

REPORT FROM THE SECRETARIAT

The following table is a summary of the activities facilitated by and through the AIWN Secretariat for the year 2007. Please read through the articles on the highlights of some of the activities in this issue.

Summary Report by the AIWN Secretariat, 2007

Activity	Partner Organization/s	Result	Outcome	Insights and Recommendations
1 st Asian Regional Consultation with the UNSR on the Situation of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms of Indigenous Peoples. February, Cambodia	Tebtebba; AIPP		Overview Paper on the Human Rights Situation of Indigenous Women in Asia submitted to the Special Rapporteur on the Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms of Indigenous Peoples	
International Experts Seminar on Indicators Relevant for Indigenous Peoples, the Convention on Biological Diversity and the Millenium Development Goals March 5-9, 2007; Banaue, Philippines	Tebtebba	2 pax from the AIWN members from Thailand and Vietnam	Outcome documents used as official and information documents during the 5 th Session of the Working Group on Article 8j and related provisions under the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD)	Capacity building on CBD to highlight indigenous women's roles and contributions in the areas of biological and cultural diversity—its preservation, customary and sustainable use towards effective participation in the implementation/monitoring processes
UNPFII 6th Session 14- 25 May 2007, New York	Asia IP Caucus	Side Event on Asian Indigenous Women	AIWN Statement	
Facilitation of Proposals from IWAT	Indigenous Women's Association of Thailand	Facilitation of proposal to translate relevant UN and indigenous women documents for Thailand	Translation project finished in December 2007; being used for IWAT's awareness raising activities for indigenous women	Development of popular education materials for grassroots education

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Linking up with UNIFEM (UN Fund for Women)		Proposal sent to UNIFEM-CEDAW-SEAP focused on Monitoring and Reporting on the CEDAW Implementation	Proposal under deliberation by the UNIFEM-CEDAW SEAP as of 11 February 2008.	Countries identified based on UNIFEM-CEDAW-SEAP area of work: Indonesia, Cambodia, Thailand, Vietnam, Laos, Philippines, East Timor; Indonesia and Cambodia targetted for 2008 based on schedule of state report due to CEDAW
Workshop on Gender and Environment/ Indigenous Women and CBD Implementation 16 – 18 August 2007; AIM, John Hay, Baguio City, Philippines	Tebtebba	34 pax from Thailand, Cambodia, Vietnam, Bangladesh, India, Nepal, China, Indonesia, East Timor, and the Philippines.	General orientation to the CBD and linking it to the CEDAW	Strengthen roles and effective participation of Asian indigenous women in the CBD and CEDAW implementation and processes; please refer to report for specific recommendations
Meeting of the Coordinating Council of AIWN August 15 and 19, 2007; Baguio City, Philippines			Initial discussion among AIWN Coordinating Council members present re: AIWN 3 rd Conference, 2008 Tentative schedule: August 9, 2008 in Kathmandu, Nepal	Planning and coordination meetings during the UNPF Asia Regional Preparatory Meeting (Feb. 2008 , Nepal) and UNPFII 7 th Session (April 2008, New York)
AIWN Information Kit	AIWN, Rights and Democracy, AMAN	“Portrait of the Indigenous Women of Asia”	Published in English and Bahasa-Indonesia	Handy tool for information/ education and advocacy
Basic Journalism Training and Writeshop; Philippines, November 2007	Tebtebba	10 indigenous women pax nominated by the Coordinating Council members	Initial members of AIWN's Writers' Pool	More capacity building activities to hone writing skills; Participants to contribute to AIWN magazine and website

Looking ahead and based on the recommendations coming out from these different activities, the Secretariat is currently working on how to further strengthen the AIWN as a regional network and as an organization. Towards this end, we are looking forward to convening the network for its 3rd Conference sometime in 2008. The National Network of Indigenous Women of Nepal has extended its invitation to co-host this event. We enjoin everyone to send us their suggestions and contributions for the successful organization of the 3rd AIWN Conference.