



Regional CSO Engagement Mechanism (AP-RCEM) 2014 - 2015

What Happened in Bangkok and Pattaya



Transitional Committee

5 Subregional Focal Points,
14 Constituency Focal Points

Advisory Group

Subregional Groups

Pacific, North East
Asia, Central Asia,
South Asia,
South East Asia

Constituency Groups

(1) Women, (2) farmers, (3) fisherfolk, (4) youth, children and adolescents (5) migrants, (6) trade union/workers, (7) people living with HIV, (8) LGBTQI, (9) urban poor, (10) people displaced by disasters and conflict, (11) small and medium enterprises, (12) science and technology, (13) persons with disability, (14) Indigenous peoples, (15) elderly, (16) Local Authorities

General
Membership

Thematic Working
Groups

APFSD - PATTAYA



Before we went home, we agreed on:

- For the next 1 year, RCEM will mainly work on 2 big categories:
 - ADVOCACY – Identify the Possible Advocacy Engagement in the next 1 year, and how RCEM can engage and influence the process,
 - Communication and Information
 - INSTITUTIONAL RCEM – Building the TOR, Mapping and Outreach,
- Main task for TC is to conduct mapping and outreach, consolidate positions and also setting up and building RCEM – TC will share tasks and works among themselves.

After Pattaya

- **Submission of Joint input to Chair Summary of APFSD, June 2014**
- **Engaging with OWG 12, June 2014**
 - Submit our consolidated position on the Co-Chair's Zero Draft at OWG 12
 - RCEM – represented by Ranja Sengupta – made a presentation on RCEM positions at the OWG 12
- **CECODECON organised Side Event during the HLPF Global on RCEM as the example for the modalities of CSO Engagement, July 2012**

After Pattaya

- **Engaging with OWG 13, July 2014**
 - Consolidate and Submit our Joint Position on Co-Chair's Zero draft rev_1
 - Invited to a meeting between the Major Groups OPs and UNDESA – to present RCEM as the best practice from the region for CSO engagement modalities.

After Pattaya: Advocacy

Engaged in **Regional Consultation on Accountability on Post 2015**, organised by UN-ESCAP, August 2014

- ESCAP announced RCEM as formal platform for CSO engagement in that meeting (coordinated 25 CSOs)
- ESCAP consulted RCEM on speakers and panelist from the CSOs – process through RCEM general list serve
- Skype Preparation Meeting



- Speaking Slots (selected through RCEM process in the list-serve):
 - **National Leadership on the Accountability and Monitoring** - Prof. Leonor Briones from Social Watch Philippines as respondent; 4 speakers make intervention from the floor.



- **Session 2: Regional Platform for Accountability** – Role and Function for Asia Pacific -- Govind Kelkar representing RCEM and APWLD as Panelist; John Hyde from AFPPD as respondent, 3 interventions on behalf of RCEM
- **Session 3: Renewed Global Partnership** ; 3 interventions on behalf of RCEM
- **Session 4: Innovation for Partnership** – the role of Private Sector; 3 interventions on behalf of RCEM
- Collective Statement for Co-Chairs Summary
- Submission of Joint Statement; and Inputs for Chair's Summary



- **Engaged in Commission Session 70th**
 - RCEM represented by Rose Koenders from APA delivered a joint statement
 - RCEM and our call of Development Justice was introduced in the panel of Commission Session 70th.
- **Meeting with PGA: CSO Stocktaking, September 2014**
 - Joan Carling – AIPP and RCEM – selected as speaker representing Asia; Malyn Ando also spoke on behalf of ARROW and RCEM,
 - AP-RCEM Submission on Stock-taking of Post 2015 and SDGs.

- **Submission of AP-RCEM Inputs on SG Synthesis Report, January 2015** - constituency inputs on SG synthesis report (women, migrants, science and technology, People living and affected by HIV and AIDS, Urban Poor and Indigenous Peoples)

- **Engaging with Post-2015 Negotiations January Session, Stocktaking of Post-2015 and SDG, New York.** Steering Committee: Wardarina (current women constituency focal point)
Speakers of AP-RCEM :
 - **Elenita Dano** from ETC Group
 - **Arjun Karki** (LDC Watch) were selected as speakers on behalf of RCEM in Major Groups and Other Stakeholders Preparatory Forum on 16 January 2015 panel 4 on Means of Implementation, Technology and Global Partnership. Neth also delivered statement in the major groups and other stakeholders dialogue on 19 January 2015.

- **Engaging on 2nd meeting on Political Declaration, February 2015:**
 - Submission of AP-RCEM Joint Input for Political Declaration, February 2015
 - Aaron Ceradoy from APMM selected as Steering Committee
 - Eni Lestari from International Migrants Alliance – a domestic migrant worker based in HK - spoke on behalf of AP-RCEM on the political declaration.

- **Engaging 3rd meeting on Sustainable Development Goals and Targets, March 2015**
 - No joint submission, only women constituencies and IP.
 - Nalini Singh (ARROW) as steering committee on behalf of AP-RCEM
 - Maria Theresa Lauron (CPDE), Gomer Padong (Philsen), and Sai Jyothermal Racherla (ARROW) speaking on behalf of AP-RCEM.

- **4th meeting on Means of Implementation and Global Partnership**
 - Joint submission on MOI and Global Partnership
 - Sachini Pera from ARROW as steering committee.
 - Speaker on behalf of AP-RCEM: Paul Quintos (Ibon International)
- Joint Submission on Major group and Other Stakeholder Paper for the HLPF -

After Pattaya: Institutional RCEM

- **Mapping and Outreach:**

- **Outreach to Peoples' Forum and other CSO Forum:** Asia Pacific Feminist Forum, ASEAN People Forum, Asia Pacific Conference on Development Justice, International Migrants Summits, Beijing+20 Conference, etc.
- **Online Outreach** – tools for outreach (communique, platform, forms).

Communication and Information:

Within RCEM: Setting up General RCEM list-serve, TC/AG List Serve, Setting up Facebook Group (CSO Asia Pacific), Subscribe Go To Meeting – Teleconference Platform for RCEM, Setting up Twitter Account, Produce AP-RCEM Communique, Formulate online application form to engage with RCEM, develop website and booklet

Achievement

- **Big Enthusiasm, Ownership**
- **Strong engagement with the post-2015 and SDGs process in the regional and global level**
- **RCEM is gaining ground --** The positive Recognition as RCEM as a best practice from Asia and Pacific on CSO Engagement that initiated, driven and owned by the CSO
 - **ESCAP** – after APFSD and Regional Consultation on Accountability, many positive response on the CSO Engagement from other UN agencies (UN Women, IOM, UNEP, etc)

- The language on RCEM is included in the **outcome document of Asia Pacific Consultation on Beijing+20**
- **We are inspirational!** CSOs from Latin American keen to learn from our experiences to build their own Regional CSO Engagement

Key of Improvements

- **Outreach still weak** – more engagement with underrepresented constituencies (LGBTIQ, Trade Union and Workers, Disabilities, Urban Poor, People affected by conflict and disasters)
- Need to **address the inter-linkages** and cross cutting issues and concerns for a more cohesive advocacy agenda
- Expand and think beyond the **Post-2015 and SDGs!**