

Study Session on Indigenous Women and the CEDAW

The study session, sponsored by UNIFEM and coordinated by the Asian Indigenous Women's Network was an enlightening experience for the 22 participants from UNIFEM-SEAP countries (Thailand, Indonesia, Laos, Cambodia, Vietnam, Philippines, East Timor) as well as India, Nepal and Mongolia. Held in Baguio City, in the Philippines between the 23rd-26th November 2005, the participants were introduced to the CEDAW and learnt the workings and intricacies of the convention and how it applies to indigenous women. Consisting of Indigenous women and NGOs working with indigenous women, the participants shared the plights of these women in their respective countries as well as recommendations on the use of CEDAW to help rectify the problems and improve the living conditions of Indigenous women, be it those in rural areas or those in the cities. Atty. Eleanor Conda, a UNIFEM consultant facilitated the study on CEDAW and context and linkages to indigenous peoples were carried out by Tebtebba resource persons.

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