**Enhancing the Role of Parliamentarians**

**in the Interlinkage between Population Issues**

**and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development - Part II**

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From August 10 to 12, more than 80 representatives from 22 countries, which include parliamentarians who represent the Asian, African, Arab and European Parliamentarians’ Fora on Population and Development, representatives of international organizations as well as the media, came together in Ethiopia’s capital Addis Ababa for the conference “*Enhancing the Role of Parliamentarians in the Interlinkage between Population Issues and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development - Part II”.*

The Ethiopian Parliament and the Asian Population and Development Association (APDA), which serves as JPFP secretariat, co-hosted the conference along with the support of the Japan Trust Fund (JTF), the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) and the International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF).

The objectives of the conference were:

1. to continue discussion to strengthen proposals for TICAD initiated at the Japan-African Parliamentarians’ Dialogue held in Tokyo in February in anticipation of TICAD VI to be held for the first time in Africa in August this year and at the Global Conference of Parliamentarians on Population and Development (GCPPD) that was also held in Tokyo in April to present outcome documents to the G7 Ise-Shima Summit;
2. to further strengthen proposals for the role of parliamentarians in achieving the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (2030 Agenda) adopted last year.

During the opening ceremony, H.E. Abadulla Gemeda Dago, Speaker of the House of People’s Representatives of Ethiopia, delivered the opening statement.

Conference sessions:

Session 1: Securing Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR) in Emergency Situations in the Context of UHC

Session 2: Demographic Dividend and Investing in Youth

Session 3: Investment for Sustainability – Food Security and Women’s Empowerment

Session 4: Parliamentarians’ Role on Population and Development in Achieving the 2030 Agenda: Legislation, Budget Mobilization and Formulating Development Agenda

Session 5: Establishment of Mutual Cooperation Mechanisms for Advancing the 2030 Agenda and Parliamentarian’s Role on Good Governance, Transparency and Accountability

Session 6: Synthesis of Discussions for Parliamentarians’ Policy Proposal for the TICAD and 2030 Agenda

Session 7: Discussion for Policy Proposal for Global Partnership: Focusing on Legislation to Improve Transparency, Accountability and Good Governance

In addition to sharing the basic principles of parliamentarians’ activities, the participants confirmed the direction parliamentarians should play in the areas of population and sustainable development for the 2030 Agenda and adopted policy proposals in a friendly atmosphere.

On the final day of August 12, the participants traveled to Adama, about 70 kilometers from Addis Ababa, to visit a model clinic of the Family Guidance Association of Ethiopia (FGAE), a member association of IPPF, and afterwards paid a visit to the House of People’s Representatives of Ethiopia.

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