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MEMORANDUM

FOR : The Directors

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The Director, Climate Change Service

FROM : The OIC Director, Policy and Planning Service

SUBJECT : **Invitation to the Online Launch of the “ASEAN Gender Outlook: Achieving the SDGs for All and Leaving No Woman and Girl Behind”, 01 March 2021**

DATE : **24 FEB 2021**

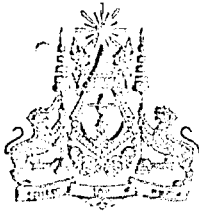
This refers to the electronic mail from the ASEAN Secretariat referring to us the invitation letter from H.E. Kheng Samvada, Secretary of State, Ministry of Women’s Affairs Cambodia on the online launching of the “ASEAN Gender Outlook: Achieving the SDGs for All and Leaving No Woman and Girl Behind” to be held on 01 March 2021 thru video conference.

The ASEAN Gender Outlook is the first regional publication jointly produced by ASEAN Committee on Women (ACW), the ASEAN Secretariat and UN Women. It is a milestone document that looks at the notable gains on SDGs in ASEAN countries, as well as gaps and challenges, especially against the effect of COVID19 pandemic, using the engender lens towards achieving sustainable development and the promise of “leaving no one behind” as aspired in the ASEAN Community Vision 2025 and the 2020 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

In this regard, we are providing you the documents for the said event for your reference. You are also requested to confirm your participation by completing the online registration form which we sent to your respective Offices through email.

For our appropriate action.

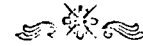

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10 February 2021

To: (see attached Distribution List)

Excellencies, Mesdames and Sirs,

Subject: Invitation to the Online Launch of the "ASEAN Gender Outlook: Achieving the SDGs for all and leaving no woman and girl behind", 1 March 2021, 13.30 – 15.00 hrs (GMT+7)

It is with pleasure that I invite you to join the **Online Launch of the "ASEAN Gender Outlook: Achieving the SDGs for all and leaving no woman and girl behind"** which will be held on **Monday, 1 March 2021 at 13.30 – 15.00 hrs (GMT+7)**.

By way of background, the ASEAN Gender Outlook is the first regional flagship publication jointly produced by ASEAN Committee on Women (ACW), the ASEAN Secretariat and UN Women. It is a milestone document that looks at the notable gains on SDGs in ASEAN countries, as well as gaps and challenges, especially against the backdrop of COVID 19 pandemic, using an engender lens towards achieving sustainable development and the promise of 'leaving no one behind' as aspired in the ASEAN Community Vision 2025 and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

Further, the ASEAN Gender Outlook calls for increased investment in gender data and evidence, which is important to inform policy decision-making and ensure that our responses are effective and inclusive with specific target to women and girls of most vulnerable and marginalized groups. We hope that the outcomes of the launch event as well as the publication's findings and recommendations will inform and foster greater regional cooperation in achieving the SDGs for all women and girls in ASEAN. The tentative programme and technical arrangements are attached herewith for your reference.

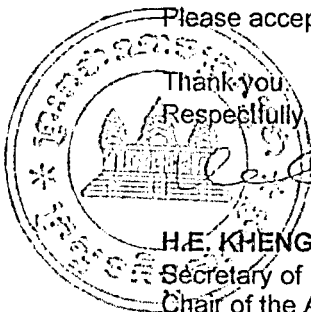
Delegates are kindly requested to pre-register to the launch event through this link: https://unwomen.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_FPWLnzmqTikVUvlyy3ERww by **22 February 2021**. For any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the ASEAN Secretariat at desiana.saqila@asean.org and kwinraj.chand@asean.org.

Please accept the assurances of my highest consideration.

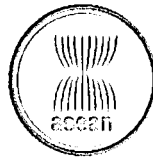
Thank you
Respectfully yours,

H.E. KHENG SAMVADA

Secretary of State, Ministry of Women's Affairs, Cambodia
Chair of the ASEAN Committee on Women (ACW)



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Online Launch of the “ASEAN Gender Outlook: Achieving the SDGs for all and leaving no woman and girl behind”

1 March 2021, 13.30-15.00hrs (GMT+7)

Video Conference

Administrative Information

Date and Venue

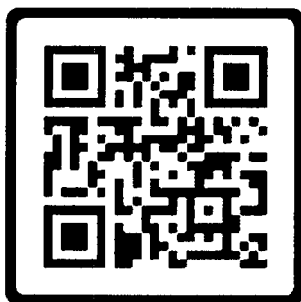
1. The online launch of the “ASEAN Gender Outlook: Achieving the SDGs for all and leaving no woman and girl behind” will be held through video conference (VC) on Monday, 1 March 2021 at 13.30 – 15.00 hrs (GMT+7).

Registration

2. Participants are requested to confirm their participation to the launch event by completing the online registration form through the link:
https://unwomen.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_FPWLnzmgTfKVUvtyy3ERww
by **22 February 2021**.

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

Or you can scan the QR Code below for registration:



Video Conference (VC) Workshop Platform

3. The event will be held using the Zoom 'webinar' platform, which will be managed and administered by UN Women. To receive the detailed information and link to connect to the webinar for the online launch event, please register via the link above.

Meeting/Webinar ID:938 1036 7731

Passcode: 0665721

4. All participants, upon logging in are kindly requested to reflect their connection ID as follows: Country Abbreviation – Organization – Name (e.g. *ID – ASEAN Secretariat – Desiana Sagita*).
5. For security purposes and for monitoring of uninvited guests, only registered participants will be able to receive the webinar link which is automatically generated after the completed online registration forms have been submitted. As such, it is highly advised that the completed online registration forms are submitted prior to the launch event.
6. All Speakers and panelists have been added as panelists on the Zoom 'webinar' platform and will be expected to receive an email from Zoom with this subject line: "*Rotcharek Limkitisupasin invites you to join a Zoom webinar as a panelist*". You might need to check your "junk mail" or "other" folders to find it. Please do not share this link with anyone else as it allows each of you personally to join the Webinar. This is the link you will need to use on 1 March 2021.
7. Speakers and panelists are encouraged to connect 30 minutes prior to the launch event and check the connection and devices' audio-visual readiness, as indicated in the Tentative Programme.
8. The standard language which will be used for the launch event is English. Should there be a need, participants are kindly requested to provide their own interpretation services during the event.

Rules of Procedures

9. The online launch is organized via a zoom 'webinar', which is designed so that the host, co-hosts and any designated panelists can share their video, audio and screen. Webinars allow view-only attendees. Should participants have questions and feedback, please convey them via the chat-box. Moderator will convey the questions and feedback to the panelists.
10. To ensure that the launch event ends within the allocated time, the launch event will adhere strictly to the programme and time allocated time per each session.

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11. The launch event will be recorded for note-taking purposes. A copy of the recording may be shared upon request.
12. Please alert the organisers through the chat function or any other means if you are facing technical difficulties.

Contact Persons for Technical Matters

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**Online Launch of the
ASEAN Gender Outlook: Achieving the SDGs for all and leaving no woman and
girl behind**

1 March 2021

13.30– 15.00 hrs (GMT+7)

CONCEPT NOTE

Background and Rationale

The Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) is a highly dynamic and diverse region. Over the past 50 years, Southeast Asia has gone through rapid economic transformation, urbanisation and demographic shifts. This has brought remarkable gains on poverty reduction and improvements on the health and wellbeing of the ASEAN population, from increasing access to maternal care, to expanding the availability of basic water sources.

Nevertheless, rising inequalities continue to be a major challenge for sustainable development in the region. To meet ASEAN's commitment to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the promise of leaving no one behind, the spotlight must be placed on those most at risk of lagging behind. This includes women and girls living in poorest rural households, in remote areas, or of ethnic minorities, among others. Only 10 years are now left to achieve the SDGs and the region requires accelerated change, especially to ensure development reaches those furthest behind. In this regard, it is important to identify specific policies and programme interventions to reach disadvantaged groups. Evidence-based planning and design is key to ensuring the success of these interventions.

Gender data disaggregated at multiple levels is essential to identify who the disadvantaged population groups are, where they live and the challenges they face. Without gender statistics, evidence-based policy decision making to address the principle of leaving no one behind is not possible. And yet, these data are often unavailable because microdata is not always analysed with a gender perspective. For instance, although statistics such as the proportion of households who have access

to clean water or the proportion of people who live in poverty are widely available, information on the proportion of women who live in such households, and on whether or not rural women are more likely to fall behind is not consistently generated or disseminated. More efforts are required to look at multidimensional poverty for both men and women in different social circumstances. This analysis, which is presented in the Gender Outlook, will help policy makers and relevant stakeholders examine different forms of deprivation and design policies and strategies to tackle these challenges among the disadvantage population in ASEAN countries, to include some findings on the impacts of COVID-19 pandemic on women and girls.

As such, turning the *ASEAN Declaration on the Gender-Responsive Implementation of the ASEAN Community Vision 2025 and Sustainable Development Goals* into action is now more essential than ever. In partnership with the ASEAN Committee on Women (ACW) and the ASEAN Secretariat, UN Women provides technical support to ensure gender-responsive localisation and implementation of the SDGs in view of the *Complementarities between the ASEAN Community Vision 2025 and the 2030 Agenda: A Framework for Action*, particularly for the production and use of gender data to inform policy actions that contribute to the principle of leaving no one behind.

Objectives

The ASEAN Committee on Women (ACW), with support from the ASEAN Secretariat (ASEC) and UN Women, jointly developed the ASEAN Gender Outlook, the first regional ASEAN flagship publication based on multiple deprivation analysis with the aim to:

- Generate SDG-related data that provides insights on who is lagging behind and what the challenges and opportunities are to lift them out of multidimensional poverty.
- Inform the development and implementation of the 2021-2025 work plans of relevant ASEAN sectoral bodies, namely ACW, ASEAN Commission on the Promotion and Protection of the Rights of Women and Children (ACWC), Senior Officials Meeting on Social Welfare and Development (SOMSWD), and Senior Officials Meeting on Rural Development and Poverty Eradication (SOMRDPE), ASEAN Committee on Disaster Management (ACDM), among others.
- Provide evidence for key relevant stakeholders in ASEAN to formulate policy and programme interventions for advancing gender equality and empowerment of women in the region.
- Call for investment in gender and statistics for reporting progress towards the 2030 Agenda and the SDGs in the ASEAN region.

Target Participants

The launch event will bring together government officials, policymakers, practitioners, development partners, UN agencies and relevant stakeholders from across the region. Specifically, the launch event will be attended by:

- a. Committee of Permanent Representatives to ASEAN;
- b. Representatives from the following ASEAN Sectoral Bodies and Entities Associated with ASEAN among others:
 - ACW
 - ACWC
 - SOMSWD
 - SOMRDPE
 - SLOM
 - SOMHD
 - SOM-ED
 - SOMY
 - ACDM
 - ASOEN
 - SEOM
 - ACSS and WGSDGI
 - ACCMSME
 - AICHR
 - AWEN
 - ASEAN-IPR
 - ASEAN Foundation
 - ACWO
 - ADF
 - AsiaDHRRA
 - ACSDSD
- c. Representatives from the ASEAN Secretariat;
- d. Representatives from UN agencies;
- e. Representatives from Civil Society Organisations (CSOs);
- f. Representatives from the ASEAN Plus Three Countries;
- g. Representatives from the ASEAN Dialogue Partners;
- h. Academia and independent experts;
- i. Representatives from the private sector; and
- j. Representatives from the media.

Time and Duration

The Online Launch of the ASEAN Gender Outlook will be held for 1.5 hours on 1 March 2021 from 13.30 to 15.00 hrs (GMT+7) via Zoom and live stream.

TENTATIVE PROGRAMME

13.00 – 13.30	Registration / Dry Run
13.30 – 13.40	Opening Session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opening Remarks by H.E. Dato Lim Jock Hoi, Secretary General of ASEAN • Welcome Remarks by H.E. Mdm. Kheng Samvada, Secretary of State, Ministry of Women's Affairs of Cambodia, Chair of the ASEAN Committee on Women (ACW) • Welcome Remarks by Mr. Mohammad Naciri, Regional Director of UN Women Regional office for Asia and the Pacific
13.40 – 13.45	Overview of the ASEAN Gender Outlook: Key highlights and findings <p>Sara Duerto Valero, Regional Advisor on Gender and Statistics and Ryce Chanchai, Gender and Governance Specialist, UN Women</p>
13.45 – 14.30	Moderated Panel Discussion <p>Meeting ASEAN's commitments to ensure gender equality and empowerment of women and girls through evidence-based decision-making</p> <p>Panelists</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposed question: <i>How can the information presented in this outlook support the implementation of ASEAN's Commitments on gender equality and women's empowerment?</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ H.E. Kung Phoak, Deputy Secretary-General of ASEAN for ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community • Proposed question: <i>What are your plans to continue disaggregating data at multiple levels in your country, and how will this data be used?</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Vietnam General Statistical Offices (GSO) (TBC) ○ Philippine Commission on Women (PCW) (TBC) • Proposed question: <i>Can you tell us about your organization's plans to further amplify the use and the impact of the ASEAN Gender Outlook as well as potential</i>

	<p><i>areas of collaboration with the ASEAN Committee on Women especially on Gender Mainstreaming.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ambassador Narong Sasitorn, Executive Director, ASEAN Centre for Sustainable Development Studies and Dialogue (ACSDSD) ● Proposed question: <i>Can you tell us how your company generates and uses data to advance gender equality and empower women and girls in COVID19 response?</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Gojek (TBC) <p>Moderator: Dr. Sita Sumrit, Assistant Director/Head of Poverty Eradication and Gender Division (PEGD), ASEAN Secretariat</p>
14.30– 14.45	Q&A (to the panelists and on the publication)
14.45 – 15.00	Conclusion and Closing
15.00	Photo Session
