

EU-ASEAN

Perspectives Dialogue III

Gender Equality – Progress and
Challenges from an Interregional
EU-ASEAN Perspective

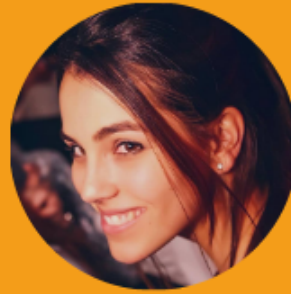


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Use a gender tool to monitor implementation of existing gender policies



Engage youth in decision-making of gender equality concerns

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Develop the Mutual Learning Programme model for ASEAN for gender best practice exchange



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Recommendation #1



Use of a common gender tool to monitor the implementation of existing gender policies.



Use a common gender monitoring tool



Gap between formal gender policies and implementation

- Equal pay/access to assets
- Gender quotas
- Laws against harassment/VAW
- Laws protecting LGBTs

Gender-related norms generating enforcement loopholes

Non-homogenous application of laws



CHALLENGE

Absence or lack of gender budget lines to government agencies.



PROGRESS

- Existing gender tools, toolkits, checklists from multiple international agencies.
- CEDAW, now a part of general international human right, reflecting the principle of due diligence.



TOOLS/ OPPORTUNITIES



- Media: contribute awareness on gender policies and use of toolkits.
- Education ministry: promotion of equality and inclusion in the education sector to get rid of implementation gap.

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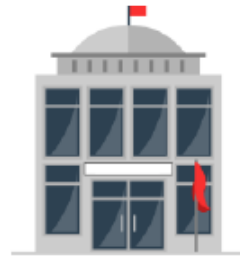
Recommendation #2



Engage the youth in
decision-making of gender
equality concerns in the
EU and ASEAN regions.



**Engage youth in
decision-making**



**Lack of political representation
of young people within
marginalized groups**

-Women
-LGBT

-Men
-Indigenous peoples



CHALLENGES

- Age restrictions for electoral offices
- Lack of youth representation in political parties



PROGRESS

- ASEAN Youth Statement 2010-2014 demands ASEAN leaders to provide youth political participation.
- EU funds grassroots projects that have a direct impact on girls, boys, women and men in political participation.



TOOLS/ OPPORTUNITIES



- Internet society (ISOC): an avenue for young women and LGBT to participate in UN decision-making.
- Youth groups: allows a bottoms-up approach as part of civil society inclusion.
- Social media: a platform for the young to discuss their concerns.

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Recommendation #3

Develop the Mutual
Learning Programme model
for ASEAN for gender best
practice exchange





Development of the Mutual Learning Programme model for the ASEAN similar to EU





CHALLENGES

- Need for financing transnational projects.
- Lack of common gender-related data in the regional level.
 - Existing political, cultural contexts
 - ASEAN's principle of non-interference



PROGRESS

- Good experience with EU's Mutual Learning Programme
- Within the EU, there is a network (inter-service group) where policy officers discuss gender mainstreaming.

TOOLS/ OPPORTUNITIES



- Global indices: provides ASEA member states a basis for comparing gender equality achievements and reflect on its way forward.

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