

## Annex 4: Short Biographies

### Southeast Asia Regional Judicial Colloquium on Gender Equality Jurisprudence and the Role of the Judiciary in Promoting Women's Access to Justice

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Mr. Calvert (B.A. Honours, University of British Columbia, 1980; MA, York University, 1982; PHD, University of Washington, 1991) joined the Department of External Affairs in 1982. His first assignment was as Second Secretary in Beijing from 1984 to 1987. At Headquarters, he worked in the Trade Policy Competitiveness Division and the APEC Division, as Director for technical barriers and regulations and as Deputy Chief Negotiator for

Canada for China's accession in the World Trade Organization. Abroad, Mr. Calvert has served as both Counselor and Deputy Head of Mission in Beijing. Since 2008, Mr. Calvert has been Director General of the North Asia Bureau.



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Ms. Clarke was the Regional Programme Director of UN Women Caribbean. She is an Attorney-at-Law with Master's degrees in International Human Rights Law from the University of Oxford and Sociology from York University, Canada. She also holds B.A. Honours in Law and Arts from the University of the West Indies, Barbados. Prior to her career at the United Nations, she worked with the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean. Between 1992 and 1999, she practiced as a lawyer in Trinidad and Tobago.

Ms. Clarke has extensive experiences in civil society engagement at national, regional and international levels and currently sits on the Advisory Councils of Interights and the International Council for Human Rights Policy. She was a Board member of the Women, Law and Development International and the Trinidad and Tobago Family Planning Association.

She has written on violence against women in the Caribbean, human rights, law and development and gender mainstreaming and has strong interest in the area of responses to the needs and rights of women and girls in a concentrated HIV epidemic and of national prevention strategies targeting populations at higher risks.