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## JFPF's Afghanistan Support PT Meeting

On 9 December, the Japan Parliamentarians Federation for Population (JFPF) held an Afghanistan Support PT Meeting with Dr. Masaru Murakami, Chair of Peshawar-kai, as a lecturer, who explained their projects in Afghanistan.



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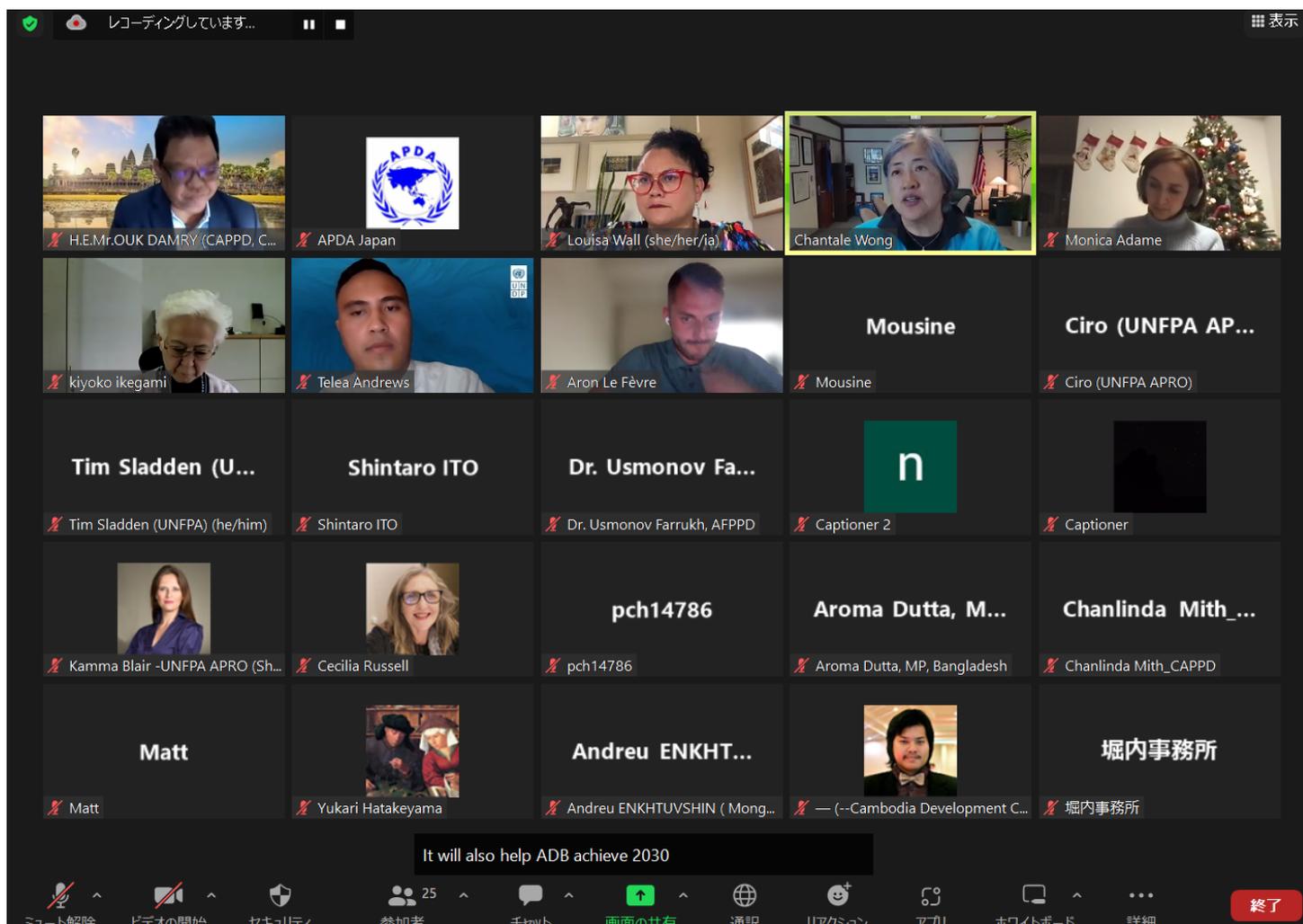
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## Parliamentarians Round Table: Supporting diversity and inclusion in Asia and the Pacific

On 13 December, the Asian Population and Development Association (APDA) in association with the Parliamentarians for Global Action (PGA) and Global Equality Caucus (GEC), with support from UNFPA Asia

and the Pacific Regional Office (APRO) and UNDP Bangkok Regional Hub, organized a virtual parliamentary round table titled “*Supporting diversity and inclusion in Asia and the Pacific*”.

During the round table, GEC shared its activities for achieving LGBTQI+ equality, and PGA explained a handbook for parliamentarians: “*Advancing the Human Rights and Inclusion of LGBTI People*”, which was co-published by PGA and UNDP.



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In January, Hon. Dr. Rashid Pelpuo, MP Ghana and President of the African Parliamentarians Forum on Population and Development (FPA), had an interview by the Inter Press Services (IPS) and talked about FPA's commitments to population and development issues.

In the interview, he referred to APDA's cooperation, saying “*APDA often organizes conferences in Asia, Africa, and the Middle East under ICPD25\* thematic areas. These conferences often bring together various parliamentarians from Asia, Africa, the Americas, and Europe to address critical issues on population and development. Issues such as youth unemployment and other goals of ICPD25 are center stage at the conferences.... In effect, APDA has always supported the implementation of the ICPD25 in various ways but mostly through international conferences that ensure regional cooperation and participation*”.



IPS, *“African Parliamentarians Strongly Committed to Population and Development”*.

<https://www.ipsnews.net/2023/01/african-mps-strongly-committed-population-development-issues/>

\*ICPD25 commitments were adopted at the Nairobi Summit, also known as ICPD25, which was held in 2019 to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD). More details can be found at [UNFPA's website](#).

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## **JFPF**

Established in 1974, JFPF has the longest history in the world as a supra-partisan parliamentary group on population and development. JFPF, in concert with APDA, has created a network of parliamentarians on population and development, through which a diverse range of knowledge and experience has been shared to accomplish concrete results.

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