

AP NGO FORUM

ON BEIJING + 10



Celebrating women's gains...



Confronting emerging gender issues

30 June - 03 July 2004
Mahidol University, Salaya Campus
Bangkok, Thailand

PROGRAM

30 June

9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

3:00 PM – 5:00 PM

6:00 PM – 7:30 PM

Registration

Opening Ceremonies

Welcome Reception

1 July

9:00 AM – 10:30 AM

Plenary 1: Ten years of BPA: Celebrating women's gains... confronting emerging gender issues

11:00 AM – 12:30 PM

Plenary 2: Asian Women in Muslim Societies: Perspectives & Struggles
Workshops & Film Showings

1:30 PM – 3:00 PM

Workshops and Film Showings

3:30 PM – 5:00 PM

Testimonies

5:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Cultural Program

7:00 PM – 10:00 PM

2 July

9:00 AM – 10:30 AM

Plenary 3: Transnational Women's Movements: Challenges in the Era of Globalization and War

11:00 AM – 12:30 PM

Plenary 4: Women's Rights and Democracy and the Challenge of Sustainable Development

1:30 PM – 3:00 PM

Workshops and Film Showings

3:30 PM – 5:00 PM

Workshops and Film Showings

5:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Testimonies

7:00 PM – 10:00 PM

Film Showings

3 July

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

1:30 PM – 5:00 PM

Skills Training/Sharing Sessions

Final Plenary: Adoption of Women's Declaration and NGO Report

6:00 PM

Closing Ceremonies

WORKSHOPS

Concurrent workshops on the 12 critical areas of concern of the BPA will be organized by women's organizations and other civil society groups that support the Beijing Platform for Action. These will be on July 1 & 2, at 1:30 – 3:00 PM and at 3:30 – 5:00 PM. To apply for space, please submit a short description of your planned workshop, the profile of your organization, your equipment requirements and target number of participants to “Program Committee, Asia-Pacific NGO Forum 2004” < wagi@mc.edu.ph>

SKILLS TRAINING/SHARING SESSION

On July 3, from 9:00 AM to 12:00 noon, women's organizations will share skills and successful feminist methods. These may be on effective lobbying, feminist management, counseling, research, documentation of human rights incidents, networking and mobilizing, fundraising and others. To apply for space, please submit details as required for workshops, also to “Program Committee, Asia-Pacific NGO Forum 2004” < wagi@mc.edu.ph>

OTHER FEATURES

- Testimonies and Voices from the Margins
- Gender and Development Market and Women's Exhibit
- Mini-Film Festival



Ten years since the landmark United Nations Fourth World Conference on Women in Beijing, which produced the Beijing Platform for Action, women have gained tremendous ground for themselves and the girl-child. At the same

time, women are also being confronted with new gender issues emerging from a complex set of relationships: the rise of regressive social forces and fundamentalist ideologies, the use of terrorism and counter terrorism, and the break-neck speed of growth in information technology. These and others have impacted women in various societies in many uneven and unpredictable ways.



The *Asia-Pacific NGO Forum on Beijing + 10* will be a coming together of women – from the veterans from Huairou NGO Forum and Beijing Conference to the new generation of feminists and activists. Together, they will declare:

**Secure the gains
of Beijing!
Address
newly emerging
gender issues!**

Among the memorable commitments made in the Beijing Platform for Action were women's right to exercise control over their sexual and reproductive health, the valuation of their unpaid work, the right to gender balance in governmental bodies and the United Nations. It also declared systematic rape in times of armed conflict as a war-crime and demanded public policy against many forms of gender-based violence.

By preparing themselves to effectively use the Beijing+10 process, the women of Asia-Pacific will strengthen the political will to implement the BPA as well as the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW). Targets for lobbying include:

**We, the women
of Asia and the
Pacific, affirm the
Beijing Declaration
and Platform for
Action (BPA)!**

- UN ESCAP High Level Intergovernmental Meeting on Beijing + 10 – September 6-9, 2004, to be held in Bangkok, Thailand
- UN Commission on the Status of Women Extended Meeting on Beijing + 10 – March 2005, New York City, USA
- Country and sub regional processes to prepare for Beijing+10.

ORGANIZATION OF THE FORUM

The AP NGO Forum is the product of regional consultations and is being organized by a Conveners' Group composed of representatives of women's organizations and networks from all over the Asia and Pacific region. Asia-Pacific Women Watch initiated the setting up of the Conveners' Group. The NGO Forum Secretariat is hosted by the Women and Gender Institute of Miriam College, Philippines.

EXPECTED OUTPUTS

1. *The Purple Book* – an assessment of progress in the implementation of BPA, pointing out the gaps, the remaining challenges and new gender issues, as well as recommendations for further action.
2. *Lobbying Strategy* – discussions on how to effectively communicate, advocate and influence the official review process at all levels (national, regional, global).
3. *Catalogue of Projects* -- booklet on innovative, successful or promising projects showcased as women's contribution to the implementation of BPA.



Registration Fee:

- US\$100/person if you register on or before **5 June 2004**
- US\$120/person if you register afterwards.

Limited scholarships are available.

Deadline for scholarship application: 5 May 2004

Reasonably priced accommodations have been arranged in a variety of hotels. Please go to the website for details

Website: <http://ap-ngo-forum.isiswomen.org>

DONORS

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