

**Draft Agenda UN Women Asia-Pacific Regional Expert Group Meeting on  
Gender and Macroeconomics**

**15<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> December 2014**  
**At Amari Watergate Hotel, Bangkok**

**Day 1**

Time	Topic	Key objectives and questions to be addressed
8:30-9:00	<b>Registration</b>	
9:00-9:20	<b><u>Welcome and Opening Session:</u></b>  <b>Welcome Remarks</b> Roberta Clarke, Regional Director, UN Women Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific and Representative in Thailand  <b>Introductions, Expert Meeting Outline and Objectives</b> Francisco Cos Montiel, Policy Advisor, Women's Economic empowerment, UN Women Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific	<i>Opening remarks and welcome message from the organizers,</i>  <i>Presentation of the structure of the workshop.</i>
9.20-10.50	<b><u>Session 1: Growth, Inclusiveness and Women's Economic Empowerment</u></b> <i>Session chair: Rania Antonopoulos, Director, Gender and the Economy Program, The Levy Institute, USA</i>  Growth, Inclusiveness and Women's Economic Empowerment Naila Kabeer, Prof. of Gender and Development, The London School of Economics, UK  Plenary Discussion	<i>Introducing an overview of growth, inclusiveness and women's economic empowerment in AP</i>
10:50-11:00	<b><u>Break</u></b>	

11:00-12:30	<p><b><u>Session 2: The impact of macroeconomic policy on inclusiveness</u></b></p> <p><i>Session chair: Mr. Ramanathan Balakrishnan, Deputy Regional Director, UN Women Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific</i></p> <p>Amitabh Kundu, Visiting Professor at the Institute for Human Development</p> <p>Yesim Elhan-Kayalar, Principal Public Management Specialist, Asian Development Bank</p> <p>Yumiko Yamamoto, UNDP Regional Centre for Asia and the Pacific</p>	<p><i>Introducing some initial analysis of the different impacts of different macroeconomic policies on inclusiveness, women's empowerment and gender equality.</i></p>
12:30-13:30	<p><b>Lunch</b></p>	
13:30-15:00	<p><b><u>Session 3: The Macroeconomic dimension of Care</u></b></p> <p><i>Session chair: Yumiko Yamamoto, UNDP Regional Centre for Asia and the Pacific</i></p> <p>Rania Antonopoulos, Director, Gender and the Economy Program, The Levy Institute, USA</p> <p>Xiao Yuan Dong, University of Winnipeg</p> <p>Nguyen Thi Bich Thuy, Counting Women's Work, National Transfer Account Research Project, Vietnam</p>	<p><i>Introducing the care economy as a variable for macroeconomic policies.</i></p>
15:00-15:15	<p><b>Break</b></p>	
15:15-17:00	<p><b><u>Session 4: Linkages between macroeconomic policies and women's rights and gender equality in 3 countries of the Asia Pacific region: Bangladesh, Philippines and Solomon Islands.</u></b></p> <p><i>Session chair: Yamini Mishra, GRB Specialist for AP, UN Women</i></p> <p>Marina Durano, Asian Center of the University of the Philippines-Diliman</p> <p>Kazi Mahmudur Rahman, Media Studies and Journalism, University of Liberal Arts, Bangladesh</p>	<p><i>Introducing the findings of UN Women's commissioned research on macroeconomic policies in selected countries in AP.</i></p>

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**Discussants**

Christine Hunter, Country Representative  
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Aida Jean Manipon, National Coordinator  
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**19.00**

**Cocktail Reception**

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## Day 2

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9:00-10:30	<p><b><u>Session 5: Regional Integration in Asia</u></b> <i>Chair: Siriporn Laosang, Regional Coordinator for the Knowledge Gateway for Women's Economic Empowerment, UN Women Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific</i></p> <p>Sukti Dasgupta, Senior Economist, Head, Regional Economic and Social Analysis Unit International Labour Organisation (ILO)</p> <p>Amee Misra, Gender, Trade and Green Growth, Consultant, UN Women</p> <p>Clara Mi Young Park, Gender Officer, Rural and Social Development, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)</p>	<p><i>Introducing current regional scenarios and challenges, including ASEAN economic integration.</i></p>
10.30-10.45	Break	
10:45-12:00	<p><b><u>Session 6: UNWOMEN Dialogue on Critical Programming Issues at the Regional and Country Level</u></b> Session chair: Wenny Kusuma, Country Representative, UN Women Cambodia</p> <p>Janet Wong, Country Representative, UN Women Indonesia</p> <p>Christine Hunter, Country Representative UN Women Bangladesh</p> <p>Francisco Cos Montiel, Policy Advisor, Women's Economic empowerment, UN Women Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific</p>	<p><i>Introducing different country priorities followed by group work.</i></p>

<b>12:00-14:00</b>	Lunch	<i>Panelists will present for 5 minutes and then all participants will work in groups to identify programming priorities on women's economic empowerment</i>
<b>14:00-16:00</b>	<p><b><u>Session 6: The way forward: Current Gaps, Programming Priorities and Partnerships</u></b></p> <p><i>Session chair:</i> Naila Kabeer, Prof. of Gender and Development, The London School of Economics, UK</p> <p>Yamini Mishra, GRB Specialist for AP, UN Women</p> <p>Yesim Elhan-Kayalar, Principal Public Management Specialist, Asian Development Bank</p> <p>Yumiko Yamamoto, UNDP Regional Centre for Asia and the Pacific</p>	<i>Panelists will present for 5 minutes and then all participants will work in groups to identify programming priorities on women's economic empowerment</i>
<b>16:00-16:30</b>	<p><b>Concluding Remarks</b></p> <p>Mr. Francisco Cos Montiel, Policy Advisor, Women's Economic empowerment, UN Women Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific</p>	<i>Present conclusions from the expert meeting, identifying key achievements and discussion points and reiterate any plans or processes for further consultation.</i>

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