

Project Name:
Building Capacity for Grassroots Women
Organizations

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Project background

- being pressed from both sides of globalization and the rapid growth of China
- the problems of women and poverty are veiled
- low gender conscious in the mainstream society
- hardly to raise the women issues
- > various methods will be adopted to facilitate organizers equip themselves
 - strengthen women 's movement.

Project objectives

- To provide trainings to leaders, volunteers and staff of grassroots women organizations
- To develop collaborative network
- To document local women's movement in the past 10 years

Target groups

- Member organizations of the Hong Kong Women's Coalition on Equal Opportunities(WCEO)
- Other grassroots women's NGOs
- Civil society organizations
- →Leaders, staff and volunteers









What have we done so far? (3)

- 1 Network Meeting
- Seminar on Advocacy Strategies and Approaches



- 1 Full Day Symposium
- The Third Wave Feminist Movement in Hong Kong
 - 2-Days Workshop
 - Using CEDAW to Advocate Women's Rights: A Workshop on CEDAW Shadow Report Writing

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USING CEDAW TO ADVOCATE WOMEN'S RIGHTS: A WORKSHOP ON CEDAW SHADOW REPORT WRITING

- DATE: 26 & 27 October 2013
- TIME: 09.00-18.00
 - VENUE: Academic Conference Room, 11/F Cheng Yu Tung Tower Centennial Campus, University of Hong Kong



Organizers:

- * The Center for Comparative and Public Law (CCPL), University of Hong Kong
- * Hong Kong Women's Coalition on Equal Opportunities
- * The Women's Studies Research Centre (WSRC), University of Hong Kong



- Other Speakers:
- Ms. Puja Kapai
- (Associate Professor, Faculty of Law, The University of Hong Kong),

🌠 Ms. Rina Bovrisse

(Former employee, Prada, Japan)





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Objectives



- To facilitate participants the development of better knowledge and understanding with respect to CEDAW and its mechanism;
- 2. To equip participants with the necessary skills set to use the instrument effectively for lobbying the government and the CEDAW Committee at the local and international level;
 - To streamline the concerns of multiple NGOs in Hong Kong who are working towards common causes with a view to speaking with one voice, thereby strengthening the quality of the Shadow Report which can present itself as a single, comprehensive document bearing the input of a substantial number of NGOs who take a common position on a range of issues affecting women's rights and have implications for HKSAR's CEDAW obligations.

4. make appropriate recommendations for amendment or introduction of relevant laws and accompanying policies to enhance the equal protection of the rights of women;



- 5. make appropriate recommendations for institutionalizing screening mechanisms to precede policy and law-making in the domestic context through tools such as gender mainstreaming and intersectionality analysis;
 - 6. make appropriate recommendations for regular monitoring of the effectiveness of recently introduced measures; and
 - 7. lobby the CEDAW Committee on issues of urgent concern.





- NGO workers and women's rights advocates who are currently leading efforts to promote gender equality and the human rights of women and are active in advocacy work directed at securing the Government's commitment to change.
- More importantly, we are targeting organizations which use and engage CEDAW as a vehicle through which to instrumentalize change, and to enhance the protection of human rights and their implementation in the domestic context.

Cases writing





- 2. Marginalized group: New Women Arrivals League
- 3. Linking different organizations to organizing social movement : Action for Reach Out
- 4. Sustainable development of NGOs: Hong Kong Federation of Women's Centres)
 - Agenda setting: The Association for the Advancement of Feminism

Impact



- Raising awareness on importance of the workshop topics, e.g. brand building, fund raising, using social media to leverage messages and mobilize people)
- Research: reviewed Hong Kong's feminist movement in the past 10 years
- Publications:
 - 5 training manuals on various topics
 - 5 case writing on the experience of successful groups
 - 1 CEDAW shadow report
- Networking with various partners throughout the project
- Increased usage of e-promotion
- Increased number of workshops participants

Upcoming



- 1 training workshop in February
- CEDAW shadow report
- Press Conference after completing the CEDAW shadow report

