CONCEPT NOTE

ADVANCING WOMEN’S HUMAN RIGHTS AND ACCESS TO JUSTICE IN THAILAND
IN THE CONTEXT OF CEDAW.

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Background

The UN Women, grounded in the vision of equality enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations, works for the elimination of discrimination against women and girls; the empowerment of women; and the achievement of equality between women and men as partners and beneficiaries of development, human rights, humanitarian action, peace and security. Placing women’s rights at the centre of all its efforts, the UN Women will lead and coordinate United Nations system efforts to ensure that commitments on gender equality and gender mainstreaming translate into action throughout the world. It will provide strong and coherent leadership in support of Member States’ priorities and efforts, building effective partnerships with civil society and other relevant actors.

UN Women Programme in Thailand works in partnership with government, civil society and private sector partners to promote gender equality and empowerment of women at national and local levels in areas of women’s participation in decision making, ending violence against women, promoting women, peace and security, placing gender equality at the center of planning and budgeting processes, and advancing global norms, policies and standards.

In the area of advancing global norms, policies and standards, UN Women Thailand implements the Thailand Component of the “Regional Programme on Improving Women’s Human Rights in Southeast Asia” (CEDAW SEAP Phase II). The programme focuses on increasing skills and knowledge on CEDAW compliance in development and monitoring new and revised legislative frameworks, increasing awareness among formal and informal justice system actors of CEDAW commitments, and strengthening monitoring and accountability mechanisms for implementation of CEDAW commitments.

UN Women Thailand is organizing a national workshop “Advancing Women’s Human Rights and Access to Justice in Thailand in the Context of CEDAW” to share results, experiences and lessons learnt in the advancement of women’s human rights and access to justice in Thailand and to brainstorm on strategic priorities and new areas of interventions, taking into account results and lessons learnt from the implementation of the Thailand Component of CEDAW SEAP II, which is coming to an end in June 2016.

The **Key Objectives** of the workshop are:

1. To review progress made in advancing women’s human rights and access to justice in the context of CEDAW implementation in Thailand
2. To share results and lessons learnt from the Thailand Component of the UN Women “Regional Programme on Improving Women’s Human Rights in Southeast Asia (CEDAW SEAP Phase II)”
3. To brainstorm on priority areas and strategic directions to further advancing women’s human rights and access to justice for women in Thailand

Venue

Courtyard by Marriott Bangkok

Participants:

50-60 Participants from government and public agencies, civil society organizations, women’s human rights and gender advocates, UN agencies and international development partners. Participants includes women leaders in the provinces in Thailand.