
Side Event: 11th Asia-Pacific Forum for Sustainable Development
23 February 2024, 10:45-12:00 GMT+7
Room A

Organizer(s)
Asia Pacific Forum on Women, Law and Development (APWLD)

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Center for Women's Resources, APRCEM Women's Constituency, Civil Society Financing for Development Mechanism (CSO FfD)

Registration

To register for this side event, please RSVP in this link: https://forms.gle/775yot1dM6cvG4LP6

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Background

Grassroots women are at the forefront of implementation of the 2030 Agenda. Women have been fostering environments of care from rural to urban areas,
and in different communities facing different systemic challenges. These initiatives are oftentimes undersupported, underfunded and most of the time unrecognised by many governments. Through this environment of care, communities thrive and defy systemic barriers. Thus, it is critical to amplify their voice and support existing initiatives, solutions and alternatives that these communities are implementing. In line with the theme of the 11th APFSD, this side-event aims to highlight and celebrate these solutions, and call for further action and support in means of implementation for achieving the SDGs and Feminist Development Justice.

**Key Questions and Outcomes**

The side-event aims to recognise and celebrate solutions, alternatives and recommendations of grassroots women in Asia Pacific who are at the forefront of implementation of the 2030 Agenda. Particularly:

1. Unpack the impacts of multiple crises to women’s human rights in the region (debt, unemployment, austerity measures, resource conflict and extractivism, militarism, etc);
2. Highlight existing feminist solutions, practices, alternatives at the grassroots level and discuss ways forward in supporting these through different Means of Implementation at the national, regional and global levels;
3. Foster solidarity and encourage care building across feminist and intersectional movements and institutions in the region towards achievement of the 2030 Agenda.

**Programme**

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<td><strong>Speakers</strong></td>
<td><strong>Impacts of Macroeconomic Policies to Women in Numbers</strong>&lt;br&gt;<em>This presentation aims to provide an overview of the situation of women in the region in terms of socio-economic factors</em></td>
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UN Women (TBC)
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<td><strong>FWRM (Pacific)</strong>&lt;br&gt;<strong>EILER (Southeast Asia)</strong>&lt;br&gt;<strong>CHRD (Northeast Asia)</strong></td>
<td><strong>Women’s Human Rights in Asia Pacific Region</strong>&lt;br&gt;<em>This session aims to present an overview of the situation of grassroots women in the region by zooming in to the multiple crises unfolding</em>&lt;br&gt;1. Debt, lack of social protection&lt;br&gt;2. Unemployment, wage theft&lt;br&gt;3. Resource extraction, displacements</td>
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<td><strong>UN ESCAP (TBC)</strong>&lt;br&gt;<strong>IBON International/APRCEM Women’s Constituency</strong></td>
<td><strong>Financing for Development in Asia Pacific</strong>&lt;br&gt;<em>This presentation aims to situate the region in the global discourse in financing gap and means of implementation especially in the context of the multiple crises</em></td>
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<td><strong>Closing and Summary</strong></td>
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*As a multi-stakeholder event, the APFSD Secretariat strongly encourages inclusion of multiple groups of stakeholders as panelists and speakers. If you would like suggestions or connections to potential representatives from constituencies of the Asia Pacific Regional CSOs Engagement Mechanism (AP-RCEM) or ESCAP Sustainable Business Network (ESBN) please contact us at escap-apfsd@un.org.

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