

**Asia Pacific Working Group  
Spring Symposium 2009  
March 30<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup>, 2009  
Strathmere, North Gower, Ontario  
Preliminary Agenda**

**Day 1:**

<b>8:00-9:00 am</b>	<b>REGISTRATION</b>
<b>9:00-9:30 am</b>	<b>WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS, AGENDA OVERVIEW</b>
<b>9:30-11:00 am</b>	<p><b>GOVERNMENT-CSO POLICY CONSULTATIONS: THE PRESENT CONTEXT</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Overview of the current reality of consultations with Canadian Government on development assistance to Asia – Margot Stevens, Consultant</li> <li>• Brian Tomlinson, Senior Policy Analyst, Aid, CCIC - Consultation as mandated by the new Canadian Aid Accountability Act</li> <li>• Jess Agustin, Development and Peace – Canadian CSO experience with the CIDA's Country Development Program Framework for Indonesia</li> <li>• Discussion: What would we look for in a legitimate consultation process? Given the current reality, what are the APWG's options for promoting consultation with CIDA?</li> </ul>
<b>11:00-11:30am</b>	<b>COFFEE BREAK</b>
<b>11:30-1:00pm</b>	<p><b>PANEL 2: THE STATUS OF HUMAN RIGHTS CONSULTATIONS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Status update on DFAIT Human Rights Consultations</li> <li>• Mika Lévesque, Rights and Democracy – Canada-Indonesia Bilateral Human Rights Dialogue</li> <li>• Jean-François Lesage, Rights and Democracy – Canada-China Bilateral Human Rights Dialogue</li> <li>• France-Isabelle Langlois, Deputy Director, Policy, Programmes and Planning, Rights and Democracy - Briefing on the UN's Universal Periodic Review Process, and how civil society can be involved</li> <li>• Discussion: What action should the APWG take to (re)establish consultations with DFAIT on human rights?</li> </ul>
<b>1:00-2:00pm</b>	<b>LUNCH</b>
<b>2:00-4:00pm</b>	<p><b>PANEL 3: CIVIL SOCIETY CONSULTATION AND THE ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK: THE CASE OF THE ENVIRONMENT, INDIGENOUS PEOPLE AND INVOLUNTARY RESETTLEMENT SAFEGUARD POLICIES</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tea Soentoro, Network Advocacy Coordinator, NGO Forum on the ADB</li> <li>• Mam Sambath, Executive Director Development Partnership in Action, Cambodia: Case Study: Forced Evictions in Cambodia for ADB-financed projects (TBC)</li> <li>• Stephanie Fried, Environmental Defense Fund - Role of Northern members of the NGO Forum on the ADB (TBC)</li> <li>• Update on the advocacy role the APWG has played vis-à-vis Canadian representatives at the ADB – Margot Stevens</li> <li>• Discussion: APWG future collaboration with NGOF on ADB</li> </ul>
<b>4:00-4:30pm</b>	<b>ANNOUNCEMENTS, LOGISTICS, WRAP-UP FOR THE DAY</b>

**Day 2:**

<b>9:00-10:00 am</b>	<b>COUNTRY GROUP UPDATES</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Indonesia – Mika Lévesque, Rights and Democracy</li><li>• Burma – Jocelyne Dubois, Development and Peace</li><li>• Philippines – Speaker TBC</li></ul>
<b>10:00-10:30am</b>	<b>REVIEW OF APWG ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS 2008/09</b>
<b>10:30-11:00am</b>	<b>COFFEE BREAK</b>
<b>11:00am-1:00pm</b>	<b>WORKPLAN AND BUDGET PLANNING FOR 2009/10</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Review Budget</li><li>• Review Coordinator Staffing option</li><li>• Review current work plan agenda items, and potential additional items</li><li>• Discussion of options, suggestion of new work plan options</li></ul>
<b>1:00-2:00pm</b>	<b>LUNCH</b>
<b>2:00-3:00pm</b>	<b>RANKING AND PRIORITIZATION OF WORK PLAN OPTIONS</b>
<b>3:00-3:30pm</b>	<b>NOMINATION AND CONFIRMATION OF COORDINATING COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND CHAIR</b>
<b>3:30-4:00pm</b>	<b>REVIEW AND CLOSING REMARKS</b>