

ACWO

THE ASEAN CONFEDERATION OF WOMEN ORGANISATIONS
WITH 10 NATIONAL COUNCILS OF WOMEN ORGANISATIONS

Established in 1981

UN 2030 SDGs

Focus on SDG 5:

WOMEN EMPOWERMENT and GENDER EQUALITY

- ASEAN –EU DIALOGUE:

“Implementing SDG 5: Gender Equality at Work”

ACWO’s Response: conducted a seminar-cum-workshop entitled: **THE UN 2030 SDGs: ACWO Leading ASEAN Women Towards A Prosperous Economy, Social Harmony And Sustainable Environment.**

ACWO's Response to SDGs, as early as 2016

- ***ACWO conducted*** a seminar-cum-workshop in conjunction with ACWO's Biennial General Assembly and Conference 2016:

Theme:

- ***THE UN 2030 SDGs: ACWO Leading ASEAN Women Towards A Prosperous Economy, Social Harmony And Sustainable Environment***
- Venue: Baiyoke Hotel, Bangkok, Thailand
- Date: 1 November 2016

Output: Action Plan for ACWO

From 17 SDGs, focus on 3 critical but relevant areas for our countries and the ASEAN region, namely:

1. Gender and Climate Change
2. The Economic Empowerment of Rural Women in agriculture and entrepreneurship, and
3. Gender and Social Harmony in relation to Violence Against Women, Human Trafficking and Gender mainstreaming in Development Projects.

ACWO Board of Directors Decision

- To propose a centralised gender responsive project focusing on rural women and their families.
- Encompass all elements that impact on the lives of rural women and their families,
 - climate change,
 - poverty and economic vulnerability besides tackling the
 - gender issues related to violence against women
- Project focus on the empowerment and well-being of rural women and their families.

Forthcoming:
ACWO Biennial General Assembly and
Conference in November 2018.

- Theme

“Leaving No One Behind: Empowering Rural Women and
Enhancing the Quality of Life of Rural Women and Their
Families in ASEAN: Sharing Best Practices”

- Date: November 28, 2018,

- Venue: Mingalar Thiri Hotel,
Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar.

Methodology:

- Key Note Address
- Sharing Best Practices from 10 ACWO member countries
- Forum: Panel of Experts from International Organisations
- Theme of Forum:
 - **The Way Forward - -Mobilising the Economic and Technological Empowerment of Rural Women/Farm Families to Enhance the Quality of Family/Rural Life**
- Sharing new innovative farming techniques;
- Encouraging rural women to use IT and e-commerce
- Mobilise accessibility to market information and marketing strategies
- Implementing quality of life projects /institutionalise CARING SOCIETY for the elderly.

OVERALL OBJECTIVE

To increase awareness and knowledge of women leaders in ACWO on:

- the significant role of farming families,
- as vehicle to increase rural women's and their family's economic, social and technological empowerment,
- as well as to enhance their health, nutrition and educational/training status for all age groups within the household.

Expected Outcome:

- With increased knowledge:

National Women's organizations in ASEAN can advocate on behalf of women in ASEAN for gender-responsive policies, programmes and projects of rural farm families in national development plans towards achieving the 2030 UN SDGs.

Round-table Discussions

Propose recommendations for ACWO:

- Further actions to be taken to ECONOMICALLY empower rural women and their families
- Technological Empowerment (hand-in-hand with young ICT savvy household members), and
- To institutionalise a caring programme (with collaboration of local NGOs, social organizations), for the vulnerable elderly in rural areas.

Best Practice Projects of VWU

- The VWU defines the task of supporting women in economic development as one of the key tasks, which is critical for women empowerment and gender equality promotion. The VWU has focused on supporting women through activities of credit/savings, vocational training, women entrepreneurship promotion, including collective economic models development. For the 2012-2017 term, the VWU had supported the establishment of over 6,500 collective economic models in localities.

Cooperative groups

Trac Van organic vegetable cooperative group in Duy Tien district, Ha Nam prov.

established in October 2013 under the support of Ha Nam Prov. Women's Union.

- Scope: 19 members; cultivation area of 1 ha.
- Revenue: The average income is USD 766 - 851/sao/ year. 1 sao = 360 m²
- Product: Organic vegetables
- Certification: The products are recognized by the Vietnam Organic Association with PGS (participatory guarantee system).
- Market: Products are distributed via Bac Tom organic store chain in Hanoi, Sofitel Hanoi Hotel and safe vegetable shops in Ha Nam province.

Trac Van organic vegetable farm



Cooperative

Hoa Ban Xanh Production and Service Cooperative

- Scope: The cooperative now has a brocade weaving group with 35 members and an embroidering group with 40 members.
- Products: Traditional brocade products by orders (eg bags, wallets, scarves, tablecloths ...)
- Market: local market, Laos (aiming at market in Thailand), tourist destinations, fashion shops, domestic and international organizations and individuals.



Products of the Cooperative

ACWO Reiterates on Inclusivity for ASEAN

- UN SDGs “No One Left Behind” = INCLUSIVITY
- For ACW OR ACWC: ‘VOICE OF WOMEN’S ORGANIZATION TO BE HEARD’
- ACWO should be a PARTNER IN DEVELOPMENT for ACW and/or ACWC
- ACWO has abundant human resources and expertise to offer
- ACWO has strong network of national women organisations in each member country;

ACWO OFFERS:

- Our Confederation network to serve ASEAN COMMUNITY,
- to serve ACW and ACWC,
- to be actively involved in productive engagement;

ACWO would like to work together with ACW as your :

- Consultation and implementation partners,
- Contributor in the formulation of policies, legislations, programmes and projects related to women empowerment and Gender Equality.
- ACWO = effective partner, to engage in productive capacity building, working towards the development of women and families from gender perspectives
- ACWO, with its members organizations, can reflect the voices of people and women in ASEAN community and is a mechanism truly contributing to realizing ASEAN vision.

THANK YOU!

