

## ICPD30 Global Dialogue on Demographic Diversity and Sustainable Development

The Governments of Bangladesh, Japan and Bulgaria, together with UNFPA, co-hosted the ICPD30 Global Dialogue on Demographic Diversity and Sustainable Development in Dhaka, the capital of Bangladesh, on 15-16 May. About 200 people from around the world attended the event, including parliamentarians, representatives of governments, international organizations, academia, civil society organizations and the private sector.

From Japan, Hon. Hosaka Yasushi, Parliamentary Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs, represented the Government of Japan and Japan Parliamentarians Federation for Population (JPPF) and delivered remarks at the opening ceremony, along with Bangladesh Prime Minister H.E. Sheikh Hasina, UNFPA Executive Director Dr. Natalia Kanem, and other dignitaries.

Marking the 30th anniversary of the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD, also known as the Cairo Conference) that was held in Cairo in 1994, the participants shared the progress made since then and discussed ways to respond to challenges associated with the world's changing demographics, taking into account new aspects such as IT, population ageing, declining birthrates and urbanization. JPPF made a significant contribution to the co-hosting of this Global Dialogue.

**MOFA of Japan's Website:**

**Hon. Hosaka Yasushi's address ([English](#))**



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## **JPFP Meeting: Debriefing of ICPD-related conferences and activities of IPPF Palestine**

On 23 May, JPFP held a meeting to debrief the ICPD-related conferences and activities of IPPF Palestine, under Hon. Aisawa Ichiro, Acting Chair of JPFP, with Hon. Kikawada Hitoshi, Secretary General of JPFP, serving as a moderator.

### **• ICPD30 Global Dialogue on Demographic Diversity and Sustainable Development, 15-16 May, Dhaka, Bangladesh**

Hon. Hosaka Yasushi, Parliamentary Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs, who represented the Japanese government and JPFP at this conference, said that through his participation, he felt the need to keep a close eye on the diversifying demographic trends to formulate necessary policies, and to involve more stakeholders in these discussions. He then stated that the outcomes of the Global Dialogue would lead to the UN Future Summit this September and that JPFP would keep track of the progress being made throughout the process.

### **• The 8th International Parliamentarians' Conference on the Implementation of the ICPD Programme of Action (IPCI/ICPD), 10-12 April, Oslo, Norway**

The IPCI/ICPD was initiated in 2002 to forge a global political consensus for the implementation of the ICPD Programme of Action and translate it into concrete national outcomes on policy, funding and accountability. Hon. Terata Shizuka, who participated in the event, said that looking at Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR) on a global scale, it has made significant progress including increased access to contraceptives, reduced maternal mortality, and a decrease in child marriage and female genital mutilation (FGM). On the other hand, she reported that with these advances, there is a backlash in many countries, and these concerns were shared at the IPCI/ICPD. She expressed her appreciation for the opportunity to have meaningful dialogue on SRHR with parliamentarians from different parts of the world and said she hopes to continue working on these issues.

### **• Crisis in Palestine and PFPPA's Response**

Dr. Ammal Abdallah, Executive Director of IPPF Member Association in Palestine (Palestinian Family Planning and Protection Association: PFPPA), first expressed her gratitude to the Government of Japan for its generous support and reported that between March 2022 and August 2023, with Japan's support, PFPPA was able to provide SRHR and sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV) response services in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, from which 78,644 people benefitted.

However, she stated that since 7 October 2023, amidst the continuous bombardment, without electricity, clean water, food, shelter, or medical supplies/facilities, 15% of the 73,000 women currently pregnant could face complications and miscarriages, and one in three children under the age of two could suffer acute malnutrition. PFPPA's service delivery point in Gaza was also destroyed in the bombing; PFPPA staffers, even though they have also been displaced from their homes, continue to provide services in shelters

and remotely. With the amount of humanitarian aid less than half of what it used to be, Dr. Abdallah called for assistance in the form of supplies, medical services, and psychological and social support for all, including service providers.



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**A short video clip of the “Arab and Asian Parliamentarians’ Dialogue on Addressing Youth Empowerment and Gender Equality towards 2030 Agenda”**

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**A short video clip of “Parliamentarians’ Meeting on ICPD30: Leaving No One Behind in an Ageing World”**

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