (GTZ) School in the Kachagaray Refugee Camp in Pakistan and as an editor of the “Zani Afghan” monthly magazine’s Pashto page.

Australia

Hon. Mrs. Ann Sudmalis
Member of Parliament

Hon. Mrs. Ann Sudmalis serves as Member of Parliament, representing the Division of Gilmore in New South Wales. She is also the current Acting Chair for the Australian Parliamentary Group on Population and Development. Hon. Mrs. Sudmalis has been a member of the Liberal Party since 2006 and is currently a member of the Coalition Policy Committees for Education, Defence and Veterans Affairs, Infrastructure and Regional Development. Apart from being an
advocate to improve local projects, she has the parliamentary responsibilities of a Committee Member on the Parliamentary Education Office Advisory Committee, Joint Standing Committees of Education and Employment, and the Standing Health Committee.

Bangladesh

Hon. Mr. Farhad Hossain
Member of Parliament

Hon. Mr. Farhad Hossain is a Member of Parliament, elected from the constituency of Meherpur-Mujibnagar. He is a member of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on the Ministry of Finance and an Executive Member of the trustee board on the Ministry of Liberation War Affairs. He also heads the district committee of the Bangladesh Awami League. As an active member of the Bangladesh Association of Parliamentarians on Population and Development (BAPPD), he is involved with various activities related to youth development, child marriage, reducing child mortality rate and promoting breast feeding campaigns. Previously, he has represented Bangladesh in the South Asian Parliamentarians’ Meeting on Child Marriage in Kathmandu, Nepal and participated in the AFPPD Standing Committee on Investing in Youth.

Hon. Ms. Umme Kulsum Smrity
Member of Parliament

Hon. Ms. Umme Kulsum Smrity is a Member of Parliament representing the Joypurhat District. She is a member of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on the Ministry of Agriculture, a member of the Joint Secretary of the Central Committee of the "Bangladesh Krishak League," and the President of the National Forum on Bangladesh Women Dairy Entrepreneurship's Development. She is also a member of the Bangladesh Association of Parliamentarians on Population and Development (BAPPD) and its "Improving Maternal Health and Ensuring Safe Delivery Sub-Committee." In addition to her political commitments, Hon. Mrs. Smrity is a legal practitioner in the High Court Division of the Bangladesh Supreme Court.

Bhutan

Hon. Mr. Karma Tenzin
Member of Parliament

Hon. Mr. Karma Tenzin is an Honorable Member of Parliament of the National Assembly of Bhutan. He represents the Ruling Party (Peoples Democratic Party) from the Wamrong Constituency, Trashigang. He is the current Chair of the Parliamentary Affairs Committee and the Chair of the member National Committee on Population and Development of AFPPD. He is also a member of the Public Accounts Committee and is serving his second tenure as the Chairman of the Finance Committee. Prior to his appointment as Member of Parliament, Hon. Mr. Tenzin worked at various capacities as Bank Examiner, Financial Analyst and
Research Analyst at the Royal Monetary Authority of Bhutan. He was also an active member in the Macroeconomic Framework Coordination Technical Committee in framing budget policies and budgeting under the Ministry of Finance.

**H.E. Mr. Dorji Wangdi**  
*Member of Parliament*

H.E. Mr. Dorji Wangdi serves as Member of Parliament representing the Druk Phuensum Tshogpa (Bhutan Peace and Prosperity Party). He is also a member of the Human Rights Committee, the Economic and Private Sector Development Committee, and the House Committee (Grand Committee). In addition to his parliamentary duties, he remains a dedicated scholar of business administration and economics. Previously, H.E. Mr. Wangdi has served as the Minister of Labour and Human Resources, and a member of Bhutan's Cabinet from 2008 to 2013. He currently holds the record of Bhutan's youngest cabinet Minister as he became Minister at the age of 39 years old. Prior to his political career, H.E. Mr. Wangdi had a distinguished career in civil service, receiving two meritorious promotions and quickly rising to the Deputy Cabinet Secretary's post in 13 years.

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**Cambodia**

**H.E. Mrs. Lork Kheng**  
*Member of Parliament  
Treasurer of AFPPD*

H.E. Mrs. Lork Kheng serves as Member of Parliament representing the Cambodian People’s Party. She has started her position in the Commission on Public Health and Women Affairs, followed by the Commission on Finance and Auditing, and the Commission on Human Rights. H.E. Mrs. Keng was also the Treasurer of the Phnom Penh branch of the Cambodian Red Cross, and has now become its Deputy President. Prior to her political career, H.E. Mrs. Kheng was a successful business woman in the areas of construction and education. She has established the Eye Care Optic Center, which was the leading company among optic business in Cambodia. She has actively promoted social well-being campaigns around the suburbs of Phnom Penh and achieved significant results in reducing HIV/AIDS rates.

**H.E. Ms. Chanmony Ker**  
*Member of Parliament*

H.E. Ms. Chanmony Ker serves as Member of Parliament representing the Cambodian People’s Party. She is the Secretary to the Commission on public works, transport, telecommunication, industry, mines, energy, commerce, land management and urban planning of the National Assembly of Cambodia. H.E. Ms. Ker has achievements in promoting the livelihoods of farmers and women living in the rural areas. She is also actively involved in promoting youth in politics.
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. 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. Ms. Rattle's most recent involvement with AFPPD was her participation in the AFPPD-NZPPD Agenda 2030 Workshop for Pacific Parliamentarians on September 2016 in Wellington, New Zealand.

India

**Hon. Professor P.J. Kurien**  
*Member of Parliament*  
*Vice-Chair of AFPPD*

Hon. Professor P. J. Kurien has served as Deputy Chairman of the Upper House of the Indian Parliament since 2012. He is one of the longest serving office bearers of AFPPD with Union Cabinet Minister status. Hon. Professor Kurien has also been working as the Chairman of the Indian Association of Parliamentarians on Population and Development (IAPPD) on ICPD issues, which is AFPPD's National Committee member in India. He recently chaired the session on country reporting during AFPPD's 11th General Assembly. He is a well-known champion on the ICPD/MDGs/SDGs issues. Hon. Professor Kurien is a Member of the Indian National Congress party and has previously worked as the Union Minister from 1991 to 1993 in the Government, and as Union Minister for Non-Conventional Energy from 1994 to 1995.

**Hon. Mrs. Viplove Thakur**  
*Member of Parliament*

Hon. Mrs. Viplove Thakur is a well-known, active and vocal champion on women empowerment (ICPD, MDGs, SDGs) issues in the Indian Parliament carrying the legacy of her parents in politics. As the former Minister in the State of Himachal Pradesh, she has worked hard to empower the women of Himachal Pradesh and to stand against violence on women. Previously, she was a member of the Hindi Salahkar Samiti of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, a member of the Hindi Salahkar Samiti of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, and an active member of Sub-Committee I which examines the functioning of All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) of the Committee of Health and Family Welfare. From 2008 to 2009, Hon. Mrs. Thakur was also member of the Committee on Government Assurances.
**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).

**Hon. Drs. Ayub Khan**  
*Member of Parliament*

Hon. Drs. Ayub Khan serves as Member of Parliament representing the Demokrat Party. He is a member of the Health, Labor and Population Committee. From 2009 to 2014, he was the Chairman of the Democratic Party Legislative Council. Hon. Drs. Khan is strongly interested in promoting family planning with the theme of "two children are enough." He has been involved in campaigning for the "Village Family Planning," a collaboration between Commission IX of the House of Representatives of the Republic of Indonesia (DPR RI) and the Family Planning Coordinating Board of the Republic of Indonesia (RI BKKBN).

**Iran**

**Hon. Dr. Parvaneh Salahshouri**  
*Member of Parliament*

Hon. Dr. Parvaneh Salahshouri serves as Member of Parliament representing the Reformist Party. She is the Head of the Women Fraction in the Parliament, and a member of the Cultural Committee and the Committee of Women, Ladies and Youth at the Legislative Assembly. Hon. Dr. Salahshouri is also a Parliamentarian Observer in the Cultural Heritage, Tourism and Handicrafts Organisation and a member of the Committee of Planning for the 6th development Program in Iran. She is strongly interested in women’s empowerment through education, health, family planning and women insurance.

**Hon. Ms. Seydeh Fatemeh Zolghadr**  
*Member of Parliament*

Hon. Ms. Seydeh Fatemeh Zolghadr serves as Member of Parliament representing the Reformist Party. She is a member of the Directing Board of the Women Fraction and the Sports Fraction in the Parliament, and a member of the Cultural Committee. Additionally, Hon. Ms. Zolghadr is also a member of the Directing Board of the Quran Fraction in the Islamic Parliament and a university professor, having taught at the Imam Sadiq University and Alzahra University.
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).

Hon. Dr. Karen Makishima  
*Member of Parliament*

Hon. Dr. Karen Makishima is a Member of the House of Representatives from Japan. She also serves as the Parliamentary Vice-Minister of the Cabinet Office, the Deputy Chief for the Women’s Division of the Japan Parliamentarians Federation for Population (JPPF), and the 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 also an author of a best-selling book titled “Politics Become Song” under the diplomacy and international relations category in 2009.

Kazakhstan

Hon. Ms. Gulmira Issimbayeva  
*Vice Speaker of Lower House of Parliament*  
*Vice-Chair of AFPPD*

Hon. Ms. Gulmira Issimbayeva has been a member of the Mazhilis (lower chamber) of the Parliament of Kazakhstan since 2007. At the first session of Mazhilis of the VI Convocation, Hon. Ms. Issimbayeva was elected as Vice-Speaker of the Mazhilis of Parliament. She is also the Head of the parliamentary faction of the ruling party Nur Otan. Hon. Ms. Issimbayeva started her professional career as a school teacher. From 1990 to 1993, she served as a member of the Supreme Council of Kazakh Soviet Socialist Republic and as the Deputy Chair of Education and Science Committee. From 1993 to 2007, Hon. Ms. Issimbayeva was the Head of the Education Department of Almaty City and has authored a major textbook for primary schools in Kazakhstan.
Hon. Ms. Meruyert Kazbekova
*Member of Parliament*

In March 2016, Hon. Ms. Meruyert Kazbekova was elected to the lower house of the Parliament of Kazakhstan for the second time. She also holds the position of Secretary of the Parliament's Committee on economic reform and local development. Prior to becoming a parliamentarian, Hon. Ms. Kazbekova has worked as the Head of Financial Department of the national railway company of Kazakhstan. Additionally, Hon. Ms. Kazbekova has served as the Chairperson of the Kazakhstan's Union of Women Entrepreneurs since 2008. She also served as the Head of the Republican School of Women's Political Leadership from 2002 to 2006, and Chairperson of the Akmola district branch of the Association of Business Women from 1998 to 2002.

Kyrgyzstan

Hon. Ms. Gulmira Kudaiberdiyeva
*Vice-Prime Minister*

Hon. Ms. Gulmira Kudaiberdiyeva was appointed Vice-Prime Minister of Kyrgyzstan on 5 November 2015. She is responsible for coordinating the social protection system, labor, migration, family and other social policy issues. From 2012 to 2015, Ms. Kudaiberdieva served as the Head of the Social Policy Department in the Presidential Administration. Prior to this, she held the roles of Executive Secretary of the Commission on education, science and culture under the President and Expert at the Department of Education and Culture in the Government. Hon. Ms. Kudaiberdieva is also the Chair of the Human Rights Coordination Council under the Government of Kyrgyzstan. She has activated the work of the Council’s Secretariat to ensure the follow up on the recommendations of the UN Human Rights Council. Hon. Ms. Kudaiberdieva is a State Counsellor of Civil Service of third class.

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 from 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.
Hon. Ms. Alfiia Samigullina  
*Member of Parliament*

Hon. Ms. Alfiia Samigullina has served as Member of Parliament since 2015. She is a member of the Committee on social issues, education, science, culture and healthcare. From 1995 to 2004, Hon. Ms. Samigullina has worked as an obstetrician-gynaecologist in one of the city clinics. From 2008 to 2014, she has worked as the Chief adolescents’ gynaecologist in Bishkek. Additionally, Hon. Ms. Samigullina was also the Director of the training course on adolescents’ healthcare in the Kyrgyz State Medical Institute, and Director of Organizational Work of the National Centre for Maternal and Child Health. Since 2014, she has worked as both a practitioner and a Professor of Obstetrics, Gynaecology and Reproduction in several medical universities in Kyrgyzstan.

**Maldives**

Hon. Ms. Asma Rasheed  
*Member of Parliament*

Hon. Ms. Asma Rasheed has served as Member of Parliament since 2009 representing the Progressive Party of the Maldives. She is also a member of the Social Affairs Committee and has been actively involved in promoting women's empowerment. Hon. Ms. Rasheed has participated in numerous meetings related to gender equality and women's empowerment including the Women's Political Participation and Leadership-SAARC Exchange Meeting of Women Parliamentary Caucus (2014) in Kathmandu, AFPPD's 10th Women Ministers and Parliamentarians Conference (2014) in Manila, and the Commonwealth Women Leaders' Summit (2016) in London.

**Mongolia**

Hon. Mrs. Oyunchimeg Munkhuu  
*Member of Parliament*

Hon. Mrs. Oyunchimeg Munkhuu is a Member of Parliament from the Mongolian People's Party. She also serves as the Chairperson of the Mongolian-Singapore Parliamentary Group and Vice-Chairperson of the Mongolian-South Korea Parliamentary Group. She is a member of the Standing Committee on Social Policy, Education, Culture and Science of the Parliament Secretariat. She is also a member of the Social Democracy Mongolian Women’s Union. Previously, Hon. Mrs. Munkhuu has worked as a journalist, editor-in-chief and Chief Executive of the Mongolian National Broadcaster News. She has a strong interest in child protection legislation, family planning and gender equality.
Hon. Ms. Tsogzolmaa Tsedenbal
Member of Parliament

Hon. Ms. Tsogzolmaa Tsedenbal serves as Member of Parliament from the Mongolian People’s Party. She is one of 65 members of Great State Hural which is the largest party of Mongolia. Additionally, she is also the President of the Social Democracy Mongolian Women’s Association and a member of Social International Women. Hon. Ms. Tsedenbal has a strong interest in social issues including education for children and youth, teacher trainings, gender equality, leadership development, safe motherhood and child health.

Nepal

Hon. Ms. Dina Mahalaxmi Upadhyay
Member of Parliament
State Minister of Water Resource
Co-Chair of AFPPD Standing Committee on Investing in Youth

Hon. Ms. Dina Mahalaxmi Upadhyay is a Member of Parliament representing the Nepali Congress. She also serves as the State Minister of Water Resource, President of the Community and Women Development Center (CWDC), Chairperson of the National Forum of Parliamentarians for Population and Development (NFPPD), Nepal, and Co-Chair of the AFPPD Standing Committee on Investing in Youth. Previously, she was a member of the Drafting Committee of Constitution on Fundamental Rights and Directive Principle. Hon. Ms. Upadhyay has a strong interest in social and development issues. She 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.

Hon. Mr. Bhishma Nath Adhikari
Member of Parliament

Hon. Mr. Bhishma Nath Adhikari serves as Member of Parliament representing the Communist Party of Nepal (UML). He is also the General Secretary of the National Forum of Parliamentarians on Population and Development (NFPPD), Nepal. Hon. Mr. Adhikari started his political career as a student activist in the democratic movement of Nepal in 1978. From 1989 to 1990, he was actively involved in the joint mass movement of the Nepalese Political Parties which succeeded to bring the monarchy under the Nepalese constitution. During the historical 2005-2006 political movement, Hon. Mr. Adhikari led a party committee responsible for the restoration of democracy in Nepal. He has also served as a member of the Constituent Assembly and was involved in re-drafting various laws in Nepal.
Hon. Mr. Ram Hari Subedi  
*Member of Parliament*

Hon. Mr. Ram Hari Subedi is a Member of Parliament representing the Communist Party of Nepal (UML). He is also an executive committee member of the National Forum of Parliamentarians on Population and Development (NFPPD), Nepal and the Coordinator of the NFPPD Sub-Committee "Local Development and Accountable Governance." He is involved in the Women, Children and Senior Citizens Welfare Committee. Previously, Hon. Mr. Subedi was the former Chairperson of the Village Development Committee (VDC) and former President of the District Coordination Committee of Social Organization (DCCSO).

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**New Zealand**

Hon. Ms. Ria Bond  
*Member of Parliament*

Hon. Ms. Ria Bond is a Member of Parliament representing New Zealand First. She is also an active member of Rotary and has served on New Zealand First's board. Hon. Ms. Bond joined the New Zealand Parliamentarians Group on Population and Development (NZPPD) in 2016 when she was elected as NZPPD representative of AFPPD's Standing Committee on Investing in Youth. She will represent the NZPPD Co-chair (Hon. Ms. Barbara Kuriger) of the Standing Committee on Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment at the 11th Women Ministers and Parliamentarians Conference. Hon. Ms. Bond has a business background and experience as a mediator and spokesperson. 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.

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**Pakistan**

Hon. Ms. Mahtab Akbar Rashdi  
*Member of Parliament*

Hon. Ms. Mahtab Akbar Rashdi serves as Member of Parliament representing the Pakistan Muslim League. She is a member of the Standing Committee of Assembly, in health, environment and energy, and a member of the Board of Directors of Green Star Social Marketing. She played an active role in the early marriage bill that was passed in 2015 and was involved in a bill that has been moved in the assembly against corporal punishment in schools and places of employment.
Philippines

Hon. Mr. Teddy B. Baguilat
Member of Parliament
Vice-Chair of AFPPD

Hon. Mr. Teddy Baguilat serves as Member of Parliament representing the Liberal Party of the Philippines. He is the newly elected Chairperson of the Philippine Legislators Committee on Population and Development (PLCPD) in the lower chamber of Congress. Most notable of PLCPD’s work was the passage of the Responsible Parenthood Law. Hon. Mr. Baguilat is one of the few Members of Congress who is vocal against extra-judicial killings and the reinstatement of the death penalty. He has advocated for the protection and promotion of indigenous peoples’ rights, welfare, and privileges; the protection of the environment; transparency and accountability in the government; women’s and children’s rights; agrarian reform; food security; among others.

Sri Lanka

Hon. Dr. Sudarshini Fernandopulle
Member of Parliament
Deputy Minister of Higher Education and Research

Hon. Dr. Sudarshini Fernandopulle serves as Member of Parliament representing the Sri Lanka Freedom Party (SLFP). She is also a member of the SLFP Central Committee and Head of the Women’s Front of the SLFP. Hon. Dr. Fernandopulle is a Specialist in Public Health who has served the Government of Sri Lanka for 24 years. She is a strong advocate for sexual and reproductive health education. Previously, Hon. Dr. Fernandopulle has served at the Family Health Bureau (Ministry of Health) which was responsible for the maternal, child health and family planning programme in Sri Lanka. She has also worked as the State Minister for City Planning and Water Supply and was appointed as Deputy Minister of Higher Education and Research in 2015.

Hon. Mrs. Sriyani Wijewickrama Radampala Gamage
Member of Parliament

Hon. Mrs. Sriyani Wijewickrama Radampala Gamage serves as Member of Parliament representing the United People’s Freedom Alliance. She is also a member of the House Committee and the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Women and Gender. Her political interests are in women rights, human rights and judicial affairs. She has participated in various international parliamentary meetings, including the CPA General Assembly in Kenya in 2013 and the IPU General Assembly in Geneva in 2010. Hon. Mrs. Gamage is an attorney-at-law by profession.
Hon. Mrs. Rohini Kumari Wijerathna
Member of Parliament

Hon. Mrs. Rohini Kumari Wijerathna serves as Member of Parliament from the district of Matale representing the United National Party (UNP). She is also the Chairperson of the Parliament Education Sub-Committee given her 20 years of experience in the field of education as educator and teacher. In addition to her strong interest in education, Hon. Mrs. Wijerathna is a keen activist in the fields of environment conservation, women empowerment, women and children rights, and agriculture. She has also been involved with the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Women and Gender, and the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Education and Human Resources Development.

Thailand

H.E. Professor Pornpetch Wichitcholchai
President of the National Legislative Assembly

H.E. Professor Pornpetch Wichitcholchai is the President of the National Legislative Assembly of Thailand. He is one of the founding members of the ASEAN Law Association (ALA) National Committee of Thailand. In the past, he has held the roles of Ombudsman of Thailand, Senior Justice of the Supreme Court, President of the Court of Appeals Region 4 and Chief Justice of the Juvenile and Family Cases Division of the Court of Appeals Region 5. Throughout the period of his service, H.E. Professor Wichitcholchai has authored landmark decisions in areas such as serious crimes, intellectually property and civil cases. H.E. Professor Wichitcholchai has also worked as Judge of the Nakhon Si Thammarat Provincial Court, Judge of the Criminal Court and Judge of the Central Intellectual Property Court. Additionally, he has also been a Professor of Laws at Chulalongkorn University.

Hon. Dr. Jetn Sirathranont
Member of Parliament
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.
Hon. Ms. Suwannee Sirivejchapun  
*Member of Parliament*

Hon. Ms. Suwannee Sirivejchapun is a Member of Parliament. She is the Vice Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Social and Children, Youth, Women, the Elderly, the Disabled and the Underprivileged Affairs, and Chairperson of the Sub-Committee on Women Affairs. Under two roles, she had led the committees to draft the National Strategy to Prepare and Develop Thai Women’ Potential for the Sustainable ASEAN Community. Currently, she also leads to study and push for having a provision of the women's rights and health and sanitation of female in the Corrections Bill B.E. Owing to her extensive experience, professional skills and strong commitment to the women matters, Hon. Ms. Suwannee has also been elected as a member of the Bureau of Women Parliamentarians - Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU).

Hon. Gen. Podok Bunnag  
*Member of Parliament*

**Timor-Leste**

**H.E. Mr. Adérito Hugo da Costa**  
*President of Parliament*

H.E. Mr. Adérito Hugo da Costa has been the President of the National Parliament of Timor-Leste since May 2016. He was reelected as Member of Parliament in 2012 and became the Vice-President that same year. Previously, H.E. Mr. da Costa served as the Spokesperson of the National Congress for Timorese Reconstruction Party (CNRT) bench from 2007 to 2012. He was also a member of the Timor-Leste Public Finance Committee for 9 years, the Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Global Organization of Parliamentarians Against Corruption (GOPAC) as well as a member of the Advisory Council for the Support of the International Republican Institute (IRI) to the Youth Leadership Training. From 1988 to 2002, H.E. Mr. da Costa has worked as a journalist in Timor-Leste where he founded the Timor Pos, currently one of leading daily news in the country. He has served as a correspondent for several international media including Reuters, BBC and AFP.

Hon. Ms. Anastasia da Costa Amaral  
*Member of Parliament*

Hon. Ms. Anastasia da Costa Amaral is a Member of Parliament from the Revolutionary Front for an Independent East Timor Party (FRETILIN). She is also a member of the Permanent Committee on Infrastructure as well as a member of GMPTL (Women's Parliamentary Caucus) and GMPTL sub-group on socio-economic issues. She has participated in various national and local conferences and seminars on population issues including reproductive health rights. She has been involved in many national activities related to youth engagement and the elimination of early and forced marriage.
Hon. Ms. Maria de Fátima Correia Belo  
*Member of Parliament*

Hon. Ms. Maria de Fátima Correia Belo is a Member of Parliament from the National Congress for Timorese Reconstruction Party (CNRT). She also holds the roles of Deputy President of the Permanent Committee on Ethics and member of GMPTL (Women’s Parliamentary Caucus). She has also been actively involved with the National Conference on Reproductive Health Rights. Hon. Ms. Belo is strongly interested in promoting family planning, active ageing and the elimination of early and forced marriage.

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Hon. Ms. Maria Rosa da Camara  
*Member of Parliament*

Hon. Ms. Maria Rosa da Camara serves as Member of Parliament representing the National Congress for Timorese Reconstruction Party (CNRT). She is also a member of GMPTL (Women’s Parliamentary Caucus) and a member of the Permanent Committee on Foreign Affairs, Security and Defense. Hon. Ms. Camara is strongly interested in promoting family planning, reproductive health, active ageing and the elimination of early and forced marriage. She has been involved in the national discussions on promoting youth participation in the security and defense sectors. Her background as a former Combatant for Independence led her to inspire youth in their participation in the state development.

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

Hon. Mr. Virgilio da Costa Hornai is a Member of Parliament from Timor-Leste representing the Democratic Party. He is the President of the Permanent Committee on Health, Education, Culture, Veterans and Gender Equality. Hon. Mr. Hornai is strongly interested in promoting reproductive health, family planning, active ageing and the elimination of early and forced marriage. He has also been involved in many national discussions on promoting youth participation in the state development and in elderly issues. Hon. Mr. Hornai has participated in various AFPPD activities including its 11th General Assembly in 2015. He was recently a part of the AFPPD delegation at the HelpAge Asia-Pacific Regional Conference 2016 in Hanoi, Vietnam.

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Hon. Ms. Bendita Moniz Magno  
*Member of Parliament*

Hon. Ms. Bendita Moniz Magno serves as Member of Parliament representing the National Congress for Timorese Reconstruction Party (CNRT). She is the Secretary of GMPTL (Women’s Parliamentary Caucus), and the Secretary of the Permanent Committee on Health, Education, Culture, Veterans and Gender Equality. She is also currently leading the GMPTL sub-group on socio-economic issues discussions. Hon. Ms. Magno is strongly interested in promoting family planning, reproductive health, youth engagement, active ageing and the elimination of early and forced marriage.
Hon. Ms. Florentina da Conceição Pereira Martins Smith
Member of Parliament

Hon. Ms. Florentina da Conceição Pereira Martins Smith serves as Member of Parliament from the Revolutionary Front for an Independent East Timor Party (FRETILIN). She is also the President of GMPTL (Women’s Parliamentary Caucus), and a member of the Permanent Committee on Public Finance. She is leading the GMPTL sub-group on gender responsive budget’s analysis and discussions. Hon. Ms. Smith is strongly interested in promoting family planning, reproductive health, early and forced marriage, youth engagement, active ageing and HIV. She has led several national and local conferences and seminars on population issues, and has participated in AFPPD’s 11th General Assembly in 2015.

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. Lord Fusitu’a
Member of the Parliament
Co-Chair of AFPPD Standing Committee on Gender Equality and Women Empowerment

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. Hon. 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. Hon. 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. Ms. Akosita Lavulavu  
*Member of Parliament*

Hon. Ms. Akosita Lavulavu was first elected into the Legislative Assembly of Tonga in November 2014, becoming the only Tongan female parliamentarian to represent women's concerns and interests in the Parliament. She represents the Vava’u 16 constituency. Previously, she was the Principal of ’Unuaki ’o Tonga Royal Institute.

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**AFPPD ASSOCIATE MEMBERS**

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**Fiji**

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**Hon. Dr. Jiko Luveni**  
*Speaker of Parliament*

Hon. Dr. Jiko Luveni was elected as the first female Speaker of Parliament in the history of Fiji on October 2014. Previously, Hon. Dr. Luveni has undertaken advisory assignments for the World Health Organization in Health Education and Management of Health Learning Materials in Malaysia, Japan and Tanzania. In 1988, she joined the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) where she worked for 15 years as a Program Manager serving the Pacific region. She has also worked at the Ministry of Health as the HIV/AIDS Project Officer before setting up the NGO, Fiji Network for People Living with HIV and AIDS, as its Executive Director. In 2008, Hon. Dr. Luveni was invited to serve in the government as Minister for Social Welfare, Women and Poverty Alleviation. During her term, the Ministry for Women has provided assistance to more than 1,300 women's groups throughout Fiji.

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**Hon. Ms. Mereseini Vuniwaqa**  
*Member of Parliament*  
*Minister for Women, Children and Poverty Alleviation*

Hon. Ms. Mereseini Vuniwaqa serves as Member of Parliament representing the Fiji First Party. She won a seat in the Parliament at the last general elections in September 2014. She was subsequently appointed as Minister for Lands and Mineral Resources for 2 years and then later became the Minister for Women, Children and Poverty Alleviation. The Ministry of Women, Children and Poverty Alleviation is responsible for Policy and Operational oversight for issues pertaining to women, children, elderly citizens, disabled persons and poverty alleviation.
NON-MEMBERS

Myanmar

Hon. Ms. Shwe Sein Latt  
*Member of Parliament*

Hon. Ms. Shwe Sein Latt serves as Member of Parliament (Upper House) representing the National League for Democracy, which is the ruling party of Myanmar lead by Aung San Su Kyi. She is a member of the Joint Public Accounts Committee, Joint ASEAN Parliamentary Assembly Committee and the NGOs/INGOs Committee at the Upper House. Hon. Ms. Latt is strongly interested in improving the lives of women especially in terms of decision making roles at every level. She also supports the promotion of universal health coverage, gender equality, and sexual and reproductive health rights. She has founded the Phan Tee Eain (Creative Home) and initiated the Women Leadership Academy.

H.E. Dr. Khin Nyo  
*Member of Parliament*

H.E. Dr. Khin Nyo is a Member of Parliament (Lower House) from the Dedaye Constituency representing the National League for Democracy. She is a member of the Health and Sport Parliamentary Committee. Prior to becoming a member of the parliament, H.E. Dr. Nyo has served her country as a Medical Officer for 13 years and as an Ear, Nose and Throat (ENT) Specialist for 17 years. She retired as a Senior Consultant of ENT in 2011. Hon. Dr. Nyo is strongly interested in improving social welfare and is working to establish a Home for the Age in her constituency. She has also worked on various awareness raising program for girls and women concerning sexual health education.

Samoa

Hon. Ms. Gatoloaifaana Amataga Alesana Gidlow  
*Member of Parliament*

Hon. Ms. Gatoloaifaana Amataga Alesana Gidlow serves as Member of Parliament representing the Human Rights Protection Party (HRPP). She is also the current Chair of the Parliamentary Social Sector Standing Committee. From 2011 to 2016, she held the roles of Associate Minister at the Ministry of Women and Social Development, Chairperson of the Samoa Public Service Commission on Health and Social Services, and Committee Member of the Samoa Public Service Commission on Foreign Trade. Hon. Ms. Gidlow was also the Minister of Health from 2006 to 2011. In addition to her parliamentary and ministerial appointments, Hon. Ms. Gidlow has also worked at the Bank of New Zealand and the Pacific Commercial Bank.
II. RESOURCE PERSONS
(Alphabetical Order)

Ms. Brooke Axtell
Director of Communications and Survivor Leadership, Allies Against Slavery

Ms. Brooke Axtell is the Director of Communications and Survivor Support for Allies Against Slavery, a non-profit devoted to ending human trafficking. She also founded Survivor Healing and Empowerment (S.H.E.), a healing community for survivors of rape, abuse and sex-trafficking. As an advocate, Ms. Axtell supports survivors through their recovery process with a focus on creative expression. She is a member of the Speaker’s Bureau for Rape, Abuse, Incest, National Network (R.A.I.N.N.), and serves on the advisory board of The Refuge, the first long-term therapeutic care program for survivors of child sex-trafficking in Austin, Texas. She has also spoken at the United Nations, the U.S. Institute for Peace and the 2015 Grammy Awards. Her work as a writer, speaker, performing artist and activist has been featured in many media outlets, including the New York Times, Time Magazine, Rolling Stone, Wall Street Journal and CNN.

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.

Ms. Kamma Blair
Program Officer, UNFPA Asia and the Pacific Regional Office

Ms. Kamma Blair joined UNFPA Asia Pacific Regional Office in 2016. She covers a range of sectoral issues related to population health, including supporting programme implementation and knowledge management. Prior to this, Ms. Blair worked as a Monitoring and Evaluation Specialist in Myanmar with United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS) and several Pacific Island countries with the Secretariat of the Pacific Community. She is a public health specialist with expertise in sexual and reproductive health.
Dr. Rinchen Chophel
Director General, South Asia Initiative to End Violence Against Children

Dr. Rinchen Chophel is the Director General of the South Asia Initiative to End Violence Against Children (SAIEVAC). He is a medical doctor by profession. Previously, he has held the position of Executive Director of the National Commission for Women and Children, The Royal Government of Bhutan, and has championed the promotion and protection of the rights of women and children with distinction. At the regional level, he is a well-known and highly regarded expert on gender and human rights, and supported many agencies including the SAARC Secretariat in many key regional projects and initiatives. Dr. Chophel has extensive experience in working with the Ministries of Women and Children of the Governments in South Asia as well as with the UN, INGO, NGO and research organisations in the SAARC Region.

Rev. Prof. Vernie B. Compas
Executive Director, Interfaith Partnership for the Promotion of Responsible Parenthood, Philippines

Reverend Professor Vernie B. Compas is the Executive Director of the Interfaith Partnership for the Promotion of Responsible Parenthood (IPPR). He is strongly interested in population issues particularly in the areas of reproductive health, responsible parenting and family planning. This includes addressing unmet needs, teen pregnancies, HIV/AIDS, addictions and social entrepreneurship. Rev. Prof. Compas has participated various meetings on these issues including the Global Consultation on Sexual Reproductive Health Rights in Istanbul with UNFPA in 2014 and Seminar Workshops on Spectrum, Population and Statistics in Manila with PLCPD in 2015.

Ms. Ingrid Fitzgerald
Technical Advisor, Gender and Human Rights, UNFPA Asia and the Pacific Regional Office

Ms. Ingrid Fitzgerald is the Technical Advisor on Gender and Human Rights at the UNFPA Asia and Pacific Regional Office. Previously, she was the Special Adviser to the Senior UN Coordinator (“Fit for Purpose” for the 2030 Agenda) and Special Adviser to the Assistant Secretary-General and Deputy Executive Director (DED) for Policy and Programme of UN Women in New York. She has also worked as a Policy Specialist for the United Nations Resident Coordinator’s Office in Hanoi, Vietnam and Gender Advisor for the Cambodian Development Resource Institute.

Ms. Susana Concorde Harding
Director, International Longevity Centre Singapore, Tsao Foundation

Ms. Susana Concorde Harding is the Director of the International Longevity Centre Singapore, providing overall direction and leadership of its research and policy advocacy efforts and to develop new programmes that will support active ageing and enhance older people's participation in the community. Ms. Harding has 25 years of experience in the non-profit sector, especially in the areas of community development, project management, needs assessment, programme implementation, monitoring and evaluation, social policy advocacy,
partnership development and networking. She was an Observer at the Special Session co-organized by AFPPD at the HelpAge Asia-Pacific Regional Conference in September 2016 in Hanoi.

**Ms. Hadley Rose**  
*Consultant, USA*

Ms. Hadley Rose, J.D./LL.M., is an independent consultant providing training, research, and program support to international organizations and foreign civil society organizations working on legal issues in a number of countries around the world. Ms. Rose is an experienced Professor, legislative drafter, and advocate. Her experience includes working with victims of the Khmer Rouge regime to ensure they receive compensation, training of Syrian lawyers to enhance the quality of human rights monitoring and reporting in Syria, and advocating for Rwandan women whose land rights are violated. Ms. Rose has also carried out a number of projects related to women's empowerment and women's rights, including developing training curriculum and interactive materials for police and prosecutors on the violence against women law in Afghanistan, as well as conducting research, program evaluation, and advocacy on other key issues such as child marriage and human trafficking.

**Ms. Anjali Sen**  
*Regional Director, South Asia, International Planned Parenthood Federation*

Ms. Anjali Sen is the Regional Director of the South Asia Region at the International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF). Prior to her involvement with IPPF, Ms. Sen established an impressive record of achievements in the Indian Civil Service. She played a major part in transforming India’s National Gallery of Modern Art into one of the country’s pre-eminent cultural facilities. In 2004, she began to focus on advancing the sexual and reproductive health rights of the poorest, most vulnerable and most marginalized communities in the region. She first joined the IPPF South Asia Region as the Financial Controller. Five years later she was appointed Regional Director. She is involved in developing the self-governing, self-sustaining and self-managing capacities of the Region’s eight Member Associations.

**Ms. Jane Sloane**  
*Director of Women’s Empowerment Programme, The Asia Foundation*

Ms. Jane Sloane leads The Asia Foundation's programs to empower women and promote gender equality. She has over 30 years of experience working in international development and over 15 years of experience in leadership roles focused on advancing women's rights and promoting gender equality around the world. Prior to joining the Foundation, Ms. Sloane spent four years as Vice President of Programs with the Global Fund for Women, where she led a team of program staff in managing Global Fund for Women's global grant-making and programmatic initiatives. She earlier served as Vice President of Development with Women's World Banking (WWB) in New York. Prior to this she was the Executive Director of International Women’s Development Agency (IWDA), based in Melbourne, Australia. Ms. Sloane was also the founding CEO of the Social Entrepreneurs Network in Australia, and held executive positions with social sector organizations including World Vision, AusAID, and Marie Stopes International.
Mr. Paul Tacon  
*Social Affairs Officer, UNESCAP*

Mr. Paul Tacon is a Social Affairs Officer at the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP), where he has worked since 2010. Prior to this, he worked for the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia in Beirut, Lebanon. Prior to joining the UN, Mr. Tacon has worked at the headquarters of the International Organization for Migration from 2008 to 2010 in a number of different policy areas, including migration and development, health, counter-trafficking and gender.

Ms. Su-Mei Thompson  
*CEO, The Women's Foundation, Hong Kong*

Ms. Su-Mei Thompson is CEO of The Women's Foundation, a NGO dedicated to the advancement of women and girls in Hong Kong. In 2013, Ms. Thompson founded the 30% Club HK which champions bringing more women onto corporate boards. She was also an Associate Producer for TWF's new documentary "She Objects" which was officially selected for the 2016 Sundance Film Festival: Hong Kong. Ms. Thompson started her career as a corporate finance lawyer at Linklaters and went on to hold senior management positions at Disney, FT and Christie’s. She is a member of the Equal Opportunities Commission of Hong Kong, a board member of Opera HK and a council member of The Cheltenham Ladies College.

Ms. Yoriko Yasukawa  
*Regional Director, UNFPA Asia and the Pacific Regional Office*

Ms. Yoriko Yasukawa has been appointed as the new Director of UNFPA Asia-Pacific Regional Office since 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. Most of her years within the UN have been in South and Central America. Most recently, Ms. Yasukawa served as UN Resident Coordinator and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Resident Representative in Costa Rica and Bolivia. Prior to this, 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.
Ms. Mika Marumoto, Ph.D., Japan
Executive Director, 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.