Increasing Parliamentary Accountability for Development Justice: A talk-show with women parliamentarians and advocates

LUNCHEON SIDE EVENT TO THE
ASIA PACIFIC FORUM ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT 2015
Bangkok, Thursday 21 May 2015, 12.00 to 13.30 hours
Meeting Room H, United Nations Conference Centre

Host: Asia Pacific Forum on Women, Law & Development (APWLD)

Description:
As governments prepare to adopt a set of new Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) attention must shift to accountability, monitoring and implementation. Too often intergovernmental processes result in high aspirations and little accountability.

At this Asia Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development (APFSD) governments from the Asia Pacific region will consider future mechanisms to track implementation and ensure accountability and democratic governance.

Women parliamentarians and elected officials at all levels should play a major role in shaping development frameworks and ensuring accountability for implementation. Parliaments provide a national accountability mechanism where annual assessments of development goals, targets and indicators can be tabled, debated and modified. In many cases parliamentary oversight elevates the commitment to global agreements and engages the public in participatory governance by fueling legislative and public debates.

National experiences in reviewing the implementation of the MDG’s can assist in assessing accountability processes for the SDGs. But we can also learn from other accountability processes, including treaty body reporting, the Universal Periodic Review and the review and accountability mechanisms for trade and investment agreements which provide binding remedies in many cases.

This ‘talk-show’ with parliamentarians and civil society will consider ways to enhance accountability by increasing the involvement of women parliamentarians, local governments, civil society organizations and social collaborations to promote sustainable development and development justice.

Host Johanna Son of Inter Press Service (IPS) Asia-Pacific will ask questions and invite the guests to talk, argue and share their experiences and unique perspectives on sustainable development and development justice. Guests includes Member of Parliament from Timor Leste; Papua New Guinea’s former Member of Parliament, Dame Carol Kidu and APWLD’s Regional Coordinator, Kate Lappin among others.

Lunch is provided.
Programme

(12.00-13.30 PM)

12:15 PM Welcome Remarks
12:30 PM Talk Show
13:00 PM Question, comments and feedback
13:20 PM END

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