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15th Workshop of the Framework on Regional Cooperation for the
Promotion and Protection of Human Rights in the
Asia-Pacific Region

Bangkok Marriott Resort and Spa,
Bangkok, Thailand
21-23 April 2010

AGENDA*/

*/ Representatives of civil society, non-governmental organizations and national human rights institutions participate in a one-day consultation (20 April 2010), which will take place the day prior to the official opening of the Workshop. There will be a report to the Workshop plenary from these meetings and those representatives will participate as observers in the Workshop.
### Summary of the Provisional Agenda

#### Wednesday, 21 April 2010

| Morning          | Opening of the Workshop  
|                 | Review of developments since the 14th Workshop |
| Afternoon        | Review of the progress achieved since the 14th Bali Workshop in the four areas identified in the Framework for Technical Cooperation: |
|                 | a) National Human Rights Action Plans;  
|                 | b) National Human Rights Institutions;  
|                 | c) Human Rights Education; and  

#### Thursday, 22 April 2010

| Morning          | Thematic discussion on the development of regional and sub-regional human rights mechanisms in the Asia-Pacific region and beyond |
| Afternoon        | Continued |
|                 | Recommendations arising from the thematic discussions |

#### Friday, 23 April 2010

| Morning          | Possible follow-up activities  
|                 | Adoption of the conclusions and recommendations of the Workshop  
|                 | Closing of the Workshop |
WEDNESDAY, 21 APRIL 2010
DAY 1

MORNING:

Opening Session
Venue: Chaophraya Ballroom

08:45 - 09:15  Registration of participants and distribution of documents

09:15 - 09:30  Welcoming address by the host country: H.E. Mr. Kasit Piromya, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Kingdom of Thailand

09:30 - 09:45  Welcoming address by Mr. Homayoun Alizadeh, Regional Representative, OHCHR Regional Office for South-East Asia, on behalf of the United Nations Deputy High Commissioner for Human Rights, Ms. Kyung-wha Kang

09:45 - 10:00  Introduction of Officers and adoption of the provisional agenda and rules of procedure

Session I
Review of developments in the international human rights system since the 14th Bali Workshop

10:00 - 10:10  Introductory remarks by the Chairperson of the Workshop on recent developments in the international human rights system

10:10 - 10:20  Report by the Secretary and Rapporteur of the Workshop on progress made since the 14th Bali Workshop

10:20 – 10:30  Report on consultation meeting held by national human rights institutions and civil society

10:30-11:00  Discussion
Possible topics for discussion are:
- Human Rights Council and its mechanisms, especially the Universal Periodic Review
- International human rights obligations of States and ratification and accession to international human rights instruments
- Challenges in promoting and protecting human rights and the need for capacity building

11:00 – 11:20  Break
Venue: Chaophraya Ballroom Foyer
Session II

Review of progress achieved in the four areas identified in the Framework for Technical Cooperation: National human rights action plans, national human rights institutions, human rights education, and the right to development and economic, social and cultural rights

11:20-11:40 Presentation of results of questionnaire on national experiences
11:40 – 13:00 Statements by member states on implementation of four areas of the Tehran Framework for Technical Cooperation
13:00-13:05 Photo session
13.05- 14.30 Lunch
Venue: Trader Vic’s

AFTERNOON:

14:30 - 15:30 Statements by member states continued
15:30 - 15:50 Break
15:50 – 17:00 Statements by national institutions on implementation of four areas of the Tehran Framework for Technical Cooperation
17:00 - 17:45 Statements by regional organizations, observers and civil society
17:45 - 18:00 Wrap-up by the Secretary of the Workshop

EVENING:

19.00- 21.00 Cocktails dinner reception in honour of all participants
Venue: Grand Sala
**MORNING:**

**Session III:** Thematic discussion on the development of regional and sub-regional human rights mechanisms: the Asia-Pacific context

09:00 – 09:25 Introductory remarks and presentation by Professor Vitit Muntarbhorn on the development of regional and sub-regional human rights mechanisms in the Asia-Pacific region

09:25 – 09:45 Presentation by Ambassador Sihasak Phuangketkeow, Permanent Representative of Thailand to the United Nations Office in Geneva, on the establishment of the ASEAN Intergovernmental Commission on Human Rights (AICHR)

09:45 – 10:20 Presentation by Dr. Sriprapha Petcharamesree, on behalf of Chairperson of ASEAN Intergovernmental Commission on Human Rights (AICHR), on developments of AICHR

10:20 – 10:40 Presentations by other bodies on development of human rights mechanisms or cooperation programs (OIC, SAARC, Pacific Islands Forum, Pacific Rights Regional Resource Team)

10:40 – 11:00 **Break**

11:00 – 12:45 Interactive dialogue

13:00 – 14:30 **Lunch**

Venue: The Market

**AFTERNOON:**

**Session IV:** Thematic discussion on the development of regional and sub-regional human rights mechanisms: other regions

14:30 – 15:00 Presentation by Dr. George Mukundi Wachira on the development of the African human rights system

15:00 – 15:30 Presentation by Professor Christina Cerna on the development of the Inter-American human rights system

15:30 – 16:00 Presentation by Professor Christof Heyns on comparative perspective of development of regional and sub-regional human rights mechanisms
rights mechanisms including the European human rights system

16:00 – 16:20  
**Break**

16:20 – 16:35  
Summary remarks by Professor Vitit Muntarbhorn

16:35 – 18:00  
Interactive dialogue

**EVENING:**  
Free

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**FRIDAY, 23 APRIL 2010**  
**DAY 3**

**MORNING:**

**Session V:**  
**The Asia-Pacific Framework: follow-up activities**

09:00 - 09:30  
Presentation by the Secretary on the main outcomes of the discussions and follow-up action

09:30 - 10:30  
Remarks by different regional and sub-regional actors, UN agencies and non-governmental actors

10:30 - 11:30  
Discussion

11:30 – 12:00  
**Break**

12:00 – 12:40  
Introduction and adoption of action points

12:40 – 12:50  
Closing statement by Mr. Homayoun Alizadeh, Regional Representative, OHCHR Regional Office for South-East Asia, on behalf of the United Nations Deputy High Commissioner for Human Rights, Ms. Kyung-wha Kang

12:50-13:00  
Closing statement by Chair of the Workshop

13.00- 14.30  
Lunch  
Venue: Trader Vic’s

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