

Name of Organisation: (APWLD)

Website of Organisation: <http://apwld.org/>

Facebook of Organisation: <https://www.facebook.com/apwld.ngo/>

DTP Alumni in Organisation: Yes



APWLD's Role & History

Asia Pacific Forum on Women, Law and Development (APWLD) is the leading network of feminist organisations and individual advocates in Asia Pacific, based in Chiang Mai Thailand. APWLD's 232 members represent groups of diverse women from 27 countries in the region. Over the past 30 years, APWLD has actively worked towards advancing women's human rights and Development Justice. It is an independent, non-governmental, non-profit organisation and holds consultative status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council.

APWLD,

- BELIEVES that the struggle for women's rights is integral to the struggle for human rights of all marginalised peoples and central to the breaking down of all systems of domination;
- AFFIRMS that feminist and women's movements are drivers of genuine and lasting social transformation and justice and are enriched by their diverse social, economic, political and cultural struggles and experiences;
- REALISES that the concept of law is not limited to legislation but includes the legal system and customary and religious practices, which do not always dispense justice;
- EMPHASISES that law can only become an agent of change where it is instrumental in providing social and economic justice, in consonance with the internationally accepted standards of human rights;

APWLD Programmes

- **Women in Power** aims to strengthen women's political leadership and democratic participation of women in decision making.
- **Grounding the Global** aims to enhance capacity of women in Asia Pacific to advocate for women's human rights and fundamental freedoms by engaging in regional and international mechanisms.
- **Breaking Out of Marginalisation** supports rural, indigenous and migrant women to challenge discriminatory practices and laws.
- **Climate Justice** aims to support women most affected by climate change to shape climate policy locally, nationally and regionally in ways that are sustainable, equitable and beneficial to women.
- **Feminist Development Justice** aims to bring about a shift in development policies and practices at the local, national, regional and international levels by promoting the voice of women's movements in development policy and implementation, to be counted as primary stakeholders and to monitor obligations of states to uphold women's rights to development at all levels.
- **Women Interrogating Trade & Corporate Hegemony** focuses on advancing the capacity of feminist movements to promote rights-based, equitable, feminist models of trade and investment agreements internationally, regionally and nationally.

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