

**PROGRAMME AGENDA**

*(Draft as of 25/1/2016)*

**REGIONAL EXPERT GROUP MEETING ON ACCESS TO JUSTICE FOR WOMEN IN  
PLURAL LEGAL SYSTEMS IN SOUTHEAST ASIA**

27 – 28 January 2016

Dusit Thani Hotel, Bangkok

**Objectives:**

- To present and draw insights from findings and key recommendations from the national researches on access to justice in plural legal systems in the Southeast Asian region;
- To seek and consolidate constructive feedback, comments and inputs to further strengthen the regional research document;
- To brainstorm on programmatic interventions for advocacy, evidence building and social norm change amongst members of formal and informal justice systems.

<b>WEDNESDAY, 27 JANUARY 2016</b>	
<b>TIME</b>	<b>PROGRAMME</b>
08:15 – 08:30	Registration
08:30 – 09:00	<b>Welcome Note</b> - Ms. Roberta Clarke, Regional Director of UN Women Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific
09:00 – 09:15	<b>Opening Remarks</b> – H.E. Philip Calvert, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Canada to the Kingdom of Thailand
09:15 – 09:30	Introduction/Group photo
09:30 – 10:00	<b>Brief Background on UN Women’s Access to Justice Programme; and Women’s Access to Justice Country Researches (regional preparatory processes and guiding framework)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Ms. Deepa Bharathi, Regional Programme Manager – <a href="#">CEDAW SEA Phase II</a> (5 mins)</li> <li>▪ Ms. Evalyn Ursua, Human Rights Lawyer and Former Senior Lecturer, University of the Philippines College of Law and Department of Women and Development Studies (25 mins)</li> </ul>
10:00 – 10:15	Morning Break
10:15 – 12:30	<b>Highlights from National Researches: Presentations on the Country Situations, Key Findings, Key Recommendations</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Cambodia</b> - Ms. Robin Mauney, Gender Expert and UN Women Consultant (30 mins)</li> <li>▪ <b>Lao PDR</b> – Ms. Soukphaphone Phanit, Lao Women’s Union (LWU) (30 mins)</li> <li>▪ <b>Myanmar</b> - Ms. Melissa K. Booth, Justice Base (30 mins)</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Indonesia</b> – <i>Ms. Indry Oktaviani, SCN CREST (30 mins)</i></li> </ul> <p>Q&amp;A (15 minutes)</p>
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch Break
13:30 – 15:45	<p><b>Continue discussion on highlights from National Researches: Presentations on the Country Situations, Key Findings, Key Recommendations</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Philippines</b> - <i>Ms. Jean Franco, Assistant Professor in the Department of Political Science, College of Social Sciences and Philosophy, University of the Philippines (30 mins) – via skype</i></li> <li>▪ <b>Thailand</b> - <i>Dr. Suchada Taweessit, Assistant Professor, Institute for Population and Social Research, Mahidol University (30 mins)</i></li> <li>▪ <b>Timor-Leste</b> – <i>Mr. João Boavida, Director, the Centre of Studies for Peace and Development (CEPAD) (30 mins) – via skype</i></li> <li>▪ <b>Viet Nam</b> - <i>Dr. Le Thi Thuc, Deputy Director, Institute of Sociology Ho Chi Minh National Academy of Politics and Public Administration (30 mins)</i></li> </ul> <p>Q&amp;A (15 mins) Discussant: <i>Prof. Sulistyowati Irianto</i></p>
15:45 – 16:00	Afternoon Break
16:00 – 17:00	<p><b>Presentation of the Regional Research Outline</b> - <i>Ms. Eleanor C. Conda, Independent Consultant and Women's Human Rights Advocate (30 mins)</i></p> <p>Discussant: <i>Mdm. Kanda Vajrabhaya (10 mins)</i> Plenary Discussion (20 mins)</p>
19:00 – 21:00	Dinner Dialogue
THURSDAY, 28 JANUARY 2016	
TIME	PROGRAMME
08:15 – 08:30	Registration
08:30 – 09:00	Recap/Highlight Key Discussions from Day 1 Continue discussion on the Regional Research Documents
09:00 – 11:00	<p><b>Strategies to Strengthen Women's Access to Justice and Protection of Women's Rights in Plural Legal Systems in Southeast Asia</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Changing Social Norms and the Evolving Concepts of Justice in Social Movement</b>– <i>Ms. Kate Lappin, (APWLD) (30 mins)</i></li> <li>▪ <b>South Asia: Legal and policy changes for improved women's access to justice, lessons from South Asia</b> - <i>Ms. Sara Hossain, Honorary Director, Bangladesh Legal Aid &amp; Services Trust BLAST, Bangladesh (30 mins)</i></li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Southeast Asia: Legal and policy changes for improved women's access to justice, lessons from Southeast Asia</b> - <i>Ms. Mary Jane Real, Independent Consultant and Women's Human Rights Advocate (30 mins)</i></li> <li>▪ <b>Training the judicial and law enforcement actors</b> - <i>Ms. Eileen Skinnider, Associate, International Centre for Criminal Law Reform and Criminal Justice, Canada (30 mins)</i></li> </ul>
11:00 – 11:15	Morning Break
11:15 – 12:30	<b>Group Discussion on Regional Research Strategies (45 mins)</b>
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch Break
13:30 – 15:30	<p><b>Reporting Back</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Group 1 (30 mins)</li> <li>▪ Group 2 (30 mins)</li> <li>▪ Group 3 (30 mins)</li> </ul> <p>Plenary Discussion (30 mins) <i>Discussant: Prof. Sulistyowati Irianto</i></p>
15:30 – 15:45	Afternoon Break
15:45 – 16:45	<b>Summary of key points</b>
16:45 – 17:00	Closing Remarks