



The 6th APHR Members' Forum 2024: Plan of Action 2025-2029

We, the members and former members of parliaments from Southeast Asia convened at the 6th ASEAN Parliamentarians for Human Rights (APHR) Members' Forum and Parliamentary Forum on Human Rights and Democracy in Southeast Asia, held in Bali from 6 to 8 December 2024, hereby propose the following key activities and strategic focus areas to collectively address the critical and pressing challenges confronting our region:

A. Civil Liberties and Digital Rights

Objective: To safeguard digital rights, enhance protections against abuse, and ensure equitable use of technology in Southeast Asia.

Key Activities:

1. Empowering Parliamentarians:

- Strengthen MPs' knowledge of digital rights, policies, and technologies through research, country case studies, and digital security training programs.

2. Policy Development Support:

- Provide research and policy resources to help MPs influence national policies that (a) Safeguard social protections in the use of artificial intelligence (AI); (b) Review and update outdated privacy laws; (c) Ensure big tech companies comply with safety regulations to combat disinformation, fake news, and online harassment of MPs and citizens.

3. Regional Advocacy:

- Promote evidence-based policy positions on AI-related laws and policies within ASEAN institutions.
- Advance a campaign to advocate against the use of AI for action against democracy and civil liberties, including:
 - i. offensive military purposes
 - ii. surveillance and profiling of dissenters and target peoples

B. Climate Change, Business and Human Rights



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Objectives:

- (a) To reflect the Local Cultural Community (LCC) including Indigenous peoples' perspectives in crafting climate-related policies while advancing equitable climate actions.
- (b) To promote the integration of green initiatives into corporate practices while safeguarding human rights.

Key Activities:

1. Multi-Sectoral Consultations:

- Organize workshops to capture local practices and knowledge on disaster risk reduction and climate issues, including flood control, heatwaves, haze, and gender equality.

2. Partnership Building:

- Strengthen collaborations with CSOs, think tanks and academia to align policies with grassroots realities.

3. Capacity Building for MPs:

- Equip MPs with knowledge of the impacts and contributions of corporatization and business activities to climate change.

4. Regional Climate Action Conferences:

- Replicate and expand regional conferences promoting people-centered climate policies.

C. Protection for MPs at Risk

Objective: To protect parliamentarians from political persecution and amplify their voices.

Key Activities:

1. Database Development:

- Create a gender-sensitive database of MPs at risk, accessible to members for advocacy and solidarity efforts.

2. Advocacy Materials:

- Publish regular communications and campaign materials to highlight the plight of MPs at risk.



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3. **Engagement with International Actors:**

- Facilitate private meetings and public hearings involving MPs at risk with diplomatic missions to secure global support.

4. **Protection for MPs at Risk:**

- Develop guidelines to facilitate protection for MPs at risk

D. Women's Participation in Politics

Objective: To increase women's political representation and leadership in Southeast Asia.

Key Activities:

1. **Regional Forum on Women in Politics:**

- Organize a forum to assess the state of women's political participation, informing APHR's gender advocacy strategies.

2. **Advocacy Campaigns:**

- Advance policies and recommendations to support women's engagement in politics.

3. **Capacity Building:**

- Provide training, workshops, and exchange programs to empower potential women leaders.

4. **Regional Network Building:**

- Establish a regional network of women MPs to guide and support APHR's gender advocacy initiatives.

E. Regional Framework on Democracy in ASEAN

Objective: To develop and promote a framework that reflects Southeast Asia's unique democratic values and experiences.

Key Activities:

1. **Research and Consultations:**

- Produce country case studies and hold multi-sectoral consultations to define the parameters, principles, and values of democracy.

2. **Championing Democracy:**



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- Identify and activate democracy champions within national caucuses to advocate for the framework's adoption.
- 3. **Stakeholders Engagement:**
 - Engage in national, regional, and international forums to gain support for the framework.

F. Democracy in Myanmar

Objective: To support pro-democracy forces and address the ongoing crisis in Myanmar.

Key Activities:

1. **International Action:**
 - Advocate for an International Mediation Task Force to facilitate ceasefires and peace talks in Myanmar.
 - Engage actors beyond ASEAN to increase pressure and advance accountability of the military junta for their atrocities.
2. **Solidarity Missions and Inquiries:**
 - Organize parliamentary inquiries and missions to amplify support for pro-democracy efforts.
3. **Communication Strategies:**
 - Release statements, press materials, and open letters to raise global awareness and attention.
4. **Humanitarian Support:**
 - Leverage networks to establish humanitarian response systems on the ground.

G. Human Rights and the City

Objective: To address urbanization's human rights implications and shape policies aligned with the New Urban Agenda.

Key Activities:

1. **Establish a Working Group:**



- Form an APHR working group to address urban development, urbanization, and related human rights issues.
- 2. **Knowledge Exchange:**
 - Facilitate discussions to increase awareness among MPs about national policies and regional urban challenges.

H. Forced Labor, Refugees, and Migration (to be elaborated further)

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