

**Asia Pacific Women's Watch
(APWW)**

Chronology 1991-2008



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Foreword

As almost 20 years have passed since the beginning of APWW's Activities, compiling an up to date "APWW Story" has been the subject of discussion for some time. In order for anyone to take over the tremendous task of writing the APWW Story, I thought it was necessary to have a rather detailed chronology of APWW, starting from the very beginning. Based only on documents and publications in my possession, I have finally drawn up, though incompletely, the following 1~3, adding comments:

1. Chronology of Asia Pacific Women's Watch (APWW)

1991~2008

APWG (Asia Pacific NGO Women's Working Group)

> APW(Asia Pacific Watch)

> APWW (Asia Pacific Women's Watch)

2. APWW and UN Activities

At present, APWW's activities are centered on UN Conferences in connection with women and CSW Sessions, organizing preparatory Asia Pacific Symposiums on the occasion of UN World Conferences on Women. CSW themes are included from CSW 36, 1996, following the Beijing Conference. This is to show what themes APWW activities were centered upon. I do not have sufficient data concerning what the APWW activities were at all the sessions, so there may be many important omissions.

3. List of APWG, APW and APWW Publications

4. Acronym I used APWG instead of APNGOWG, as I saw Young Hai Park's protest against having NGO inserted, insisting that as an acronym APWG should be used. "We have been using the abbreviation of APWG...We, old members, all have some sympathy on the word APWG." (28 January 2005)

5. Names Using names is a very ticklish matter. Mistakes often occur and those who have not been mentioned will complain. When APWW did anything as a group, I usually did not put in names. However, people may be interested in remembering who did what for APWW. I have been very inconsistent in this matter, not having all the details. However, in APWW and UN Activities, I excluded all individual names. People may find the names in the Chronology.

6. All future APWW documents/attachments should have the date and place of adoption/decisions and the occasion recorded. The human mind becomes unreliable as time passes by.
7. You will notice that the events of recent years have quite a lot of details. This shows how systematic and organized APWW has become. (ECOSOC Consultative Status is a great proof!) On the other hand, I have also omitted meetings and minutes I do not have, so I regret that there may be many unforgivable omissions.
8. I hope that other Steering Committee members and those who served in the past will correct and add to the chronology, as is, in order to make an accurate history of APWW for future reference.
9. There are different methods of writing the STORY. I would be grateful if someone would record how APWW progressed in its activities by showing what changes occurred because of APWW. What influence and successes did we have? Because of Eileen Pittaway's lobbying workshops and efforts, with the cooperation of Isis, what changes did we succeed in making in the UN documents? Writing such a story is beyond my ability.
10. A list of Convenors, Steering Committee Members, Honorary Members, Advisors, Secretariat Members, with the years they served should also be added. As for the organization and committee members at each of the NGO Forums, they are recorded in the Reports of the meetings. However, it may be a good idea to have the chief organizers, chairpersons, etc. recorded also.
11. APWW statements at conferences should also be included.
12. Last but not least, I beg someone to write the Story of APWW, based on accurate facts, revealing all the wonderful accomplishments, adding human "flesh" (in the words of Eileen) to the skeleton history of APWW.

The publishing of this Chronology was only possible with the generous support of UNIFEM for which we are most grateful.

With much appreciation to all the hardworking members, past and present, who have been an important part in the history of APWW, I wish you further success in continuing Our Great Story.

Mitchiko Nakamura
January 2009

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Chronology of Asia Pacific Women's Watch (APWW)

APWG > APW > APWW

1991~2008

The following is the chronology of events, networks and groups in the Asia Pacific region, with especially the strong support of the Pan Pacific South East Women's Association of Thailand, the Asia Caucus and Isis International, that came together over a period of time to form what is now known as the Asia Pacific Women's Watch (APWW)

1991

1. The Beginning of the first Asia Pacific regional network Pan Pacific South East Asia Women's Association (PPSEAWA)

In 1991 PPSEAWA was requested by CONGO to serve as NGO Forum '95 Asia and Pacific Focal Point. PPSEAWA designated the International President, Thanpuying Sumalee Chartikavanij to serve as the Focal Point.

PPSEAWA's representatives attending NGO Forum '95 Planning Committee :

In New York Leoni Pynappel and her alternates

In Vienna Elizabeth Louise Girardi, Permanent Representative at CONGO

In Geneva Elizabeth Beckett

2. The Setup of Focal Point Office in Bangkok

2.1 Set up office in Bangkok at 2234 New Petchburi Road, Bangkok, Thailand.

2.2 Contacted CONGO members in Asia/Pacific region through their International Presidents and Thailand based affiliated members.

2.3 Established close linkage with ESCAP.

2.4 Organized the Asia and Pacific NGO Working Group to facilitate NGOs in the region. 24 Core Attending Members from NGOs in the region together with a group of Thailand based voluntary Meeting Co-Ordinators.

2.5 Maintained corresponding contacts with NGOs other than CONGO members.

2.6 Sent representative and report of activities to the meeting of NGO Forum '95 Planning Committee in Vienna, March 1993. Was not able to send a representative to the meeting in August 1993.

2.7 When Dr. Noeleen Heyzer joined as Substantive Co-Focal Point, more regional NGO networks gave strong inputs to the Working Group.

2.8 Maintained linkage with NGO Forum '95 office in Vienna and later in New York.

3. Co-Ordinated the Asia and Pacific Regional Symposium of NGOs (1993)

This is the first preparatory NGO Symposium to be organized in any region.

3.1 Organized and paid for the cost of Symposium preparatory meetings in Bangkok from May to November 1993.

1992 The formation of the Asia Pacific NGO Working Group

11-20 March

CSW 36

Vienna

October

Asia Pacific NGO Working Group (APWG) was formed.

First Meeting

Bangkok, Thailand

December

Second Meeting

Bangkok, Thailand

1993**March**

Third Meeting

Bangkok, Thailand

17-26 March

CSW 37

Vienna

Conference of NGOs Consultation

Vienna

April

APWG visited Mr. R. Ahmed, Executive Secretary of ESCAP.

19 May

Fourth Meeting with ESCAP

Bangkok, Thailand

Number of attending members increased to 24 organizations and regional networks, with an additional list of 46 organizations as corresponding members.

Isis International, a member of the APNGO Working Group, launches Women Envision, a publication meant to keep women posted on the developments and plans for the Beijing Conference on Women.

June

Special Meeting with Thailand-based international NGOs

Thailand

July**NGO Preparatory Meeting organized by UNIFEM**

Seoul

12-13

Seminar on Putting Gender on the Agenda of UN Conferences

Co-hosted by UNIFEM & Korean Women's Development Institute (KWDI)

14-15

NGO Planning Meeting for the Fourth World Conference on Women

Organized by APWG Both held at KWDI, Seoul

Fifth Meeting

Bangkok, Thailand

Sixth Meeting

Bangkok, Thailand

September

Seventh Meeting

Bangkok, Thailand

October

Eighth Meeting

Bangkok, Thailand

[However, there is mention in Thanpuying Sumalee's statement in Manila (1993) that "From May to October this year, the working group met in Bangkok, Thailand 16 times to prepare the symposium," which shows that informal Working Group meetings were held with great frequency.]

16-20 November

Asian and Pacific Symposium of Non-Governmental Organizations on Women in Development

Manila, Philippines

Convened by ESCAP, National Commission on the Role of Filipino Women in coordination with APWG

- *Manila Report "Proceedings of the Asian and Pacific Symposium of Non-Governmental Organizations on Women in Development" published by the Secretariat; later called the "Big Yellow Book".
- *Attendance: 550 participants from 320 national, regional and international NGOs and 100 observers, 7 UN agencies, 2 intergovernmental organizations, 11 donor agencies and 6 Governments.
- *The national NGOs came from 32 countries and areas in the Asian and Pacific region: UNESCAP Report
- *APWG Chairperson: Thanpuying Sumalee Chartikavanij
Co-ordinator: Noeleen Heyzer (DAWN)
- *The Working Group had submitted a list of 121 names from different networks to ESCAP. Eleven were chosen to receive funds from ESCAP in order to attend the NGO Symposium.
- *According to "Reaching Out" Vol.1, Issue 1, January 1994: About 630 women from 36 countries attended the Symposium
- *Report of NGO Symposium, published by the secretariat the "Big Yellow Book"
- *"Little Yellow Book">Key Recommendations based on the "Big Yellow Book", edited by APWG, used for lobbying in Jakarta
- *"Voices from Asia and the Pacific", used for lobbying at 1994 CSW

1994

January

APWG began to publish “Reaching Out”, a Bi-monthly Update of Regional Preparations for Beijing

“Reaching Out” Vol.1, Issue 1- 5 (January-December 1994) - Vol.2, Issue 1-5 (February 1995 - July 1996)

Vol.1, Issue 1 - Issue 5: Introductions by Thanpuying Sumalee Chartikavanij, Chairperson, Focal Point & Noleen Heyzer, Substantive Focal Point (DAWN)

N.Heyzer was appointed Director of UNIFEM in October 1994

From Vol.2, Issue 1 (February 1995): Introduction by Thanpuying Sumalee Chartikavanij and Salamo Fulivai, Substantive Focal.

Reaching Out, Vol.1, Issue 1 (January 19, 1994) Follow up from the NGO Symposium (1993) :

“Thanpuying S. Chartikavanij, CONGO Coordinator of the NGO Working Group, has been meeting with ESCAP officials, Executive Secretary Mr. Rafeeuden Ahmed and Mr. Edward Van Roy and Hiroko Hashimoto of the Social Development Division to discuss plans for Jakarta.”

17-18 February

Ninth Meeting

Bangkok, Thailand

Regional Expert Meeting: several members of APWG took part in this meeting.

“Mr. Ahmed will be invited to brief members on NGO participation in Jakarta (2nd Asia and Pacific Ministerial Meeting to be held by ESCAP). We invite all regional representatives, issue-based coordinators and all interested NGOs to the meeting.”

7-18 March

CSW 38 Incorporated planning for the Beijing Conference and a concurrent International NGO Planning Meeting

New York

26-29 April

GO-NGO Regional Workshop on Economics and Sustainable Development, organized by APDC

Singapore

“Women Weaving the World Together” This project came out of the meeting.

19-20 May

Tenth Meeting to finalize key recommendations for Jakarta Ministerial Conference

Bangkok, Thailand

6 June

Detailed plans for NGOs were announced.

- * “The Indonesian government has very kindly provided a meeting room for NGOs which is located at the Conference Center. The Indonesian NGO committee has agreed to coordinate all arrangements.”
- * “ESCAP has given the Working Group ten minutes to make an official presentation at the Ministerial Meeting on 14 June. Thanpuying Sumalee, chairperson of the WG will present the recommendations from the NGO Plan of Action.”
- * “NGO Forum ’95 Convenor Khunying Supatra Masdit will also be addressing the Ministerial Meeting.”

7-11 June

Meeting of Senior Officials on Women in Development & 2nd Asian and Pacific Ministerial Conference on Women in Development Convened by ESCAP

Jakarta, Indonesia

“Reaching Out”, Vol. 1, Issue 4, August 1994: The Working Group brought out a paper entitled “Women’s Unheeded Concerns.” This paper and the Key Recommendations were distributed to all Ministers and officials.

“APWG lobby book” P.3 “Organised lobby of NGOs in issue-based sashes created a powerful visual impact on Ministers. Thanpuying Sumalee read out the recommendations from the NGO Symposium. NGOs raised the ‘Yellow Book’ in solidarity.”

13 June

Eleventh Meeting and Strategy Training Session at the Conference Center Jakarta

August

Translation and distribution of the “Yellow Book” in South East Asian Countries, supported by the Canadian International Agency (CIDA)

September

Twelfth Meeting

Bangkok, Thailand

November

Thirteenth Meeting in Bangkok - Regional NGO Planning Group Meeting

*Discussed NGO’s “Unheeded Concerns”

*“Send a sister to Beijing”, aimed at fundraising for women who could not otherwise afford to go to Beijing was started.

1995

February

“Reaching Out” Volume 2, Issue 1 Announcement is made in the introduction - “From the Focal Points” that Salamo Fulivai replaces Noeleen Heyzer as Substantive Focal Point.

February

Fourteenth Meeting to prepare documents for New York NGO Consultation and CSW lobbying Bangkok, Thailand
The Working Group was re-structured in order to reflect new tasks and priorities.

13-14 March

NGO Consultation New York
1400 women attended, representing 900 organizations. The Asia Pacific NGO Group document “Voices from Asia and the Pacific: The Asia Pacific Input into the Global Platform for Action” was very well received and much of the content was included in the Platform for Action. This was particularly exciting because an NGO document had never reached a preparatory meeting before.

This document reflects NGO vision for the transformation of society so as to engender structures, processes and forms of governance that would empower women and men to work together as equal partners towards equality, democracy, sustainable development and peace.

15 March - 7 April

CSW 39, Acted as the preparatory body for the 4th World Conference on Women, and incorporated planning for a concurrent international NGO Planning Meeting

New York

“Statement at the Plenary of the 39th Session of the CSW on behalf of the NGOs of the Asia Pacific Region” by Pam Rajput

June

Fifteenth Meeting - Regional NGO Planning Group Meeting Bangkok, Thailand
This was the last NGO Planning Group Meeting before the Forum to finalize plans for the Asia Pacific Tent, and for activities in Beijing.

31 August - 8 September

NGO Forum '95

Huairou, China

APWG activities : Asia and Pacific Friendship Tent

Asia-Pacific Women Weaving the World Together

Send Asian Pacific Sisters to Beijing

Workshop and Panel Discussions

e.g. "The Role of Civil Societies in Shaping National and International Policies on Women"

"Women in the NICs" etc.

Media Festival

Asian and Pacific Celebrations

Advocacy Activities

4 -15 September

Fourth UN Conference on Women

Beijing, China

*APWG played a leading role in various caucuses, and in lobbying governments to ensure that issues of concern to women in this region were addressed in the BPFA.

*There were three main arenas at the Conference, the Plenary Session, the Working Groups and the Caucus Groups.

*Dr. Patricia Licuanan was Chairperson of the Main Committee and the Preparatory Committee of the Women's World Conference on Women

1996

11-22 March

CSW 40

New York

- Themes :
1. Methods of work for dealing with the implementation of the Platform for Action adopted by the 4th World Conference on Women
 2. Women and the media
 3. Child and dependent care, including sharing of work and family responsibilities

1997

10-21 March

CSW 41

New York

- Themes :
1. Women and the environment
 2. Women in power and decision-making
 3. Women and economy
 4. Education and training of women

Asia Caucus was formed at the UN CSW 41 to address the issues of women in the Asia region related to CSW. Meetings were organized by Isis International.

3-6 July

Asia and Pacific Watch Group (APWG) Meeting

Organized by Young Hai Park with Korean NGOs contact unit to APWG,
Sookmyung Women's University Seoul, Korea

Sponsored by: Korean Ministry of Political Affairs,
Korean National Council of Women,
Korean Federation of BPW

14 women from 11 countries attended

*Workshop on Media and Gender

Organized by Isis International as part of the Asia Caucus

*AP NGO Working Group-Where do we go from here?

* Structure APWG>Asia Pacific Watch(APW)

*Constitution (draft) was drawn up.

The first general meeting of APW was planned for the second week of January 1998 in India.

It was decided that Pam Rajput would act as chairperson and Anjana Shakya as the treasurer with Thanpuying Sumalee Chartikavanij, the focal point of the former APWG as the honorary chairperson until the general meeting.

1998

8-11 January

Challenges for Women in the Next Millennium

Asia Pacific Watch Meet (APW)

Chandigarh, India

Organized by Pam Rajput

Introduction to APW Thanpuying Sumalee Chartikavanij

Inaugural Address Dr. Moluni Giri, Chairperson, National Commission for Women, India

Keynote Address Dr. Noeleen Heyzer, Executive Director, UNIFEM

Thematic Remarks Ms. Razia S. Ismail, UNICEF, India

Presentation for the Pacific “Violence and Women and as it affects the girl child”
Jane Prichard

APW Recommendations Prior to the 42nd CSW :

Violence against Women, Women and Armed Conflict, Human Rights of Women,
The Girl-Child

1-13 March

CSW 42

New York

- Themes :
1. Violence against women
 2. Women and armed conflict
 3. Human rights of women
 4. The girl child

Asia Caucus meetings were held daily, and drafted the Asia Caucus statement based on the recommendations agreed on at the Chandigarh APW Meet. The statement was presented by Pam Rajput

1999

First Lobbying Training Workshop for Asia wide women is set up by the Asia Caucus with APW participation in Nepal organized by Satthi and Isis International

1-19 March

CSW 43

New York

Themes : 1. Women and health

2. Institutional mechanism for the advancement of women

Asia Caucus was held.

11-12 June

Asia Pacific NGO Planning Meeting for Asia Pacific Regional Symposium

Attended by Asia Pacific Watch (APW) and Asia Caucus

Sponsored by the Asia Pacific Center for Development (APCD)

Penang, Malaysia

31 August - 3 September

Asia Pacific Regional NGO Symposium: Asia Pacific Women 2000-Gender Equality, Development and Peace for the Twenty-First Century

Nakom Pathom, Kasetsart University, Thailand organized by an ad hoc committee made up of the various Asia wide networks and women's organizations.

Hosted by Thai WomanWatch (TW2)

*Attended by 385 women from 28 countries

*Workshops on the 12 Critical Areas of Concern in the BPFA

*Panels, Sub-regional Reports, Special Interest Group Reports, Statements

*General Meeting Participants at the meeting voted on the proposal of merging the ad hoc organizing committee (committee members included Amelia Rokotuivuna (Pacific wide Regional YWCA), Luz Martinez (Asia Caucus), Susanna George (Isis International), Heisoo Shin (APWLD), Shagufta Alizai (Shirkat Gah), Mitchiko Nakamura (Japan NGO Report Preparatory Committee), Anjana Shakya (APW) to form a new group that was later named Asia Pacific Women's Watch at the ESCAP Meeting in October. This merged group became the first Steering Committee of APWW.

The network elected 2 Co-Chairs to lead the new structure, Thanpuying Sumalee Chartikavanij and Dr. Patricia Licuanan, Co-Chair of Southeast Asia Women's Watch and President of Miriam College in the Philippines.

*Youth Forum

- *Report of the Symposium~“Asia-Pacific Women 2000: Gender Equality, Development and Peace for the Twenty-First Century” (The Big Blue Book) edited by Eileen Pittaway
- *Report of the parallel Youth Forum~“Gender Equality, Development and Peace for the Twenty-First Century”
- *3 September Declaration of the Asia Pacific NGO Symposium – “Asia-Pacific Women 2000: Gender Equality, Development and Peace”

26-29 October

ESCAP High-Level Intergovernmental Meeting

UN Conference Center, Bangkok, Thailand

APW distributed and lobbied with the “Big Blue Book”

29 October

APW Meeting, chaired by Patricia Licuanan UN Conference Center

- *The new structure was formally organized and named Asia Pacific Women’s Watch (APWW) in preparation for the 23rd Special Session of the UN General Assembly.
- *Steering Committee members were appointed, including the merged ad hoc organizing committee members agreed on at the NGO Symposium, with additional members. Qualification of SC members: representatives of national organizations with e-mail addresses.
- * It was confirmed that APWW would hold Asia Pacific Caucuses at CSW.

2000

28-29 January

APWW Lobby Training Workshop in Preparation for CSW44 and the Special Sitting of the General Assembly to Review Progress on the Beijing Platform for Action, Beijing Plus 5 (Women 2000) Kathmandu, Nepal

Organized by Anjana Shakya, Eileen Pittaway, APWLD
Published: "Voices 2000 & Beyond" and "Some Tips for Lobbying at CSW" a companion document -Asia-Pacific Women's Lobbying Documents for Beijing + 5
Both the Workshop and the Lobbying Documents were funded by ADP (Asia Development Bank), SEAGEP (South East Gender Equity Program) and UNIFEM

28 February - 17 March

CSW 44

New York

Theme: Comprehensive quinquennial review and appraisal of the implementation of the Platform for Action

29 February

CSW Plenary Session Statement on Behalf of APWW

By Pam Rajput, Convenor

NGO Consultations

Daily Asia Pacific Caucuses were held, 12:00~13:00

A new e-mail list was established by APWW and hosted by Isis International - APWW-Meet a list that began with over 300 women's groups in the region and served as an organizing instrument for the network.

4 March

APWW Steering Committee Meeting

Chaired by Eileen Pittaway

200 flags/wands were sent from Thanpuying Sumalee Chartikavnij to be waved "whenever we feel good" at any statements in the meetings.

7 March

APWW Visioning Workshop-June & Beyond

Also worked on amendments to the Outcome Document

9 March

APWW Steering Committee Meeting

Chaired by Eileen Pittaway and Pam Rajput

15 March

APWW Steering Committee Meeting

Chaired by Eileen Pittaway & Pam Rajput

(i) Quorum one-third plus one as quorum for meetings- confirmation to be sought by email from those not present

(ii) Communications - Email response: responses to be made within 4 days, 7 days for non-urgent matters. If no response is received by these deadlines, then this will be taken as consent.

An e-mail list for the Steering Committee becomes the main form of communication for the Steering Committee.

(iii) Planning to June

(iv) Documentation APWW brochure

(v) Pam & Eileen were to represent APWW on CONGO until June 2000

“Voices 2000 & Beyond” (“Little Blue Book”) and “Some Tips for Lobbying” were used effectively for lobbying.

30 May - 10 June

23rd Special Session of the UN General Assembly, “Women 2000: Gender Equality, Development and Peace for the Twenty-First Century” New York

*Jane Prichard (NZ) wrote and designed a new APWW Brochure to be distributed at the June Special Session, which was used for several years.

*Information reports were circulated through e-mail lists with a reporting team chaired by Isis International.

1 June

APWW Meeting

Preparation for APWW presentation at CONGO Working Session

3 June

NGO Working Session for Beijing+5 (CONGO) 9:00-17:30

Reports by the Regional Representatives of the NGO Coordinating Committee for Beijing+5

Asia/Pacific APWW’s presentation was visible and well received.

Coordinated by Eileen Pittaway & Pam Rajput

4 June

Steering Committee Meeting

Chaired by Pam Rajput

1. Asia Pacific Caucus: to be held daily
2. Strategy for week of Special Session
3. Steering Committee Meeting on Future Activities:
 - (i) Procedural Matters - quorum, email response, communications strategy
 - (ii) Future plans 2000-2005
 - (iii) Funding and Funding Accountability
 - (iv) Convenorship
 - (v) Funding of Brochure
4. APWW Workshop

8 June

APWW Workshop Future of Asia Pacific

10 June

Steering Committee Meeting

1. Asia Pacific Caucus met every day successfully.
2. Strategies well worked out.
 - (i) Pam and Eileen made substantive contribution to CONGO and were heard right throughout the meetings during the week.
 - (ii) Regional presentation for Asia/Pacific on 3 June was much appreciated by all present.
 - (iii) On 5 June, Pam Rajput spoke for Asia-Pacific at the outdoor opening.
3. 9 June Eileen Pittaway made a statement in the Committee of the Whole
4. Pam Rajput spoke at the General Assembly
5. Forward Planning:
 - (i) National consolidation
 - (ii) 2001~a sub-regional meeting
 - (iii) 2003~2005 a regional meeting
 - (iv) Next APWW SC Meeting: January 2001 for 2 days in Thailand.
6. Isis International carried out onsite reporting of CSW meetings to be circulated to women in the region.

2-4 December

Expert Meeting on Regional Implementation and Monitoring of the BPFA and the Outcome Document of the 23rd Special Session of the General Assembly relating to Women in 2000

Attended by Pawadee Tonguthai,
Eileen Pittaway and Pam Rajput

2001

20-23 January

APWW Regional Planning Meeting - "Linking Hands for Change"

Hosted by TW2 Kanchanaburi, Thailand
 Chaired by Pam Rajput and Eileen Pittaway

*APWW Five Year Plan drawn up.

*Preparations for Beijing + 10

National level meetings and capacity building events 2001-2002

Sub-regional meetings 2002-2004

Regional symposium 2004

*APWW Structure & Constituency

All Steering Committee (SC) members to serve a 3 year term (1999-2002)

3 regional organizations: ISIS, APWLD, NAPY

Election of Convenors - There was consensus agreement to select 3 co-convenors because of the great workload in the convenorship - 1 for the workplan (Shagufta Alizai), 1 for the infrastructure (Eileen Pittaway) and 1 for linkage to UN bodies, etc.(Pam Rajput). Pam and Eileen accepted the positions, but Shagufta accepted only on the condition of having the approval of Shirkat Gah, the national organization in Pakistan.

In case of a vacancy, it was decided to select alternates. Aurora Javate de Dios and Young Hai Park were nominated.

(Shagufta later had to decline the position, and Young Hai Park became the 3rd co-convenor.)

*Advocating the inclusion of young women in APWW - Youth Monitoring Program

*Need for UN accreditation

A Taskforce will report on the accreditation and formalizing process, and develop a draft Constitution by August 2001 for the Committee's further consideration. Eileen agreed to convene the Taskforce on the basis that two legal experts from the Committee would join the Taskforce to draft the Constitution in preparation for UN accreditation.

*Honorary Membership

It was agreed that APWW give Thanpuying Sumalee Chartikavanij the title of honorary member in recognition of her contribution to APWW since its inception.

6-16 March

CSW 45

New York

- Theme :
1. Women, the girl child and HIV/ AIDS
 2. Gender and all forms of discrimination, in particular racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance

Coordinated the daily Asia Pacific Caucuses

7 March

Asia Pacific Caucus statement

Delivered by Virada Somswadi, APWLD

14 March

APWW Statement-“Asia-Pacific Statement to the Racism Panel at the CSW”

Presented by Mavic Cabrella-Balleza

2002

20-24 February

APWW Training Course on the Principles of Networking and a Planning Meeting

Chiangmai, Thailand

Hosted by TW2

The training workshop was in collaboration with the Centre for Refugee Research, Australia, Isis International, Philippines and APWLD, Thailand.

4-15 March

CSW 46

New York

- Themes :
1. Eradicating poverty, including through the empowerment of women throughout the lifecycle in a globalizing world
 2. Environmental management and mitigation of natural disasters: a gender perspective

APWW statement in collaboration with APWLD

Presented by Young Hai Park

4 March

Lobbying/Training Workshop

By Asia Pacific Caucus

Coordinated by Eileen Pittaway

7 March

*Co-ordinated a workshop on “Women and Poverty”.

Young Hai Park, Nurgul Djanaeva and Pawadee Tonguthai were among the nine panelists.

*Co-ordinated the Asia Pacific Caucus meetings

*Each day in the evening, Asia-Pacific representatives met with representatives from other regions to coordinate their lobbying activities, work on the language in the lobbying documents to reflect the most recent negotiations.

*Held discussion among the steering committee members who attended CSW, regarding regional plan of action for the next year, and future programme of regional and sub-regional monitoring.

*Lobbying documents were distributed to government delegates.

*Gender issues in Asia Pacific countries were disseminated and discussed in international forum.

*APWW was firmly recognized as a force in lobbying and a focal point at CSW on monitoring the BPFA for Asia Pacific perspective. Its members worked together with NGOs from other regions in solidarity throughout the meeting period of CSW.

2003

20-24 February

Networking for Beijing+10 - A Training Course and Planning Meeting for APWW

Conducted by Isis International

Hosted by TW2 Chiang Mai, Thailand

Some of the outcomes of the Meeting:

- *APWW Committee members reconfirmed the “5 Year Work Plan” agreed in Kanchanaburi in 2001.
- *APWW will co-ordinate a regional NGO meeting prior to the ESCAP Meeting.
- *In future APWW position papers, CEDAW will be more clearly referenced to issues of concern, and the CEDAW process used to strengthen lobbying positions.
- *The number of co-convenors It was suggested that there could be three co-convenors with defined roles. However, it was agreed that there would be two co-convenors with equal responsibilities.
- *There was an election: Patricia Licuanan and Eileen Pittaway were elected as co-convenors
- *A new part time position of APWW Coordinator will be appointed and the Coordinator will be situated in the country of one of the Co-convenors. The Coordinator will manage the e-mail list linking the Steering Committee members and the region wide e-mail lists.
- *Luz Martinez is hired as the network’s first part-time coordinator.
- *SEAWatch, through Patricia Licuanan, will host the APWW Secretariat at Miriam College in the Philippines.
- *An APWW Constitution will be prepared for approval as a matter of urgency and lodged in the Philippines under Miriam College.
- *APWW will apply for ECOSOC accreditation.

3-14 March

CSW 47

New York

- Themes:
1. Participation and access of women to the media, and information and communication technologies and their impact on and use as an instrument for the advancement and empowerment of women
 2. Women’s human rights and elimination of all forms of violence against women and girls as defined in the Beijing Platform for Action and the outcome document of the Special Session for the General Assembly entitled “Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century”

5 March

Statement of the Asia Pacific Women's Caucus in relation to Trafficking of Women and Girls
Presented by Young Hai Park

APWW took part in the following informal consultations on Beijing + 10:**22 July****Informal Consultation for the Asia Pacific NGO Forum for BPFA+10**

Bangkok, Thailand

20 August**Manila Follow-Up Meeting**

Manila, Philippines

The Coordinating Committee (later referred to as the Convenors Meet - network) for the NGO Forum was planned for January and the Asia-Pacific NGO Forum in July 2004.

A separate e-mail list, the Convenors Meet mailing list was set up later in preparation for the Forum.

7-8 November**APWW Working Group Meeting** (preparation for the NGO Forum in July 2004)

Hosted by TW2 Bangkok, Thailand

1. Confirmed representatives to Steering Committee
2. Old archives (hard & soft) of APWW materials will be collected and kept in the Secretariat office.
3. Constitution- Mary Jane Real of APWLD is working on the forms required by the Philippine government to register APWW in the Philippines. Mary Jane agreed to provide the "skeleton constitution" by the end of November 2003
4. As the UNESCAP High Level Intergovernmental Meeting in connection with Beijing+10 will be on Sept.6-9, 2004, the NGO Forum will be planned for July 1-3, 2004.
5. APWW will network with the Coordinating Committee of 20-30 members from the region. Criteria and commitments are:
 - (i) commitment to CEDAW and the BPFA without reservation
 - (ii) to participate in working committees
 - (iii) to raise own funds, i.e. support own participation
6. Annie Serrano, Chair of the NGO Forum, was hired as APWW part-time Coordinator, replacing Luz Martinez.

2004

January

Isis International commits to hosting the e-mail list for APWW-Meet (merging the old APWW lists into one networking list). Apwomen-steer is designated as a private list for the Steering Committee and Isis agrees to establish ad hoc lists the network may need.

12 February

APWW Steering Committee (SC)

Hosted by TW2 Bangkok, Thailand

1. APWW Constitution and Incorporation - the 'skeleton Constitution needed for registration is in progress.
2. A guiding APWW Constitution was necessary for gaining ECOSOC Status. A committee was formed with Mary Jane as Chair with members - Eileen Pittaway, Yamini, Mitchiko Nakamura, Nurgul Djanaeva
3. APWW's Role in the NGO Forum - 2 informal meetings with some regional NGOs have been held. The representatives and APWW will form a Convenors Group which will take forth the NGO Forum plans.
4. Reconfirmation of the Kanchanaburi Five Year Plan (2001) which had also been confirmed at the Chiang Mai Meeting (2003).
5. Membership and Steering Committee structures were discussed. Chiang Mai recommendations were reaffirmed.
6. Communication Outreach - "apwomen-steer" for SC members, APWW-Meet to disseminate information to women outside the SC.
7. History of APWW - APWW's roots can be traced to pre-Beijing and it should be written as such.
8. Fundraising - Funding possibilities were explored for 2 SC meetings, website communications, trainings, regional activities, etc. Expected annual funds needed are \$20,000. Funding needed for the NGO Forum-\$170,000.

13-14 February

First Convenors Meeting (Preparations for the NGO Forum)

Hosted by TW2 Bangkok, Thailand

Organizational matters

Membership of Convenors Group-APWW is one of the members

Chair Patricia B. Licuanan

Vice-Chair to be decided

Secretary General Annie Serrano

Network Communicator Luz Martinez

Committees and Committee Heads

Host Committee Thanpuying Sumalee Chartikavanij and TW2

Program of events and workshops

Celebrate gains; Identify gaps; Emerging issues; Action for equality, development and peace; Capacity building

Documentation

1-12 March

CSW 48

New York

Themes : 1. The role of men and boys in achieving gender equality

2. Women's equal participation in post-conflict peace-building

APWW Statement

Presented by Young Hai Park

Asia Pacific Caucuses were held.

29-30 April

2nd Convenors Group Meeting (Preparations for the NGO Forum)

Hosted by TW2 Bangkok, Thailand

Finalized all plans and preparations for the Forum

Updated membership of the Functional Committees and Thematic Groups

Reports of the Functional Committees

Political Strategies for September UNESCAP & 2005 CSW Updated program

30 June - 4 July

NGO Asia-Pacific Forum on Beijing + 10 “Celebrating Gains...Confronting Emerging Issues”

Hosted by TW2 Mahidol University, Salaya, Nakornpathon, Thailand

This Forum was organized by the Convenors Group made up of mainly APWW members, the Secretary General and the Secretariat. The group also included officers from other regional organizations as well. The organizing secretariat was hosted at Miriam College in the Philippines and the host country secretariat under Thai WomanWatch was hosted in Thailand.

Fund raising was handled mainly by the Secretary General, Annie Serrano.

More than 700 women attended from 35 countries.

Scholarships were offered to 80 women.

Statement of the Asia Pacific NGO Forum on Beijing + 10

Publications:

The “Purple Book”- proceedings of the NGO Forum

The “Little Purple Book”

“Voices 2005 and Beyond” (Re-print of the “Purple Book”)

Negotiation Kit for Beijing + 10 - CSW 49 (2005)

27 August

APWW received its Incorporation Certificate in accordance with the corporation laws of the Philippines at Miriam College, Katipunan Road, Quezon City, Metro Manila, Philippines

6 September

APWW Lobbying Workshop (whole day)

7-10 September

UNESCAP High Level Intergovernmental Meeting to Review Regional Implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action and its Regional and Global Outcomes Bangkok, Thailand

Statement by the Asia Pacific NGO Forum-Asia Pacific Women

Celebrate Reconfirmation of Beijing Declaration

APWW distributed the NGO Forum Statement, conducted a lobbying workshop and sponsored side events.

8 September

Highlights of the NGO Forum (APWW Secretariat)

10 September

Adoption of Report & Chairperson's Summary
NGO Briefing: Next Steps

October

UN ESCAP High Level Meeting on Beijing + 10

UN Conference Center, Bangkok, Thailand

Statement of the Asia Pacific NGO Forum in Beijing + 10

Presented by Pawadee Tonguthai

2005

28 February - 11 March

49th CSW

New York

Theme: Review of the implementation of the Beijing Platform of Action and the Outcome Document of the Special Session of the General Assembly entitled “Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century”

APWW sponsored events and activities:

APWW attended the daily Asia-Pacific Caucus

APWW distributed and lobbied with the “Little Purple Book” (Negotiation kit)

APWW Statement at CSW was read by Young Hai Park.

26 February

Lobby Workshop for Refugee Women and Other APWW Affiliates by Australian National Committee on Refugee Women (ANCORW)

1 March

Workshop on Gender Issues in the Post Tsunami Response

By ANCORW and APWW

2 March

Workshop on Gender Issues in Post Conflict Situations by Mindanao Commission on Women, Families of Victims of Involuntary Disappearance (FIND), ANCORW and APWW

3 March

Workshop on Women and Health from the Perspective of Youth by Japan Women’s Watch (JAWW) /Japan’s Network for Women and Health (WHJ) and Network of Asia Pacific Youth (NAPY)

5 March

Panel on Women’s Land Rights by Satthi All and APWW

9 March

APWW Steering Committee

1. Steering Committee (SC)

1.1 Term of office: The Constitution set the term of office of members to three years. Decision: The present set of members will leave office on staggered basis at one member per year so that there will be new set of members after three years.

1.2 Additional slots per sub-region: The two additional slots per sub-region (there are five members per sub-region according to the Constitution) will be filled immediately. The sub-regional focal points and members will decide among themselves who would be their two additional representatives.

1.3 Regional organizations in SC: ARROW was recommended for membership when a slot became available. A discussion took place concerning the criteria for selecting regional organizations. Decision: (a) Only women's NGOs may be members of APWW SC. (b) As such, NAPY, which is a mixed gender group, is not qualified. (c) APWW SC members will scout for a regional young women's group to be invited to the SC.

2. Co-Convenors' Term of Office

2.1 Eileen Pittaway expressed her intention to resign as she had served a full term. For the same reason, Patricia Licuanan also expressed her intention to step down. Pam Rajput pointed out that the Co-convenors' term may also be reckoned only beginning from the effectivity of the Constitution.

2.2 Decision: The two Co-convenors will remain in office until the strategic planning meeting when an election may be held.

3. Strategic Planning

3.1 It was agreed that the next steps for APWW will have to be discussed in a more conducive occasion. Perhaps in a strategic planning meeting. Decision: A meeting will be organized sometime in June or July 2005.

21-22 July

Asia Pacific Women's Watch Strategic Meeting

Hosted by TW2 Bangkok, Thailand

***APWW Constitution, approved and made effective on 22 July.**

*Evaluation of APWW's role and activities in the Women's Movement in Asia-Pacific since the adoption of the Five Year Plan (Chiang Mai, 2003)

*Asia Pacific Women's Watch Key Results Areas

*Election of Co-Convenors - Pawadee Tonguthai and Anjana Shakya were selected.

*Executive Committee members: East Asia - Zanaa Jurmed, Central Asia - Yevgeniya Kozyreva, South Asia - Anjana Shakya, Southeast Asia - Pawadee Tonguthai, the Pacific - Jane Prichard

*APWW Spokespersons: Patricia Licuanan and Pam Rajput

*APWW Secretariat will be transferred from Manila to Bangkok, Thailand with the change in convenors.

2 August

Asia Pacific Women NGOs Meeting on Mainstreaming a Gender and Rights

Perspective into the MDGs

Jakarta, Indonesia

Convened by APWW, Indonesian NGOs Network for Beijing + 10 and Beyond, and Indonesian CSOs Network for MDGs

3-5 August

Regional Ministerial Meeting on MDGs in Asia and the Pacific:

The Way Forward 2015 (ESCAP)

Jakarta, Indonesia

*Jakarta Declaration on Millennium Development Goals in Asia and the Pacific: The Way Forward 2015

*APWW~Statement of the Asia-Pacific Women's Watch to the Regional Ministerial Meeting "Declaration on Gender Equality and the MDGs" was presented by Sjamsiah Achmad

31 October - 3 November

Expert Consultation on "Priorities in Follow-up to the Ten-year Review and Appraisal of Implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action

Attended by Anjana Shakya New York

2006

26 February

NGO Consultation

UN, New York

27 February-10 March

CSW 50

New York

- Themes:
1. Enhanced participation of women and development: an enabling environment for achieving gender equality and the advancement of women, taking into account, inter alia, the fields of education, health and work.
 2. Equal participation of women and men in decision-making processes at all levels.

APWW activities:

Asia Pacific Caucus was held daily.

Gender equality and mainstreaming in connection with the UN Reform stated in the High Level Panel's Report to the General Assembly on 9 November, 2005, was an issue of much heated discussion in addition to CSW's themes.

28 February

Asia Pacific Caucus statement-"The United Nations as if Women Mattered: The Establishment of a 'Women's Task Force on the Reform of the UN'"

Presented by Pawadee Tonguthai

3 March

"Multi-stakeholder Dialogue on Violence against Women"

"Trafficking in women ~ an NGO perspective of Thailand"

Presented by Pawadee Tonguthai

4 March

APWW Steering Committee

Future plans were discussed.

Mitchiko Nakamura was nominated honorary member.

6 March

Press Conference by Women's Non-Governmental Organizations

Samantha Cook (WILPF), June Zeitlin (WEDO), Charlotte Bunch (CWGL),

Pawadee Tonguthai (APWW)

7 March

APWW Workshop: New Millenium, New Decisions-Do Women Have the Edge?

March- May

Application for ECOSOC accreditation (Deadline 1 June 2006)

The documentation for APWW's application for ECOSOC NGO status was done in earnest, chiefly by Pawadee with the cooperation of SC members, and sent on 25 May to Mandara Payackapan to be taken personally to ECOSOC.

April-July**Campaign for Gender Equality in UN Reform**

APWW members lobbied actively in preparation for the July 2 meeting of the High Level Panel on the UN Reform on the UN System-Wide Coherence Panel in the Areas of Development, Humanitarian Assistance and the Environment, appealed to and presented statements to 2 members of the Panel in the Asia Pacific Region: H.E. Mr. Shaukat Aziz, Prime Minister, Pakistan, also head of the Panel, and Mr. Keizo Takemi, former State Secretary for Foreign Affairs of Japan:

APWW Statement (signed by Pawadee Tonguthai and Anjana Shakya)

SEAWatch (Southeast Asia~Patricia Licuanan, Annie Serrano, etc.)

Beyond Beijing Committee (Nepal- Anjana Shakya)

Feminist League of Kazakhstan (Yevgeniya Kozyreva)

Forum of Women's NGOs of Kyrgyzstan (Nurgul Djanaeva)

Women for Women (Bangladesh - Mahmuda Islam)

Sri Lanka Women's NGO Forum Statement (Sepali Kottegoda)

Japan Women's Watch (Hiroko Hara, Mitchiko Nakamura)

2 July**High-Level Panel on UN System-wide Coherence - Consultation with Civil Society Organizations**

Geneva

Statements by Patricia Licuanan and Pawadee Tonguthai

17 July

Endorsed the Statement by CWGL and WEDO - "Gender Equality Architecture and UN Reform" (signed by 60 organizations)

2007

24 February

APWW members attending CSW 51 +other NGOs discuss activities for the CSW.

New York

25 February

NGO Consultation

New York

Evening APWW members gathered for further discussions

26 February - 9 March

CSW 51

UN, New York

Priority Theme: The elimination of all forms of discrimination and violence against the girl child.

Evaluation of CSW 48: The role of men and boys in achieving gender equality.

APWW members attended the daily CONGO briefings.

APWW members attended the Linkage Caucus on the UN Reform which was held on 27 Feb., 1, 5, 7, 9 March

APWW members attended the daily Asia Pacific Caucus

27 February

Morning - AP Caucus- comments were gathered from those present which were included in the AP Caucus Statement drawn up later.

16:00 APWW workshop: "Violence against Girls-Stopping the Scourge"

28 February

AP Caucus Statement completed and handed in to DAW Headquarters.

Evening Steering Committee members discussed the CSW Agreed Conclusions (draft)

1 March

Panel Discussion on "UN Reform and Gender Architecture:

Where Do We Stand?"

Facilitated by: CWGL, Heinrich Boell Foundation, WILPF

From APWW: Panelist -Patricia Licuanan (SEAWatch)

Moderator-Pawadee Tonguthai (TW2)

2-4 March

Global Strategy Meeting for Gender Equality Architecture at the United Nations

Organized by WEDO and CWGL

APWW Pawadee Tonguthai, Patricia Licuanan and Hiroko Hara attended.

2 March

Asia Pacific Caucus Statement to the CSW 51st Session, 2007:

“Future Leaders: Girls and Young Women of Asia Pacific Region”

Presented to CSW by Anjana Shakya

3 March

Steering Committee Meeting - Decision was made to recommend Eileen Pittaway to be appointed Honorary Member of APWW to a future formal SC Meeting.

8 March

“Open Letter Regarding Women’s Gender Equality Architecture at the UN from the NGO Linkage Caucus taking part in the 51st CSW” was presented to UN Member states and the Secretary-General. Signed by 147 women/organizations, including APWW.

10-11 May

APWW Regional Consultation on “Strengthening UN-NGO Cooperation, Promoting Gender Equality in Asia-Pacific” Hosted by TW2 Bangkok, Thailand

Background paper - APWW Key Result Areas (KRA), adopted at APWW Strategic Planning Meeting, 22 July, 2005, Bangkok, Thailand

10 May

Morning - Asia Pacific NGOs and the UN Efforts in Promoting Gender Equality

Afternoon - Moving Forward

11 May

Steering Committee Meeting-APWW Work Plan (2007-2008)

- *Membership- new members need to be recruited
- *CSW 52 APWW Statement should be prepared by the end of November
- *Asia Pacific Caucus Statement should also be drafted early - Pam Rajput volunteered to draft the written statement for the upcoming CSW 52 session.
- *Pawadee Tonguthai's report on the process of APWW's application for ECOSOC Consultative Status was appreciated. The ECOSOC Committee will make the final decision at its scheduled meeting for 14-16 May, 2007.
- *The informal Steering Committee (SC) Meeting held in New York had proposed and agreed that Eileen Pittaway of Australia, a former convenor, be offered an honorary membership for her great contribution to APWW. SC agreed unanimously.
- *It was decided that the present APWW SC members, excluding Thida Khus and Zanaa Jurmed who just joined in 2005, should stay for another year and a half and have their terms ended along with the terms of the two co-convenors - Pawadee Tonguthai and Anjana Shakya.

Candidates for the SC should be nominated before the next SC Meeting, expected to be held around July 2008.

* Sub-committees:

1. Network and Linkages - covers the issues of membership as well as coordination.
Members- Patricia Licuanan, Rajieli Nicole, Nurgul Djanaeva, Luz Martinez
Results of its deliberation to be sent through apwomen-steer list by end of June
2. Advocacy and Training
Nurgul, Pam Rajput, Sepali Kottegoda, Lynnsay Francis (APWLD)
3. Resource Mobilization
Executive Committee~Pawadee Tonguthai, Anjana Shakya, Zanaa Jurmed (East Asia), Nurgul Djanaeva (Central Asia), Jane Prichard (Pacific) + Hiroko Hara, Shuwen He, Thida Khus, Lynnsay Francis

16 May

ECOSOC accreditation - APWW received information from Mandara Payackapan (TW2) in New York that the ECOSOC Committee on NGOs granted Special Consultative Status to APWW on 16 May, the second day of the committee.

21 September

APWW (Pawadee Tonguthai, Co-convenor) received formal notice from ECOSOC that APWW was granted Special Consultative Status with related documents.

2008

14 January

APWW-Meet mailing list starts functioning in order to send information concerning CSW 52

24 February

NGO Consultation

UN, New York

25 February - 7 March

CSW 52

Theme : 1. Financing for gender equality and the empowerment of women
2. Evaluation of “Women’s equal participation in conflict prevention, management and conflict resolution and in post conflict peace-building”

26 February

APWW Workshop - “Women’s Voices in Conflict Resolutions”

Speakers - Anjana Shakya, Sepali Kottegoda, Dina Siddiqui, Boladuadua

Launch of the GEAR (Gender Equality Architecture Reform) Campaign - APWW was one of the sponsors with Patricia Licuanan as the focal point for Southeast Asia.

28 February

APWW Workshop - “Gender and Public Policies in Asia Pacific”

Moderator - Pawadee Tonguthai

Speakers - Shuwen He, Patricia Alexander (Gender Coordinator, UNDP Regional Center for Asia Pacific), Hiroko Hara, Pam Rajput, Young Hai Park

25, 26 February, 3. 4 March

Asia Pacific Caucuses

28 February

Asia Pacific Caucus Statement

Presented by Carole Shaw

1 March

APWW Steering Committee Meeting

1. Review of APWW activities at CSW 52 (25-29 Feb)
2. Plan for APWW activities at CSW 52 (3-7 March)
3. Tentative agenda for the annual APWW Meeting, Bangkok (21-22 June, 2008)

21-22 June

APWW Annual Meeting 2008 and Election of Steering Committee for 2008-2011

Hosted by TW2 Bangkok, Thailand

1. Briefings on UN Activities by APWW's Key Partners - UNESCAP, UNIFEM, UN Reform and GEAR, UN Human Rights Council, CEDAW
2. APWW's role in connection with Global Development activities and advocacy efforts at CSW, planning for 2008-2010
3. Key Result Areas and Best Practices - presentation of sub-regional/ national reports
4. ECOSOC Consultative Status Update
5. Future Directions for 2009
6. Membership and structure of administrative body
7. Terms of Steering Committee Members
8. Election of new Steering Committee members, Hiroko Hara, Chair and Sepali Kottegoda, Vice-Chair for 2008-2010

10 September

Transfer of APWW Business and Documents from Pawadee Tonguthai (past Co-convenor) to Hiroko Hara (Chair) in Tokyo

23 October

“Approved APWW Program of Activities for July 1, 2008 - June 30, 2010” was sent to all Steering Committee members

*APWW Secretariat to be located in Tokyo

Coordinator, Mariko Asano

Advisor to Coordinator, Luz Martinez

*Management of APWW-Meet is to stay until further notice with Miriam College and moderated by Luz Martinez.

APWW and UN Activities

1991

The Conference of Non-Government Organizations accredited by ECOSOC (CONGO) requested the Pan Pacific South East Asia Women's Association (PPSEAWA), International to be the Asia-Pacific Focal Point for the Beijing NGO Forum.

1992

October

Asia Pacific NGO Working Group (APWG) was formed.

1993

July

NGO Preparatory Meeting

Organized by UNIFEM, KWDI(Korean Women's Development Institute),
& APWG Seoul

12-13

Seminar on Putting Gender on the Agenda of UN Conferences

UNIFEM & KWDI

14-15

NGO Planning Meeting for the Fourth World Conference on Women APWG

November 16-20

Asian and Pacific Symposium of Non-Governmental Organizations on Women in Development Manila

Convened by ESCAP, National Commission on the Role of Filipino Women in coordination with APWG

*Attendance: 550 participants from 320 national, regional and international NGOs & 100 observers

*Manila Report "Proceedings of the Asian and Pacific Symposium of Non-Governmental Organizations on Women in Development"

Published by the Secretariat
Later called the "Big Yellow Book"

*"Little Yellow Book"

Key Recommendations based on the "Big Yellow Book", used for lobbying in Jakarta (1994)

1994**January**

APWG publishes “Reaching Out” - a bi-monthly update of regional preparations for Beijing January 1994 - June 1996 (10 issues)

March 7-18

CSW 38 - Incorporating planning for the Beijing Conference and a concurrent International NGO Planning Meeting New York

June 7-11

Meeting of Senior Officials on Women in Development & 2nd Asian and Pacific Ministerial Conference on Women in Development

Convened by ESCAP Jakarta, Indonesia

APWG lobbied actively with the “Little Yellow Book”

1995**March 13-14**

NGO Consultation New York

March 15-April 7

CSW 39 New York

Preparations for the 4th World Conference on Women

August 31-September 8

NGO Forum '95 Huairou, China

September 4-15

Fourth UN Conference on Women Beijing, China

*Beijing Platform for Action (BPFA)

1996**March 11-22**

CSW 40 New York

Themes : 1. Methods of work for dealing with the implementation of the Platform for Action adopted by the 4th World Conference on Women

2. Women and the media

3. Child and dependent care, including sharing of work and family responsibilities

1997

March 10-21

CSW 41

New York

- Themes :
1. Women and the environment
 2. Women in power and decision-making
 3. Women and economy
 4. Education and training of women

Asia Caucus was formed at the UN CSW to address the issues of women in the Asia region related to CSW. Meetings were organized by Isis International.

July 3-6

Asia and Pacific Working Group Meeting (APWG)

Seoul

APWG restructured →Asia Pacific Watch (APW)

1998

January 8-11

Challenges for Women in the Next Millennium - Asia Pacific Meet (APW)

Chandigarh, India

March 1-13

CSW 42

New York

- Themes :
1. Violence against women
 2. Women and armed conflict
 3. Human rights of women
 4. The girl child

*Asia Caucus Meetings were held jointly by Asia Caucus and APW on a daily basis and drafted the statement for women in the region to be presented to CSW. The Asia Caucus Statement was based on the recommendations agreed on at the Chandigarh APW Meet.

1999

March 1-19

CSW 43

New York

- Themes :
1. Women and health
 2. Institutional mechanism for the advancement of women

June 10-11

Asia Pacific NGO Planning Meeting for Asia Pacific Regional Symposium

(APW and Asia Caucus)

Penang, Malaysia
Sponsored by APCD

August 31 - September 2**Asia Pacific Regional NGO Symposium: Asia Pacific Women 2000-Gender Equality, Development and Peace for the Twenty-First Century**

Nakom Pathom, Kasetsart University, Thailand

*Youth Forum

*Attended by 385 women from 28 countries

*Report of the Symposium~ “Asia –Pacific Women 2000: Gender Equality, Development and Peace for the Twenty-First Century” (“The Big Blue Book”)

October 26-29**ESCAP High-Level Intergovernmental Meeting** Bangkok

APW distributed and lobbied with the “Big Blue Book”

October 29**APW Meeting** (during ESCAP Meeting) Bangkok

APW→Asia Pacific Women’s Watch (APWW)

Steering Committee was formally organized

The name was changed to Asia Pacific Women’s Watch at this meeting.

Reconfirmed to hold Asia Pacific Caucuses at CSW.

2000**January 28-29****APWW Lobby Training Workshop in Preparation for CSW 44 and the Special Sitting of the General Assembly to Review Progress on the Beijing Platform for Action, Beijing Plus 5 (Women 2000)** Godovari Resort, Kathmandu, Nepal

*Published: “Voices 2000 & Beyond” (Little Blue Book) and “Some Tips for Lobbying at CSW” a companion document~ Asia-Pacific Women’s Lobbying Documents for Beijing + 5

February 28 - March 17**CSW 44** New York

Theme: Comprehensive quinquennial review and appraisal of the implementation of the Platform for Action

March 7

APWW Visioning Workshop - June and Beyond

APWW also had a meeting to work on the amendments to the Outcome Document

Asia Pacific Caucus

May 30 - June 10**23rd Special Session of the UN General Assembly, “Women 2000: Gender Equality, Development and Peace for the Twenty-First Century” (Beijing +5)**

December 2-4

Expert Meeting on Regional Implementation and Monitoring for the BPFA and the Outcome Document of the 23rd Special Session of the General Assembly

Attended by APWW

2001

January 20-23

APWW Regional Planning Meeting, “Linking Hands for Change”

Kanchanaburi, Thailand

*APWW Five Year Plan adopted

March 6-16

CSW 45

New York

Themes : 1. Women, the girl child and HIV/AIDS

2. Gender and all forms of discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance

Asia Pacific Caucus

2002

March 4-15

CSW 46

New York

Themes : 1. Eradicating poverty, including through the empowerment of women throughout the lifecycle in a globalizing world

2. Environmental management and mitigation of natural disasters: a gender perspective

March 4

Asia Pacific Caucus Lobbying/Training Workshop

March 7

APWW Panel - Women and Poverty

2003

February 20-24

Networking for Beijing + 10~ A Training Course and Planning Meeting for APWW

Chiang Mai, Thailand

*Five Year Work Plan (2001) reconfirmed

*APWW Constitution to be prepared in order to be lodged in the Philippines

*APWW will apply for ECOSOC accreditation

March 3-14

CSW 47

New York

- Themes :
1. Participation and access of women to the media, and information and communication technologies and their impact on and use as an instrument for the advancement and empowerment of women
 2. Women's human rights and elimination of all forms of violence against women and girls as defined in the Beijing Platform for Action and the outcome document of the Special Session for the General Assembly entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century"

Asia Pacific Caucus

July 22

Informal Consultation for the Asia-Pacific NGO Forum for BPFA+10

APWW and other organizations

Bangkok

August 20

Manila Follow-Up Meeting

Manila

APWW and other organizations

The Coordinating Committee (later referred to as the Convenors Meet-network) for the NGO Forum was planned for January (→Feb. 13-14) and the Asia-Pacific NGO Forum in July 2004

November 7-8

APWW Working Group Meeting

Bangkok

APWW Steering Committee representatives confirmed

APWW will network with the Coordinating Committee of 20-30 members from the region in preparation for the NGO Forum

2004

February 12

APWW Steering Committee

Bangkok

Reconfirmation of the Five Year Plan (2001) which had been confirmed at Chiang Mai (2003)

February 13-14

First Convenors' Meeting

Bangkok

Preparations for the NGO Forum

March 1-12

CSW 48

New York

Themes : 1. The role of men and boys in achieving gender equality
2. Women's equal participation in post-conflict peace-building

Asia Pacific Caucus

APWW/ Asia Pacific Caucus Statement

April 29-30

2nd Convenors' Group Meeting

Bangkok

Finalized all plans and preparations for the Forum

June 30 - July 4

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*Publications: "The Purple Book" - proceedings of the NGO Forum

"The Little Purple Book"

"Voices 2005 and Beyond" (Re-print of the "Purple Book")

"Negotiation Kit for Beijing + 10" for lobbying use at CSW 49

September 6

APWW Lobbying Workshop (whole day)

Bangkok

September 7-10

UNESCAP High Level Intergovernmental Meeting to Review Regional Implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action and its Regional and Global Outcomes

Bangkok

*Statement presented by the Asia Pacific NGO Forum - "Asia Pacific Women Celebrate Reconfirmation of Beijing Declaration"

2005

February 8 - March 11

CSW 49

New York

Theme: Review of the implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action and the outcome documents of the Special Session of the General Assembly entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century"

Asia Pacific Caucus

February 26

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Panel on Women's Land Rights by Satthi All and APWW

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*Asia Pacific Women's Watch Key Results Areas

August 2

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Convened by APWW, Indonesian NGOs Network for Beijing +10 and Beyond, and Indonesian CSOs (Civil Society Organizations) Network for MDGs

August 3-5

Regional Ministerial Meeting on MDGs in Asia and the Pacific: The Way Forward 2015 (ESCAP) Jakarta, Indonesia

October 31 - November 3

Expert Consultation on "Priorities in Follow-up to the ten-year Review and Appraisal of Implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action" New York

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February 26

NGO Consultation

New York

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New York

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 2. Equal participation of women in decision-making processes at all levels

*UN Reform

*Daily Asia Pacific Caucuses

May 25

APWW's application for ECOSOC NGO status was sent to ECOSOC

April – July

APWW members lobbied actively for UN Reform, presenting statements to 2 members of the High Level Panel in the Asia Pacific Region

July 2

High-Level Panel on UN System-wide Coherence - Consultation with Civil Society Organizations

Geneva

2007

February 25

NGO Consultation

New York

February 26 - March 9

CSW 51

New York

Priority Theme: The elimination of all forms of discrimination and violence against the girl child

Evaluation of CSW 48: The role of men and boys in achieving gender equality

Asia Pacific Caucus

September 21

APWW received formal notice from ECOSOC that **APWW was approved as “NGO in Special Consultative Status with the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations”**

2008**February 24**

NGO Consultation

UN, New York

February 25 - March 7**CSW 52**

UN, New York

Theme : 1. Financing for gender equality and the empowerment of women

2. Evaluation of “Women’s equal participation in conflict prevention, management and conflict resolution and in post conflict peace-building”

Asia Pacific Caucus

For your reference - Asia and the Pacific Beijing +10: Selected Issues Presentations from 2004 High-Level Intergovernmental Meeting to Review Regional Implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action and its Regional and Global Outcomes ESCAP Report Page 75

After Beijing, the efforts of the Asia Pacific NGO Working Group (reconvening as Asia Pacific Watch) were directed toward the monitoring of the implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action. In preparation for the Beijing+5 Review, Asia Pacific NGOs held a Regional NGO Symposium in Thailand in October 1999. The outcomes of that meeting were contained in the report, “Asia-Pacific Women 2000: Gender Equality, Development and Peace for the Twenty First Century” referred to as “The Big Blue Book”. After the Symposium, the Asia Pacific Women’s Watch (APWW) was born as the regional focal point for regional Beijing-related activities.

In June, 2004

The Asia Pacific NGO Forum on Beijing + 10 was held in Thailand. Initiated by APWW, which served as the secretariat, the Forum was organized by a Convenors Group composed of 50 regional NGOs. Over 700 participants from all over the region attended the Forum held at Mahidol University, Salaya, Nakornpathom, Thailand. The highly successful Forum produced a statement and the “Purple Book” both of which are shared with governments at this High Level Meeting. There was some concern that there would be little interest in the AP-NGO Forum and that it would not be possible to organize it in the short period of five months. But these fears were unfounded as the AP-NGO Forum revealed the continued strength of Asia Pacific NGO partnerships.

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As of January 2009

- 1993 “Proceedings of the Asian and Pacific Symposium of Non-Governmental Organizations on Women in Development”
 Later called the “Big Yellow Book”
 Published by the Secretariat of the Symposium in Manila
- 1994 - 1996
 “Reaching Out” a bi-monthly update of regional preparations for Beijing
 Published by APWG (total 10 issues)
 Vol.1, Issue 1 (January 1994) - Issue 5 (December 1994)
 Vol.2, Issue 1 (February 1995) - Issue 5 (July 1996)
- 1994 “Little Yellow Book - Key Recommendations to Governments from the Asian and Pacific Symposium of Non-governmental Organizations on Women in Development”
 Presented to the Second Asian and Pacific Ministerial Conference on Women in Development, 7-11 June 1994
 Jakarta, Republic of Indonesia
 By the Asian and Pacific NGO Working Group
- 1995 (Cover title) “NGO-Forum ’95 - Voices from Asia and the Pacific” -
 (Inner title) “Voices from Asia and the Pacific: the Asian and Pacific Input into the Global Platform for Action - Amendments of Draft Platform for Action”
 Recommended by the Asia & Pacific NGO Working Group
 (based on draft received 4 February 1995)
- 1997 “Asia & Pacific Watch (APW)”
 Report of the Asia and Pacific Watch Group Meeting
 held 3-6 July 1997 in Seoul Edited by Young Hai Park
- 1998 “Asia-Pacific Watch-Recommendations to the 42nd Session of the Commission on the Status of Women”
 Based on the outcomes of the Chandigarh APW Meet (8-11 January)
 Edited by Pam Rajput
- 1999 “Asia-Pacific Women 2000: Gender Equality, Development and Peace for the Twenty-First Century”
 Report of the Asia Pacific Regional NGO Symposium,
 held 31 August - 4 September, referred to as the “Big Blue Book”
 Edited by Eileen Pittaway

- 1999 “Gender Equality, Development and Peace for the Twenty-First Century”
Report of the parallel Youth Forum held 31 August - 4 September
- 2000 “Voices 2000 and Beyond: Asia-Pacific Women’s Lobbying Document for Beijing + Five”
Referred to as the Little Blue Book
Edited by Eileen Pittaway
- 2000 “Some Tips for Lobbying at CSW”
Based on the outcomes of the APWW lobbying workshop,
Edited by Eileen Pittaway
Kathmandu, January
- 2000 “Asia Pacific Women’s Watch Updated Lobbying Document for Beijing + 5”
for use by supporters of the BPFA and the Convention on the Elimination of All
Forms of Discrimination Against Women
Edited by Eileen Pittaway
- 2004 “The Purple Book”
proceedings of the Asia Pacific NGO Forum on Beijing +10
30 June - 3 July, 2004 at Mahidol University, Salaya, Nakornpathom, Thailand
Referred to as the “ Big Purple Book”
Edited by Eileen Pittaway, Carole Shaw, and the Documentation Committee
“Little Purple Book”
Draft version, not for quotation for use at the NGO Lobbying Workshop
at the High Intergovernmental Meeting (ESCAP) UN Convention Center,
Thailand (7-10 September)
Compiled by Eileen Pittaway, Carole Shaw and the Documentation
Committee at the AP NGO Forum on Beijing + 10
- 2005 “Voices 2005 and Beyond”
Reprint of “The Big Purple Book”
By the NGO Forum Secretariat Manila
“Negotiation Kit for Beijing +10: 49th Session of the UN Commission on the
Status of Women - New York City, February 28 - March 11,2005”
Based on the “Little Purple Book”
Arranged by the Forum Secretariat Manila