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 WOMEN'S HUMAN RIGHTS COMPLIANT JUSTICE DELIVERY
 15-16 OCTOBER 2014 AT THE INTERCONTINENTAL HOTEL, BANGKOK



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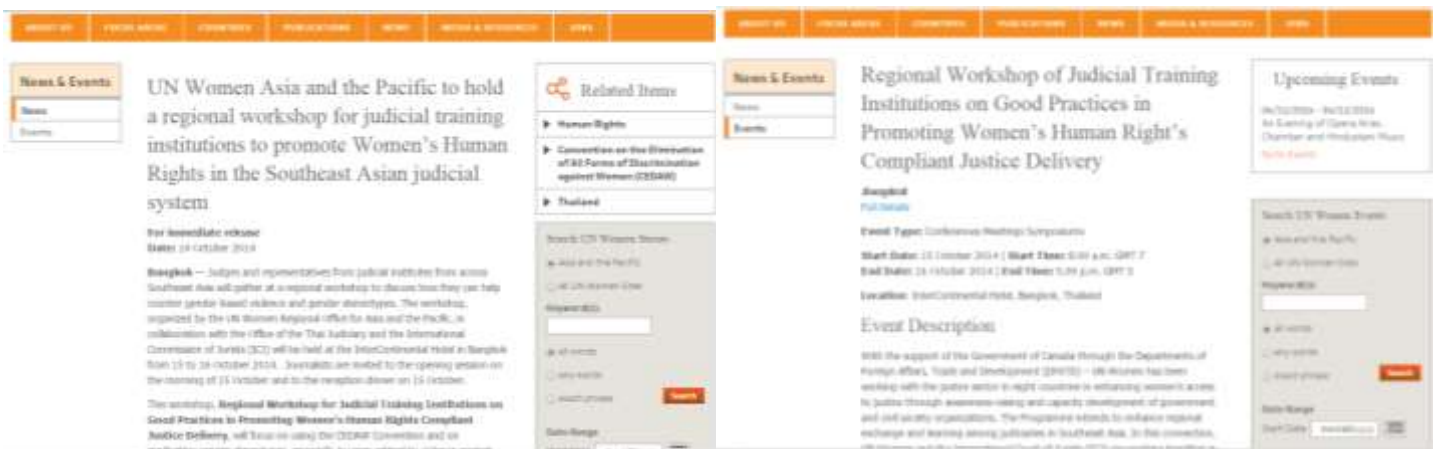
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Ms. Le Thi Thanh Hang, Officer of the International Cooperation Department from the Judicial Academy of Hanoi (Vietnam) gives an exclusive interview about Vietnam's progress with [Radio Free Asia](#)



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Ms. Milena Pires, CEDAW Committee Member and Interim Executive Director, The Centre for Women and Gender Studies; and **Ms. Siriporn Skrobanek**, Chairperson of the Foundation for Women (Thailand) gives an exclusive interview with NBT Thailand Television Channel.

“Ratifying to the Convention means that these countries have agreed to abide by the Convention, to ensure that the measures mentioned in the Convention addressing non-discrimination against women are implemented in the countries.”
- **Ms. Milena Pires**, CEDAW Committee Member and Interim Executive Director, The Centre for Women and Gender Studies

3 PRINTING



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Harmful gender stereotyping is still affecting women in Southeast Asia's judicial processes, said Evalyn Ursua, a consultant with UN Women.

Ursua made this remark during a two-day regional workshop on good practices promoting women's rights in the justice delivery system. The workshop, held in Bangkok, was organized by the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN Women), the International Commission of Jurists (ICJ) and the Thai Courts.

Ursua said harmful stereotyping included the belief that women showed they wanted sexual attention by wearing revealing outfits and that saying "no" in fact meant "yes" because women are considered to be sexually passive and shy.

Other stereotypical beliefs are that a wife is duty-bound to provide sex to her husband and that only "stupid", uneducated women get raped, Ursua said, adding that such beliefs in the judicial system had to be corrected.

"The courts should make decisions without indulging in stereotyping," she said.

Ms. Roberta Clarke, Regional Director of UN Women Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific and **Ms. Evalyn G. Ursua**, Legal Counsel in the case of *Vertido v. The Philippines* gives an exclusive interview with *The Nations*.

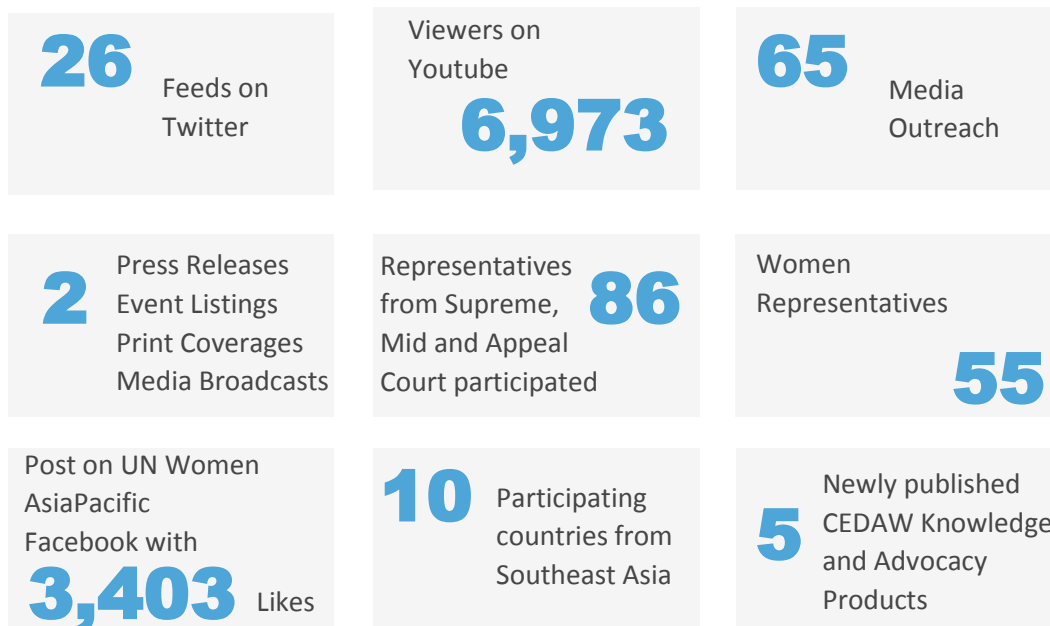
“The justice system is central to the social justice. Central to gender equality. It is absolutely imperative that not only is the law reform to ensure full access to women’s empowerment and equality but also in the implementation of the law. There should be equal attention that stereotypes are not recreated.” - **Ms. Roberta Clarke**, Regional Director of UN Women Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific.

“There is a need to remove rules and procedures in investigation and adjudication that are based on harmful gender-based stereotypes” - **Ms. Evalyn G. Ursua**, Legal Counsel in the case of *Vertido v. The Philippines*



Media Coverage Summary

UN Women Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific with close collaboration of CEDAW Regional Programme has posted, to date, the following:



Project Summary

- In 2013, UN Women together with the International Commission of Jurist and Office of the Thai Judiciary organized a Regional Southeast Asia Judicial Colloquium on Gender Equality Jurisprudence and the Role of the Judiciary in Promoting Women's Access to Justice which brought together core group of actors in state-sponsored justice systems/senior judges from eight CEDAW SEAP countries to Bangkok. The two-day colloquium resulted in an agreement by judges to encourage the establishment of a gender equality committee within judiciaries and encourage the formation of a regional network of judges to promote continuing dialogue, knowledge and information sharing. In the spirit of forging common understanding and collaborative efforts among members of the judiciary in South-East Asia, concluding recommendations were drafted by the participants to cover the represented regions. These included: the Bangalore Principles, the Victoria Falls, Pacific Islands Judges Declarations, and the Caribbean Conclusions. Furthermore, it helped build network of judges and extensively brought up need for more materials on gender stereotyping influencing judicial decisions. (Refer to [Specific Recommendations](#) of the Southeast Asia Regional Judicial Colloquium on Gender Equality Jurisprudence and the Role of the Judiciary in Promoting Women's Access to Justice on Page 34 of the Publication).
- Complementing the work on the formal justice sector and law review in accordance with CEDAW, the CEDAW SEAP programme supports on-going training of trainers on feminist legal theory and practice (FLTP) to build sustainable strategies and approaches to promote effective WHR in law-making, law reviews and in promoting access to justice, particularly for disadvantaged women; and drafting of indicators on a wide range of issues related to access to justice for women in the region which will serve as a knowledge tool to measure work in women's access to justice to ensure harmonization. The indicators will include reference to legal frameworks for CEDAW implementation, structural and procedural obstacles to women's access to justice, women's access to justice in aggravated and acute contexts (e.g., conflict and post-conflict settings), and intersectionality.
- CEDAW SEAP supports on-going national and regional initiatives to support the legal systems to enhance effective promotion and understanding on WHR in plural justice systems and access to justice across the region

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<http://asiapacific.unwomen.org/en/focus-areas/cedaw-human-rights>

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Southeast Asia Regional Judicial Colloquium on Gender Equality Jurisprudence and the Role of the Judiciary in Promoting Women's Access to Justice (UN Women, June 2014)

<http://asiapacific.unwomen.org/en/publications/2013/9/womens-access-to-justice>

Women's Rights to Equality: The Promise to CEDAW (UN Women, June 2014)

<http://asiapacific.unwomen.org/en/publications/2014/7/women-s-rights-to-equality>

Access to Justice for Women in Plural Legal Systems of Southeast Asia (UN Women, June 2014)

<http://asiapacific.unwomen.org/en/publications/2014/2/access-to-justice-for-women>

Gender Assessment of National Lawmaking Mechanisms and Processes in Selected Southeast Asian Countries: A CEDAW Perspective (UN Women, June 2014)

<http://asiapacific.unwomen.org/en/publications/2014/4/gender-assessment-of-national-lawmaking-mechanism>

Applying Due Diligence Standards to Legislative Approaches on Violence against Women (UN Women, June 2014)

<http://asiapacific.unwomen.org/en/publications/2014/5/applying-due-diligence-standards>

CEDAW Videos

CEDAW Quick & Concise: Explaining the Principles of Substantive Equality

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XB3H3FZyjOM>

CEDAW Quick and Concise: Explaining the Principle of State Obligation

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kOLYZHHzFY>

CEDAW Quick & Concise: Explaining the Principle of Non Discrimination

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bslMn_MM5xk

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