



**Regional Consultation on the Adoption of the
Bangkok General Guidance for Judges on Applying a Gender Perspective
in South and Southeast Asia**

PROGRAMME AGENDA
18th and 19th of March 2023
Kurumba, Maldives

DAY 1: 18 March 2023

8:30 – 9:00 Registration

9:00 – 10:00 Opening Ceremony

- **Ms. Kaajal Ramjathan-Keogh**, Director of the Africa Programme at the International Commission of Jurists
- **Ms. Aishath Rizna**, Chief Judicial Administrator, Department of Judicial Administration, Maldives

Keynote Speech

- **Santiago Canton**, Secretary General, International Commission of Jurists

Group Photo

10:00 – 10:15 REFRESHMENTS

10:15 – 10.45 Session 1: Introductory Session

On ICJ's work on women's access to justice in Asia and the Pacific – common tropes, challenges, areas of concern

Speaker: Ms. Kaajal Ramjathan-Keogh, Senior International Legal Advisor, ICJ Africa Regional Director

10.45 – 12.30 Session 2: Plenary Discussion on the Judicial Response to access to Justice challenges faced by women

Each country delegation will be given 10 minutes to present the steps taken by their judiciaries to tackle some of the unique challenges faced by women in accessing justice in their respective jurisdictions.

Chair: Justice Adolfo Azcuna, ICJ Commissioner, Chancellor Emeritus of the Philippine Judicial Academy and Former Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of Philippines

12:30- 1.30

LUNCH

1:30 – 2:00 Session 3: Role of the Bangkok General Guidance addressing women’s access to justice

On the purpose of the Bangkok General Guidance, its key features, issues addressed, issues left unaddressed under the current draft

Speaker: Justice Sapana Pradhan Malla, Justice of the Supreme Court of Nepal

2:00 – 3:15 Session 4: Adoption of the Bangkok General Guidance

Presentations to be made by Indonesia, Maldives and Nepal on their adoption strategies

Facilitator: Mr. Santiago Canton, Secretary General, International Commission of Jurists

3:15 – 3.45 REFRESHMENTS

3:45-5:00 Session 5: Exploring adoption modalities for other countries in Asia and the Pacific

Each remaining country to present their strategy on how the BGG can be adopted or incorporated into their domestic practice.

Facilitator: Mr. Santiago Canton, Secretary General, International Commission of Jurists

DAY 2: 19 March 2023

9:00 – 10:30 Session 7: Impact of cultural, religious and other practices on women’s access to justice and the role of judges

Speaker: Dato Ambiga Sreenevasan, ICJ Commissioner (Malaysia)

Commentator: Dra. Hj. Lelita Dewi S.H., M.Hum, High Court Judge, Aceh Syar'iyah Court, Indonesia

10:30 – 11:00 REFRESHMENTS

11:00 – 12:30 Session 8: Gender and climate justice: a look at the gendered aspects of climate change and the various mechanisms to achieve climate justice

Speaker: Ms. Nahla Haider El-Addal, Vice Chair of the CEDAW and ICJ Commissioner

Commentator: Justice of the Supreme Court of the Philippines

12:30 – 1:30 LUNCH

1.30-3.00 **Session 9: The gender dimensions of transitional justice and the role of judges and other justice actors in enhancing women's access to justice in transitional contexts**

Speaker: Dr. Vasuki Nesiah, Professor of Practice, New York University and Faculty Director of the Gallatin Global Fellowship in Human Rights

Commentator: Justice Kalyan Shrestha, ICJ Commissioner and Former Chief Justice of Nepal

3:00 – 4:30 **Session 10: Cybercrimes, online GBV and the protection of women in the context of the use of technology to enhance women's access to justice**

Speaker: Ms. Nighat Dad, Founder, Digital Rights Foundation (Pakistan)

Commentator: Justice Aisha Shujune Muhammad, Justice of the Supreme Court of Maldives

4:30– 5:00 ***REFRESHMENTS***

5:00 – 5:30 **Concluding Ceremony:**

Closing Remarks:

- Representative of the Supreme Court of the Maldives (TBC)
- **Ms. Sushmitha Thayanandan**, ICJ National Legal Advisor: Sri Lanka