

Annex 3: Programme Agenda



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

4-5 September 2013 InterContinental Hotel, Bangkok – Thailand

FIRSTDAY, 4 SEPTEMBER 2014

8:00 – 8:30

Registration

8:30 – 10:00

Welcome by the Chair – Hon. Judge Wirat Chinwinigkul, Secretary-General of the Thai Office of the Judiciary

Remarks – Mr. Saman Zia-Zarifi, Regional Director for Asia and the Pacific, International Commission of Jurists (ICJ)

Remarks – Ms. Roberta Clarke, Regional Director of UN Women Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific

Opening Note – H.E. Mr Philip Calvert, Ambassador of Canada

Group Photo

10:00 - 11:15

Session One – Introducing the issues: Gender equality jurisprudence and the role of the judiciary in promoting women's access to justice

Chair: Justice Suntariya Muanpawong, Chief Judge of the Juvenile and Family Court of Nakhon Pathom Province

- **Overview of feminist legal theory and practice** – Prof. Virada Somswadi, Chiang Mai University (15 mins)
- **A general overview of barriers women face in accessing justice** – Ms. Shanthi Dairiam, Director, International Women's Rights Action Watch Asia Pacific (IWRAP Asia Pacific) (15 mins)
- **Manifestations of gender bias in the judiciary** – Judge Adele Kent, National Judicial Institute, Canada (15 mins)

Discussion (30 minutes)

11:15 – 11:30

Refreshments

