

**ASEAN REGIONAL CONFERENCE
ON STRENGTHENING THE PROTECTION
AND PROMOTION OF THE RIGHTS
OF WOMEN MIGRANT WORKERS**

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Crowne Plaza Hotel, Quezon City

Conference Overview

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Conference Background

- **ACW work plan 2011-2015**
- **ACWC work plan 2012-2016**
- **ASEAN integration in 2015**
 - **Labor mobility**
 - **Vulnerability of workers, particularly women**
 - **domestic work**
 - **conflict situations**
 - **trafficking and forced labor**

Conference Background

- **The partnership between ACW and ACWC was decided during the 12th ACW meeting (2012) in Laos, and the partnership with the ILO was decided in 2014.**
- **ILO is providing technical and financial assistance to this Conference. It is supporting the participation of ACWC, labor and CSO representatives**
- **To plan this Conference, the PCW created a technical working group in the Philippines, coming from the following:**
 - GOs: DSWD, DOLE, POEA, OWWA, DFA, CFO, PCW (ACW)**
 - NGO: PMRW, CMA, SMC, WAGI (ACWC)**
 - ILO Triangle Project**

Policy basis

- **CEDAW and GR 26 (on women migrant workers)**
- **ASEAN Declaration on the Protection and Promotion of the Rights of Migrant Workers**
- **ACW/ACWC work plans**

Conference Participants

AMS GOV'T	ACWC	CSOs/ Employers/ Trade Unions	Others
-ACW focal points in AMS (except Singapore)	ACWC (Women) representatives in AMS	ACE, ATUC	ILO, UN Women
-Labor officials responsible for migration concerns in AMS (except Singapore)	ACWC Chair	TFAMW, MFA HOME Singapore	-1 woman migrant worker -1 former woman migrant worker
<u>Phil. GOs:</u> DFA, DSWD, TESDA POEA, OWWA, CFO NEDA, SSS,		<u>Phil. NGOs</u> ATIKHA, CLADD ECOP, PMRW CMA, SMC PASEI, APL, WLB CAT-W	

Conference Objectives

- 1. To strengthen regional coordination and information sharing for the protection and empowerment of women migrant workers;**
- 2. To increase knowledge on and promote gender-responsive labor migration policies and programs in both sending and receiving states ;**

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- 3. To document best practices in addressing the issues of vulnerable women migrant workers particularly domestic workers, victims of forced labor and trafficking in persons and women and children migrants in crisis situations;**
- 4. To come up with recommendations to enhance migration policies and programs affecting women migrant workers in ASEAN.**

Target Outcome Document

- a set of policy and program recommendations to be submitted to ACW and ACWC → ACMW → SLOM
- input to the Instrument to implement the ASEAN Declaration on the Protection and Promotion of the Rights of Migrant Workers being crafted by ASEAN.

Topics Covered

POLICY DOCUMENTS

- CEDAW and GR 26
- C189
- ILO tool on engendering labor migration policies

PROTECTION

- Good practices in gender responsive and ethical recruitment
- Migrant workers' access to complaints mechanisms
- Interventions addressing issues of women and children migrants in crisis situations (trafficking, armed conflict)

EMPOWERMENT

- Sharing of two empowered woman migrants
- Gender responsiveness of regional skills development, certification and recognition frameworks and practices
- ILO financial education campaign for migrant workers
- Issues and challenges in pre-departure and reintegration services for female migrant workers

Business Arrangement

- All sessions in plenary
- One workshop of two groups on gender responsive labor migration policies