



**“Women’s Self Reliant Leadership and
Collective Empowerment in Times of Crises”**
20-21 October 2009, Miriam College, Quezon City

**PROGRAMME
AND
DESCRIPTION OF SESSIONS**

PROGRAMME

OCTOBER 20, 2009

<p>8:00 – 9:00 AM Venue: MMJ Foyer</p>	Registration
<p>9:00 – 10:00 Venue: Paz Adriano (Little Theater)</p>	<p>Ecumenical Rituals</p> <p>Opening Addresses Dr. Patricia B. Licuanan <i>Convener of the AP-NGO Forum and Miriam College President</i></p> <p>Dean Leticia Ramos Shahani <i>Convener of the National Women's Summit and Dean of the College of International Humanitarian and Development Studies (CIHDS), Miriam College</i></p> <p>Special Messages Representatives from the Canadian Embassy and UNDP</p>
<p>10:00 – 10:30 Venue: Little Theater Lobby & pillars</p>	<p>Break</p> <p>Press Conference <i>Faculty Conference Rm, MMJ Bldg.</i></p>
<p>10:30 – 12:00 Venue: Paz Adriano (Little Theater)</p>	<p>PLENARY 1</p> <p><i>Race Against Time: Climate Change and Disaster Risk Reduction and Management - What Women Can Do?</i> Hon. Loren Legarda, <i>Philippine Senate</i></p> <p><i>Gendered Responses to the Crisis of Governance and Corruption</i> Ms. Karina David</p> <p><i>Human Rights Crisis</i> Commissioner Leila de Lima <i>Commission on Human Rights (CHR)</i></p> <p><i>Gender & Economic Crisis</i> Marina Durano, Ph.D. <i>Development Alternatives with Women for a New Era (DAWN)</i></p> <p><i>Women's Reproductive Health and Well-being</i> Hon. Suneeta Mukherjee <i>UNFPA Country Representative</i></p>
<p>12:00 – 1:00</p>	LUNCH <i>(Food can be bought at the cafeteria located at MMJ Building)</i>

(26) UN Security Council Resolution 1325

Venue: SMT Lecture Rm 4
3rd Floor

Moderator: Jasmin Galace, *Center for Peace Education*

Speakers:
Karen Tañada, *Gaston Peace Institute*
Jeannie Manipon, *WAGI*
Ms. Lea Astrera, *PCW*

Session Description:

In 2000, the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) adopted resolution 1325 on “Women, Peace and Security,” signifying its recognition of issues women face during armed conflict and their roles in peace building and decision-making concerning peace. In 2008, the Council adopted resolution 1820 on “Sexual Violence in Armed Conflict,” reiterating its vehement condemnation of all forms of sexual violence against women in times of armed conflict.

The workshop outlines these UNSCRs as tools for mainstreaming gender in the security arena and advancing women’s peace agenda. It highlights the critical role that women’s groups and civil society organizations currently play in advocating and formulating a Philippine National Action Plan (NAP) on the implementation of the two resolutions. It aims to further encourage the active and sustained engagement of women in the various stages of the NAP process, from formulation to advocating its adoption, to monitoring implementation.

Objectives:

- Aim to establish an enabling environment for women’s participation through an exchange of good practices across implementing organizations
- Discuss how to enlarge the political space for women in peace talks, implement peace agreements & strategize ways to organize women for peace, build a constituency of women for peace and facilitate access to decision-makers and direct participation in the peace talks
- Promote gender balance and expertise in delegations and advocate for the inclusion of women’s concerns in official agendas

4:00 – 4:15
Venue: LMC Grounds

Break

4:15 – 6:00
Venue: Paz Adriano
(Little Theater)

Discussion/Finalization of the Summit Declaration

6:00 – 6:30
Venue: Paz Adriano
(Little Theater)

CLOSING

6:30 – 9:00
Venue: MC Grade School
Cafetorium

Welcome Dinner for the AP-NGO Delegates (RSVP)

1:00 – 2:30 PM

PARALLEL SESSIONS

(1) Disaster, Risk Reduction and Climate Change

Venue:
SMT Lecture Rms 3 & 4
3rd Floor

Moderator: Luz Martinez, *Social Work, Miriam College*

Speakers:
Dr. Angelina Galang, *Environmental Studies Institute (ESI)*
Dr. Donna Reyes, *Environmental Studies Institute (ESI)*
Ma. Lourdes Aseneta, *Brahma Kumaris*
Ms. Sylvia Ordoñez, *Center for Asia Pacific Women in Politics*

Session Description:

Climate-based disaster impacts women, especially in disaster-prone communities, increasing existing gender vulnerabilities and risks. Disaster prevention and management are important sites for the reconstruction of gender roles, responsibilities, expectations, norms, and the gendered divisions of labor that shape all forms of human relationships to the environment.

This session looks at disaster recovery and rehabilitation programs where women can assert their critical roles as active agents of change in disaster risk reduction as well as other environmental programs.

Objectives:

- Increase understanding of gender issues in disaster risk reduction & generate commitment to gender-inclusive risk reduction policies and programs.
- Address the challenge of putting gender at the core of local/national disaster risk reduction activities and long-terms processes for recovery.
- Strategize on ways in which disaster risk reduction can best be promoted by and through the empowerment of women nationally and locally in affected communities.

(2) Strategies to Address Violence Against Women

Venue:
SMT Lecture Rms 1 & 2
3rd Floor

Moderator: Prof. Aurora de Dios, *Women and Gender Institute (WAGI)*

Speakers:
Sen. Leticia Shahani, *CIHDS, Miriam College*
Nanette Dungo, Ph.D., *WAGI*
Theresa D. Balayon, *Women’s Crisis Center*
Atty. Bing Guanzon, *UP Law*
Ms. Teresa Fernandez/Pauline Nayra, *Bantay Banay Program, Lihok PILIPINA*

(WCC)

Session Description:

While patriarchal culture has legitimized violence as an attribute of masculinity, the emergence of women’s movements advocating women’s rights based on international laws challenges traditions of violence in both the private (domestic) and the public spheres. Strong resistance against current laws on violence against women is still prevalent in society but comprehensive and integrated campaigns in enforcing the laws and changing norms and values that perpetuate gender –based violence are underway .

How can government and NGOs intensify awareness campaigns to elicit sustained support against gender based violence? How do we know if we have made progress since Beijing? The panel presents how the laws against rape evolved; the highlights of the Miriam study on VAW in the CARAGA region; the experiences of WCC in counseling victims; the community –based approach in preventing VAW and the issues on litigating VAW cases.

Objectives:

- Discuss conditions that create and reproduce vulnerabilities of women and girl children to violence
- Identify obstacles and opportunities in the enforcement of laws protecting women from violence
- Identify strategies that have worked and explore convergences of sectors in effectively stopping violence.

(3)Empowering the Girl-Child
 Venue: SMT Viewing Rms 1 & 2
 2nd Floor

Moderator: Sr. Estrella Castalone,
 FMA, Association of Major Religious
 Superiors of the Philippines (AMRSP)

Speakers:

- Sr. Maria Victoria Sta. Ana, FMA, Executive Director, Laura Vicuña Foundation
- Ms. Emmy India Caramay, Social Worker, LVF
- Sr. Aleth Evangelista, FMA, Social Worker, Laura Vicuña Center, Cubao
- Ms. Jocelyn Hugo, Social Worker, LVF

Session Description:

Committed women working among ‘girl children’ in a center for healing and recovery of the girl child at risk will direct this panel session as a “walk-through” with the Girl Child: from an awareness of who she is, to an acknowledgement of her human rights as described in the following documents:

- Convention on the Rights of the Child; Universal Declaration of Human Rights; CEDAW; ICCPR; ICESCR; Convention Against Discrimination in Education and the World Conference on Women in Beijing

Objectives:

- Identify “who the girl child is”
- Discuss her rights
- Look at ways on how to protect her
- Consider her future – ‘healing and recovery of the girl child’ and ‘empowering the girl child’
- Describing the dangers and risks the girl child confronts in Philippine society, concrete examples and testimony from former girl children, now empowered, the session considers the difficult process of healing and recovery for the girl child who is victim of abuse and violence.

(4)Gender, Peace and Security
 Venue: SMT Viewing Rm 3 & 4
 3rd Floor

Moderator: Jeannie Manipon, WAGI

- Speakers:
- Jasmin Galace, Center for Peace Education (CPE)
 - Jeannie Manipon, WAGI
 - Laisa Alamiya, Nisa Ul Haqq Fi

as well as reformulation or reinvention of new fields to integrate women in traditional disciplines.

Presenters will delineate methods, strategies and experiences in integrating new gender-based research in various fields of knowledge, focusing on programs for gender-fair education in schools. There are some exciting possibilities and trends in the development of new courses coming from and going into the field of women’s studies. The integration of gender-fair messages into learning curriculums and approaches to learning, as well as the concept of exploring new ways of ‘knowing’ are exciting components of the new wave in education.

Objectives:

- To share and compare experiences encountered in mainstreaming gender-fair messages and themes in various settings.
- Celebrate curriculums that reflect gendered understanding of knowledge and learning. Honor progress and possibilities for the future of engendering education.
- Identify effective strategies for the transformation of existing male-oriented school structures and course curriculums.

(25)Women’s Studies in the Philippines
 Venue: SMT Lecture Rm 3
 3rd Floor

Moderator: Dr. Zenaida Q. Reyes,
 WSAP & PAUW-
 Philippine Normal University

Speakers:

- Dr. Fe Andico, Pangasinan State University
- Dr. Helen Dayo, UP Los Baños
- Prof. Ana Ebo, Philippine Women’s University
- Dr. Rhodora Bucoy, UP Visayas
- Dr. Zenaida Q. Reyes, WSAP & PAUW -PNU

Session Description: The panel will provide a space for the sharing of experiences in the institutionalization of women/gender programs at the tertiary levels. What are some of the more significant approaches and strategies that have worked since Beijing? How have gender and women’s studies scholarly outputs influenced the traditional social and natural paradigms in universities.

Objectives:

- Share experiences of several schools in different regions in integrating gender studies in the institution through stand alone programs and mainstreaming;
- Identify persistent issues of resistance; rejection and non-commitment to women’s studies programs
- Explore the broad directions and the future ahead for women’s studies in the Philippines

(23)From Protest and Anger to Transformation and Reform
Venue: SMT Viewing Rms 3 & 4
2nd Floor

Moderator: *Brahma Kumaris*

Speakers:
Rebecca Ortega, *Brahma Kumaris*
Sen. Leticia Ramos-Shahani
Atty. Evalyn Ursua

Session Description:

With escalating violence and corruption, even war - many Filipinos have rallied in anger to demonstrate their protest. Some have even sacrificed their lives in the fight for peace and justice. But the more hostile and aggressive the struggle for peace is, the more far-fetched the dream of peace has become. Which way do we go?

As women confront gender inequality in the Philippines, spiritual strength is the foundation for effective personal and collective action. This session will provide participants with the skills to set a powerful tone of understanding, acceptance, integrity and positivity for managing conflict and adversarial groups or individuals. The session also provides a safe and confidential space for articulating issues of gendered violence and linking them with source agencies.

Objectives:

- Create an open space for inquiry into range and nature of our responses to violence
- Explore alternatives to and integration of the energy in pain and anger to move us forward in our search for peace/truth
- Achieve greater understanding of the benefits of stillness of mind and meditation as a way to positively focus the mind, resolve inner conflict and anxieties in difficult situations
- Refresh the spirit in preparation for open, positive and compassionate interactions.

(24)Women-streaming the Menstream

Venue:
SMT Lecture Rms 1 & 2
3rd Floor

Moderator: Prof. Marita Pimentel, *WAGI*

Speakers:
Dr. Amelou Benitez-Reyes, *National Council of Women in the Philippines (invited)*
Dr. Theresa Ujano-Batangan, *UP UCWS*
Atty. Romeo Cabarde, *Ateneo de Davao*
Sr. Flolyn Catungal, *Women and Gender Commission, AMRSP*
Maria Clara Ignacio, *TESDA*
Prof. Flora Arellano, *Teachers & Employers Association of the Philippines*

Session Description:

A panel discussion with educators, researchers, advocates and others, working to integrate gender issues and women in the fields of knowledge production and other significant locations.

Papers may include those on curriculum integration of new research on women in various fields, programs for gender-fair education in schools, development of new courses and subjects in the field of women's studies,

Bangsamoro
Aida Santos, *Intl Women's Network for Peace and Security*

Session Description:

With an eye on the gendered dimensions of war and militarism, this workshop highlights some of the critical issues faced by women and encourages critical reflection on emerging trends. It also explores some innovative strategies and peace initiative, making a strong case for advancing a women's peace agenda.

Objectives:

- Discuss critical issues women face in relation to peace and security and highlight the gendered dimensions of war and militarism
- Enrich our understanding of 'gender, peace and security' constructs from the varied perspectives and experiences of women
- Draw lessons and insights from examples of women's peace initiatives
- Develop strategies for advancing a women's peace agenda

2:30 – 4:00

(5)Gender Economic Empowerment and Entrepreneurship

Venue:
SMT Viewing Rm 1
2nd Floor

Moderator: Ms. Carmelita Nuqui, *Development Action for Women Network (DAWN)*

Speakers:
Ms. Carmelita G. Nuqui, *DAWN*
Ms. Myrna Yao, *Philippine Commission on Women (PCW)*

Session Description:

This presentation will address the issues of gender equality and empowerment through economic entrepreneurship. Speakers will address the role of women as active leaders and innovators in small and medium scale enterprises and businesses which are a key pillar of Philippine economic development.

The session highlights women in the Philippines who have become leaders, innovators and entrepreneurs in the economic sector.

(6)Making CEDAW a Reality on Filipino Women's Lives Through the Magna Carta of Women

Venue:
SMT Lecture Rms 3 & 4
3rd Floor

Moderator: Hon. Marie June Pavillar-Castro, *Councilor, Silay City & PILIPINA-Bacolod*

Speakers:
Prof. Aurora de Dios, *WAGI*
Ms. Lea Astrera, *PCW*
Sen. Jamby Madrigal, *Philippine Senate*
Rep. Maria Isabelle Climaco, *House of Representatives*

Session Description:

Through the persistent lobby of Philippine women's groups and international pressure through the concluding comments of the CEDAW Commit-

tee and UPR processes, the Magna Carta of Women (MCW), or Republic Act 9710, was finally passed into law.

The MCW provides another legal handle for women to claim their rights and entitlements; and to exact accountability from the state to respect, protect and fulfill women's rights as human rights.

- **Objectives:**
- Orient participants on the salient points of the MCW with CEDAW as its underpinnings;
- Share lessons and insights in the advocacy of the MCW particularly in engaging the anti-lobbyists;
- Expand the network of advocates and generate recommendations in the crafting of the Implementing Rules and Regulations.

**(7)What Women Want!
Engendering the MDGs**
Venue: SMT Lecture Rm 1
3rd Floor

Moderator: Luz Lopez-Rodriguez,
UNIFEM

Speakers:
Jean Franco, WAGI
Aurora de Dios, WAGI
Luz Lopez-Rodriguez, UNIFEM
Dir. Erlinda Capones, NEDA

Session Description:

The Millennium Development Goals (MDG) is a landmark set of commitments made by the global community and an important development framework that holds governments accountable for development goals set to be achieved by 2015. Development experts and women's rights activists want gender-responsive development strategies in the MDGs. This session considers CEDAW Watch Philippines & UNIFEM reports urging a sharpened state response and citizens' advocacy for proactive policies & resource allocation for gendered implementation of MDGs.

Objectives:

- Discuss major links that connect MDGs with gender-responsive development
- Examine gendered gaps in achieving MDGs in the Philippines
- Consider models of best practices

**(8)Young Women as
Transformative Leaders
Part 1**
Venue:
SMT Viewing Rms 3 & 4
2nd Floor

Moderators: Mel Reyes & Clem Novales,
CEDAW Youth Network & WAGI

Speakers:
Samira Gutoc, *Young Moro Professionals
Network*
Erika Sales, *LIYAB & CEDAW Youth*
Leslie Umaly, *RockED & CEDAW Youth*

Session Description:

Although the climate for the political participation of women today has improved tremendously, women - especially young women - continue to struggle for the political space to make their voices heard. Cultural, religious, and structural barriers persist and impede women's participation in politics. Young people - particularly young women - are often not taken seriously in formulating and deciding policy issues that affect them.

**(21)Women, Science &
Technology**

Venue: SMT Viewing Rms 3 & 4
2nd Floor

Moderator: Dr. Helen Dayo

Speakers:
Dr. Filma G. Brawner, *Philippine
Science High School*
Prof. Alleli Domingo, *UP Los Baños*

Session Description:

The framework for this session pertains to 'Science & Technology By Whom? and For Whom?' While developments in the health and technological sciences are contributing new knowledge in both fields and some improvement in women's health is visible, women's unequal access to technical training combined with the constant introduction of new technology into the workplace tends to privilege men and marginalize women. In basic education courses, boys have better access and receive more encouragement than girls, to study and develop skills in science & technology. In the labor market, traditional gender conceptions and biases tend to give preference to men in training and handling of new machinery, software and other forms of technology, while women are kept in traditional jobs which are less-technical, less skilled and more domestic.

Objectives:

- Engage discussion and debate on the benefits of enhancing enhance the status of women, both as agents and beneficiaries in their access to and application of technology to their work
- Develop strategies to equalize participation of women and men in accessing technology and skill building.

2:30 – 4:00

(22)Gender and HIV/AIDS

Venue: SMT Viewing Rms 1 & 2
2nd Floor

Moderator: Jean Franco, WAGI

Speakers:
Jean Franco, WAGI
Lorna Garcia, *Babae Plus*
Joyce Pagtama, *Youth Rep*
Dr. Carol Sobritchea, *UP CWS*

Session Description:

The impact of gender inequality on women's health is nowhere more profoundly seen than in an analysis of the incidence of HIV/AIDS. This session focuses on issues related to AIDS that are emerging in the Philippines but have not been much explored in the country's discourse on gender: HIV transmission within intimate partner relationships as well as issues faced by women and girls living with and affected by HIV.

Objectives:

- Examine prevailing climate of gender inequality as a contributing factor in the rise of HIV/AIDS
- Consider the problems with implementation of current prevention and treatment policies;
- Analyze gender-sensitivity in/for policies & prevailing action programs.

Session Description:

The humanitarian crisis in Mindanao presents multiple challenges to women as they encounter the various stages of conflict and post-conflict situations. This workshop especially aims to amplify the voices of Bangsamoro and Indigenous women currently engaged in peace and human rights advocacy. Their stories- culled from ground experiences of women grappling with intersecting issues of conflict, poverty, and ethnic politics, yield rich insights and lessons for women’s peace advocacy everywhere.

Objectives:

- Enhance our understanding of the crisis in Mindanao and its impact on women and particularly on women’s human rights
- Highlight the voices of Bangsamoro and indigenous women and gain insights from their experiences of dealing with issues of conflict, poverty, displacement and human rights violations, and gendered ethnic politics
- Encourage cross-cultural and cross-border solidarity in strengthening women’s peace advocacy initiatives.

(20)Inroads into Trafficking in the Philippines
Venue: SMT Lecture Rms 3 & 4
3rd Floor

Moderator: Jean Enriquez, *Coalition Against Trafficking in Women (CATW)*

Speakers:
Atty. Carmela Castro, *International Justice Mission*
Belen Antoque, *Lawig Bubai*
Paulo Fuller, *RENEW Foundation Philippines*
Rodel Abenoja, *APL-Youth and YSAGE -Davao*

Session Description: Trafficking in persons, especially women and children, for prostitution, is a complex issue that requires comprehensive interventions -- from addressing the demand side and community-based prevention, to empowering survivors and accessing justice against perpetrators.

Using research to identify risk factors that make young women and girls vulnerable to exploitation through trafficking and prostitution, RENEW was able to identify profiles of individuals and communities at risk. RENEW’s education programs, proven effective in reducing risks of being trafficked, include poverty reduction interventions.

YSAGE educates young men on gender issues, sexuality and prostitution to discourage them participation in the sex and trafficking industries, and from committing violence against women. YSAGE’s campaigns focus their efforts also in schools and communities in an attempt to decrease demand for and acceptance of the sex trade.

Prosecution and conviction of trafficking perpetrators remains a challenge given corruption in the judiciary and lack of understanding of the problem of trafficking. However, IJM’s innovative strategies have facilitated the conclusion of long-standing cases. This September, after years of persistent advocacy, IJM Manila secured the conviction of a police officer in Manila, now facing a life sentence in prison and a PhP 2M fine. Lawig Bubai in Davao City empowers trafficked persons through education, organizing and advocacy.

Young women bring with them a critical analysis of current governance practices and offer a fresh outlook in transforming existing structures of unequal power relations into more gender and rights- based institutions that will foster more democratic and participatory styles in governance and in electoral politics.

Objectives:

- Raise awareness on the political involvement of young women and the problems they face as young women;
- Deepen understanding of the process of empowering young women into transformative leaders guided by gender and rights-based approaches thru social networking and technologies.

(9)Gender, VFA and Militarization
Venue: SMT Viewing Rm 2
2nd Floor

Moderator: Joms Salvador, *GABRIELA*

Speakers:
Atty. Evalyn G. Ursua, *Junk VFA Movement*
Ms. Emmi de Jesus, *Secretary-General GABRIELA*

Session Description:

Continuing U.S. military operations in the Philippines, within the context of the Visiting Forces Agreement have substantially eroded the already weak democratic processes in the country and pose a serious threat to Philippine sovereignty, stability and security. Moreover, the presence of U.S. military operating under the banner of the U.S. war on terrorism, has provided fertile ground for the continuing violation of Filipino women and children, causing widespread abuse, exploitation and displacement of women and their families.

Objectives:

- Establish the connection between VFA and militarization of the lives of Filipino women
- Inquire into issues connecting various forms and cases of gender-based violence as an offshoot of U.S. militarism in the Asia-Pacific region and culture of violence it spawns
- Provide a venue to discuss strategies of resistance in light of women’s continuing engagement in these issues.

(10)Women in the Philippine Labor Market: Trends Since the Beijing Conference
Venue: SMT Lecture Rm 2
2nd Floor

Moderator: Marina Durano, Ph.D., *DAWN*

Speakers:
Prof. Inday Ofreneo, *UP CSWD*
Ms. Lourdes Gula, *PATAMABA (invited)*
Ms. Tess Borgonia, *MAKALAYA*

Session Description:

Women have been actively participating in the labor market as both formal and informal workers. While this phenomenon is generally positive for women, the conditions of work are unregulated and unprotected by labor

laws; wages are low and sexual harassment and labor exploitation remains rampant. The economic crisis has resulted in massive layoffs of women workers from the formal sectors forcing them to join the ranks of the informal sectors without financial assistance nor social protection from government. This has driven thousands of Filipino women to opt for migration for domestic work abroad which has its own set of issues and problems.

The session will look at labor market trends of women's employment in the Philippines since the Beijing Conference in 1995 ; the involvement of women workers in the formal and informal sectors and the need for more women workers to actively engage in the trade union movement of the Philippines.

Objectives:

- Identify key issues in the participation of women in the formal and informal sectors since Beijing + 15;
- Critique existing labor laws and social protection programs that do not adequately respond to women workers' needs;
- Stress the need for women workers to organize and engage male workers and employers in recognizing gender issues in trade union movement and in promoting women's human rights within the trade union movement.

4:00 – 4:15
Venue: LMC Grounds

Break

4:15 – 5:30

(11) Young Women as Transformative Leaders Part 2
Venue: SMT Viewing Rms 3 & 4
2nd Floor

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Ira Pahila, UP Visayas GAD Office
Charisse Jordan, Women's Legal Bureau

Session Description:

Through the use of youth-oriented technologies such as blogs, facebook and a host of other internet based social networking – young women are in a unique position to help transform institutions, groups, communities and society towards more people oriented, transparent and gender and rights-based good governance.

Objectives:

- Share ideas and strategies to involve young women leaders in promoting good governance through transformative leadership
- Overall, this session aims to create a feminist space where young women can discuss their different involvement in politics, how they engage in the process, as well as interact and share their ideas on transformative leadership.

(12) Making CEDAW a Reality on Filipino Women's Lives Through the Magna Carta of Women Part 2
Venue: SMT Lecture Rms 3 & 4

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Ms. Beatriz L. Senga, House of Representatives
Atty. Joanne Gironella, Philippine Senate

By its very definition, gender mainstreaming involves in both "internal" organization and "external" operation procedures. It therefore requires crafting gender policies, putting in place enabling mechanisms such as gender units, national women's machineries and ensuring the gender responsiveness of programs, projects and systems.

The Philippines, through its national women's machinery, the Philippine Commission on Women (PCW), has spearheaded gender mainstreaming efforts through the creation of GAD Focal Points, implementation of the GAD Budget Policy, legislation of laws on women and provision of technical assistance to ensure that government plans, programs and projects are gender responsive.

After a decade of gender mainstreaming, there have been several practices, especially at the local level, that show's government's ability and commitment to respect, uphold and fulfill women's rights and advance gender equality.

Non-government organizations (NGOs) have worked and collaborated with key government agencies in ensuring that strategies for gender mainstreaming and gender budgeting are successful and responsive to the needs of local communities. In this panel, NGOs who have partnered with the government will present their success stories and discuss how their partnerships have worked and have been sustained.

Objectives:

- Develop an understanding of gender mainstreaming as well as its useful tools and strategies at the local level
- Feature good practices in gender mainstreaming strategies at the local level;
- Identify common elements and features of the good practices for its replication to other local government units; and
- Discuss the challenges in the implementation of the featured gender mainstreaming strategies and come up with recommended actions to sustain the pioneering efforts on GAD at the local level as well as strengthen the policy's implementation.

12:00 – 1:00 LUNCH
(Food can be bought at the cafeteria located at MMJ Building)

1:00 – 2:30 PM PARALLEL SESSIONS

(19) Humanitarian Crisis in Mindanao
Venue: SMT Viewing Rms 1 & 2
2nd Floor

Moderator: Jeannie Manipon, WAGI
Speakers:
Amina Rasul, Philippine Council for Islam and Democracy
Bae Rohaniza Sumndad, Asia America Initiative, Inc
Arlene Lozano, Mindanao Commission on Women
Speaker from Tiduray community

directly impacts Filipino women's life cycle choices, or lack thereof, due to socio-economic concerns for their families.

Objectives:

- Identify and analyze key issues at every stage of a woman's life cycle and address the gaps and challenges (reproductive health, menopause, violence, challenge of medical treatments of cancers for women)
- Generate ideas and strategies for effective-non intrusive; gender sensitive alternatives to women's treatments to their repro health problems and increased advocacy for women freedom of choice throughout their life-cycles

(17)Women's Wellness, Lifestyle and Aging
Venue: SMT Lecture Rm 1 & 2
3rd Floor

Moderator: Dr. Jasmin Acuña, *RPMO*

Speakers:
Grace Cruz, Ph.D, *Executive Director, Philippine Population Institute, UP*
Rashmi Singh

Session Description:

This session presents a different dimension in Filipino women's lives as they live their life through their mature years. As Filipino women live longer years than men, how can women manage leading a better quality of life? Are they able to shape, transform and eventually enjoy their old age by developing a lifestyle of wellness and health? How do maturing women cope with lack of social protection and the additional burden of caring for grandchildren as a result of daughters or sons who migrate for long periods of time?

Objectives:

- Discuss the patterns and trends in the aging of the population particularly women and the implications of these trends;
- Discuss the ways in which mature women can develop a lifestyle of wellness and health throughout their aging process.

(18)Local GAD Initiatives and Results: Gender Mainstreaming
Venue:
SMT Lecture Rms 3 & 4

Moderator: Chair Myrna Yao, *PCW*

Speakers:
Ms. Emmeline Verzosa, *PCW*
Ms. Florencia Casanova-Dorotan, *WAND*
Dr. Ruby Palma, *City GAD RCO*
Ms. Tessie Fernandez, *Region 7 RGADATV AWC*

Session Description:

Gender mainstreaming requires the introduction of changes in or influencing the mainstream, through a strategy that integrates the concerns and experiences of women and men in the design, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of policies, programs and projects within the mainstream, on all political, economic and social agenda. It situates gender equality at the center of broad policy decisions, institutional structures and resource allocations. It includes women's views and priorities in making decisions about development goals and processes as its ultimate goal is to achieve gender equality

3rd Floor

Ms. Trinidad "Ka Trining" Domingo,
PKKK

Session Description:

The National Summit of Women and the Asia-Pacific NGO Forum on Beijing +15 is an opportunity to share with other women constituents, the good news of the MCW.

(13)Gender, Media and ICT
Venue: SMT Viewing Rm 1
2nd Floor

Moderator: Ms. Lynda Garcia,
Communication Arts Department Miriam College

Speakers:
Rina Jimenez-David, *PDI Columnist / PILIPINA (invited)*
Chat Garcia Ramilo, *Association for Progressive Communications*

Session Description:

The predominance of media and ICT's in the world today have shaped the role of women constituting both an enabling and sometimes constraining factor in the development of gender equality.

This panel aims to highlight the issues concerning the rapid mobility of information, gender representation and exploitation in the media, as well as gender roles in the management and use of ICT's. Has this new era of information technology provided a window of opportunity for women to promote their voices and perspectives? Or has it instead reinforced the objectification and commodification of women?

Objectives:

- Address and find solutions to the global exploitation of children and women made possible through the use of media and ICT's.
- Determine how to utilize global media and programming to promote a balanced, diverse and realistic portrayal of women
- Establish a safe medium that is consistent in freedom of expression for victims of violence and abuse
- Promote equal access to education and training programs for ICT's that will equalize the gender disparity within the professional and social spheres.

(14)Governance & Corruption
Venue: SMT Viewing Rm 2
2nd Floor

Moderator: Jean Franco, *WAGI*

Speakers:
Ms. Malou Mangahas, *Philippine Center for Investigative Journalism*
Ms. Ma. Cecilia Arriola, *Mindanao Commission on Women*
Ms. Jacqueline dela Peña, *Lihok PILIPINA.*

Session Description:

Corruption weakens governance, distorts budgets, limits social participation, social development and economic growth, eroding the trust and confi-

dence of the citizenry in their leaders. Social, political divisions and disunity are the result. What are some of the ways we can combat corruption and strengthen governance through increased people participation and monitoring? How can we engender governance and cultivate a culture of transparency, rule of law and citizen involvement in governance?

Objectives:

- Examine performance indicators for anticorruption & create evaluation system for monitoring.
- Identify best anti-corruption/accountability strategies and formulate platform and criteria for choosing best election candidate.
- Identify short and long term strategies that can be the basis for an Engendered Governance Plan for the short and the long term?

5:30 – 6:00 Networking & Exhibit Viewing
Venue: MMJ Building
2nd Floor

6:00 – 9:00 Cocktail Reception
Venue: Paz Adriano (Little Theater) **Eminent Women in Politics Awarding Ceremony** Justice Leonor I. Luciano
Rep. Josefina Joson

Musical Tribute to Susan Fernandez Bayang Barrios
Kooky Chua
Carol Bello & the Inkgantada
Harana Group

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7:00 – 9:00 AM Morning Rituals
Venue: ESI Building (Yoga, pranic healing, exercises)

9:00 – 10:00 **PLENARY 2**
Venue: Paz Adriano (Little Theater) *Women and the Challenges and Possibilities of a Lasting Peace in Mindanao* Hon. Santanina Rasul, *Magbassa Kita Foundation*

Gender, Science & Technology National Scientist Dr. Lourdes Cruz, *Marine Science Institute*

The Peace Process Ms. Teresita Quintos-Deles, *INCITEGov*

Reproductive Health and Well Being: A Gendered Approach Rep. Riza Hontiveros, *AKBAYAN*

Women in Political and Electoral Reforms Ms. Irene Santiago, *Mothers for Peace Movement*

10:00 – 10:30 Break
Venue: SMT Grounds

10:30 – 12:00

PARALLEL SESSIONS

(15) Sojourns in the Global Sites: The Case of Philippine Migration

Venue: SMT Viewing Rms 3 & 4
2nd Floor

Moderator: Dr. Nanette Dungo, WAGI

Speakers:
Prof. Aurora de Dios, *WAGI & Migration Studies Dept*
Dr. Marilyn Lorenzo, *UP College of Public Health*
Dr. Nanette Dungo, *WAGI & Migration Studies Department*
Ms. Ellene Sana, *Center for Migrants Advocacy*

Session Description:

With poverty as an enduring reality for most Filipino families, migration remains the most pragmatic solution to secure the economic needs of Philippine households. Women have chosen to move given that the demand for labor is generally in service sectors, which generated the phenomenon of the feminization of labor beginning in the 1980's and continuing to the present. This feminized mobility intensifies women's vulnerabilities to sexual harassment and other forms of violence particularly in countries with prevailing patriarchal culture. Migration has also led to the departure of women as key actors in the nurture and reproductive maintenance of the family: with the absence of mothers heavily affecting the emotional well being of family members, especially children. There is a need to craft a more systematic management of migration to prevent the negative occurrences and instead, maximize its gains.

Objectives:

- Identify the particular conditions in the management of migration and social displacement predisposing women to all forms of discrimination and violence
- Formulate and implement strategies for women subjected to violence, for access to mechanisms of remedy and justice, as outlined in national and international legislation
- Strategize for implementation of international human rights instruments that relate to violence against women and children

(16) Women's Health Across the Life Cycle

Venue: SMT Viewing Rms 1 & 2
2nd Floor

Moderator: Ms. Beth Angsioco, *DSWP*

Speakers:
Dr. Junice Melgar, *LIKHAAN*
Atty. Clara Rita Padilla, *EnGendeRights*
Ms. Reena Marcelo, *3RG*

Session Description:

This session will identify key issues of inequality in reproductive health, family planning, violence, and right to health care and education for girls and women. Gender discrimination is a life-cycle process that is experienced by women from birth to death; from the prenatal stage to infancy, childhood, adolescence, reproductive, and old age. It will examine the unmet needs for family planning and access to adequate and appropriate RH information. Furthermore, it will address how poverty