
Conference Agenda

Saturday, April 25.

Location: Room 253-D, Center Block, Parliament Hill.

1:15pm - Registration

2:00pm - Welcome by Christine Harmston,
Coordinator of Canadian Friends of Burma

Introduction of participants

Opening by Dr. Sein Win, Prime Minister,
National Coalition Government of the Union of
Burma

2:30pm - Political Panel

Zing Cung - Vice-Chairman of Chin National
Front. Overview of developments on border
and political initiatives in western Burma.

David Tharckabaw: Karen Information Center.
Overview of developments on border and
political initiatives in eastern Burma.

May Pyone Aung - New York representative of
Burmese Women's Union. Overview of women's
involvement in movement.

Harn Yawngwe - Director of Euro-Burma Office.
Overview of international Burmese campaign.

Questions and Answers

3:45pm - Coffee Break

4:00pm - Issues Panel

Eugene Yawngwe. Overview of drug trade,
links to SLORC and Canadian connections.

Kevin Heppner - Director, Karen Human Rights
Group. Overview of human rights situation in
rural Burma.

Jack Dunford - Director of Burmese Border
Consortium. Overview of refugee situation on
Thai-Burma border.

Questions and Answers.

5:15pm - Wrap up.

Sunday, April 26.

Location: Citadel Hotel.

8:45am - Registration/coffee

9:00am - Opening remarks by Christine Peringer,
Conference facilitator

Panel presentation "Working for a Democratic
Burma"

Daisy Francis, Canada-Asia Working Group.
Overview of Canadian government initiatives
on Burma and what potential exists for further
federal government action at bilateral and
multilateral levels.

Ruth Jensen (Canadian Lutheran World Relief)
and Joie Warnock (Communication, Energy and
Paperworkers Union) - participants on CFOB
exposure tour to Thai-Burma border. Overview
of their experiences on trip and follow-up work
in Canada.

Craig Forcese, Canadian Lawyers Association
for International Human Rights. Briefing on
strategies for national economic disincentives
initiatives and federal and municipal selective
purchasing ordinances.

Toe Kyi - Burmese Students Democratic
Organization. Overview of BSDO and its
activities across Canada.

Christine Harmston. Canadian Friends of
Burma. Overview of on-going campaigns.

Questions and Answers.

10:45am - Coffee break

11:00am - Break-outs

Workshops on following themes:

- 1) Pressuring the Burmese regime
- 2) Supporting the Democracy Movement;
- 3) Canadian campaigns - what are the next
steps?

12:30- 1:30pm - Lunch

1:45 - 3:15pm - Repeat of workshops

3:15pm - Coffee break

3:30- 5:00pm - Plenary - "Creating Canadian Action
Plan".

Workshop presentations, formulation of strategies
and discussion

5:00pm - Closing remarks by Murray Thomson,
Peacefund Canada and co-founder of CFOB