



ASEAN Disability Forum-ADF is a platform of engagement for Disabled People's Organizations and multi-stakeholders to promote and implement the ASEAN Decade of Persons with Disabilities.

4TH ASEAN DISABILITY FORUM REPORT Myanmar-2014



Theme:

Disability Inclusive: Sustainable Development, Peace and Democratization

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Brief Background on ASEAN Disability Forum

ASEAN Disability Forum - ADF is a collective regional body of disabled people organizations initiated in 2009 and representing all ASEAN member countries, namely, Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Timor Leste and Vietnam. It is a platform of engagement for disabled people organizations and multi-stakeholders to promote and implement the ASEAN Decade of Persons with Disabilities, 2011-2020.

ADF Secretariat Office is based in Jakarta, Indonesia. ADF works for all areas, mainly capacity development of disabled people organizations and shaping ASEAN more rights-based and inclusive society for all. Particular focus is given to advocate for disability inclusive policy formulation and implementation in the region.

ADF annually organizes the regional awareness raising conference in the country where hosts the ASEAN Summit and raises the issues of people with disabilities in the region.

Summary of Report

Event Date	December 17-18, 2014
Time	Daily 09:00 am to 17:00 pm
Event Venue	Sedona Hotel, Kabaraye Road, Yangon, Myanmar
Target Audiences attended	Leaders with disabilities from Disabled People Organizations, Officials from Governments, Representatives from International and Local NGOs and Media personnel
No. of Participants attended	205 Persons
Name of Countries participated	1) Australia, 2) Brunei, 3) Cambodia, 4) India, 5) Indonesia, 6) Japan, 7) Laos, 8) Malaysia, 9) Myanmar, 10) Philippines, 11) Singapore, 12) Thailand, and 13) Vietnam
Media Coverage	26 Media personnel from International & Local Television Channels, Newspapers and Journals were attended.
Types of Activities in Event	1. Opening and closing ceremonies, 2. Keynote addresses 3. Plenary presentations 4. Concurrent sessions 5. Discussions 6. Press conference 7. Welcome dinner

	<p>8. Tour visits</p> <p>9. Performance and Dances</p>
Major Milestones or Achievements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Secretary General of ASEAN attended in the event and delivered the first official key notes speech committed for ensuring the rights and inclusion of people with disabilities. • Knowledge, experience and information among DPOs, CSOs and Governments in ASEAN region were shared and exchanged each other. • The challenges, difficulties and barriers facing by ADF and Disabled People's Organizations-DPOs in ASEAN countries were collectively issued and made a regional statement towards future actions for implementing disability rights. • In coincide with Myanmar's chairmanship year of ASEAN, DPOs in Myanmar collectively worked together with ADF Secretariat for successful celebration of ASEAN Disability Forum in Myanmar, and it was a great honor to the country. • Myanmar government officials made their presences and representations in the opening ceremony, and launched their commitment on CRPD implementation. • The Disabled People Organizations (DPOs) in Myanmar have gained valuable experiences from ASEAN Disability Forum and DPOs of ASEAN member countries. • DPOs and Government officials from ASEAN Countries have also gained and exchanged the knowledge, information, experience and challenges by this ASEAN Disability Forum hosted in Myanmar. • The Forum could extend its' border to ASEAN plus 3: Resource persons and speakers from Japan, India and Australia were also participated in the forum and shared their experiences with forum participants. • Disability and Arts were part of the event, and used as a tool for awareness raising on the ability of PWDs. • Business organizations were also supported and contributed to the forum. It's showing that the forum made a bridge between business sector and disability sector.
Challenges faced	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Due to financial limitation, the forum venue was moved to another one. It made the participants inconvenient and logistic arrangement delay. • During the forum, the invited guests from media sector rarely asked about disability movements in ASEAN Region. Instead, they only asked more questions about the issues of the disabled people in Myanmar and the Law on Persons with Disabilities here.
Success Story & Success Point	<p>During the 2014 ASEAN Chairmanship year, Myanmar has hosted lots of official meetings and events regionally. However, all were facilitated and organized only by non-disabled persons and non-disabled people organizations.</p> <p>ASEAN Disability Forum was the first collective effort of Myanmar DPOs for regional affairs and showed their ability and unity to successfully organize such kind of regional event in Myanmar. Disabled leaders planned the forum, designed the activities, raised the funding, communicated with</p>

	<p>ASEAN community, coordinated with government, development and media sectors, implemented the event and evaluated together on itself.</p> <p>The forum start opened the eyes of Myanmar DPOs and made alarm to increase the disability movements in the country. Myanmar DPOs learned a lot from ASEAN community and extended their network beyond the border of country for the first time.</p> <p>The forum got attention and participation from ASEAN Secretary General, Myanmar government and Media sectors, and highlighted disability as cross-cutting regional issue.</p> <p>Finally, the forum could issue and launch the regional statement by the collective voice of DPOs in ASEAN member countries which will become the advocacy document for ASEAN disability community from now.</p>
Sustainability	<p>ADF has a rotation strategy that the Chairman of ADF will be relocated to country where they host ASEAN summit and become a chairman of ASEAN. Rotation strategy allows DPOs to practice to encounter with Government of ASEAN so that they may gain various necessary knowledge and skills to in lobbying, approaching multi stakeholders and ASEAN mechanism. Secondary Hosting country DPOs has a chance to contribute and being a part of building ASEAN where they live in so ownership would be strong as nothing about us without us. Last but not least, as platform, ADF will create synergic to represent voice of grassroots DPOs to Policy makers for the future sustainability in ASEAN region.</p>
Benefits the Forum made the Event Organizers and Implementers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The organizations implemented this forum have gained lots of experiences in dealing and working with diverse groups and different stakeholders along the event. It makes us more matured and experienced to do greater works on disability. • Besides, the organizers have increased more relationship and networks with ASEAN countries regionally but also government, non-government and media sectors locally. It makes the disability advocacy works stronger and more successful. • The implementer organizations are now very much confident to host and organize such kind of regional events or global conferences due to rich experiences and lessons gained by this event.
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Program Schedule of Event Implemented

Day 1: 16th December 2014, Tuesday

Morning	Arrival of Foreign Delegates
18:00	Welcome Dinner at Fuji Restaurant (All participants are invited) (Please wait at Sedona Hotel Robby at 18:00 PM. We will bring you to the Restaurant.)

Day 2: 17 December 2014, Wednesday

Session 1 : Opening Ceremony	
07:45 - 09:00	Registration
09:00 - 10:00	Agenda of Opening Ceremony <ol style="list-style-type: none">1) Announcement of opening ceremony2) Congratulatory remarks by, Ms. Yu Yu Swe, Director on behalf of Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement3) Greeting remarks by Mr. Ngin Saorath, Chair of ASEAN Disability Forum4) Congratulatory remarks by Mr. Christopher Milligan, the Mission Director of USAID5) Welcome remarks by Mr. Nay Lin Soe, Representative of ADF-Myanmar Organizing Committee6) Introduction to ADF members from 10-ASEAN countries7) Performance by Intellectual Disabled Children Group8) Announcement on completion of opening ceremony Master of Ceremony: Daw Mya Kyae Mone (English and Myanmar) Venue: Grand Ballroom
10:00 – 10:20	The Plenary 1 Keynote Speech by H.E Lu Luong Minh, ASEAN Secretary General Group photo session
10.20 – 10:50	Coffee Break Venue : VIP Hall and Grand Ballroom
Session 2: The Plenary 2	
10.50 - 12.30	Topic: The inclusion of Disability in Public Policy of ASEAN and Role of DPOs (15 minutes for each speaker and 30 minutes for Q&A) Main Speakers: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Mr. Makmur Sanusi, SOMSWD, Indonesia2. Ms. Yu Yu Swe, SOMSWD, Myanmar3. Mr. Aung Myo Min, Director, Equality Myanmar4. Questionnaire on Project Implementation under the ASEAN Decade of Persons with Disabilities (2011 - 2020) by Mr. Sam Chunmor, SOMSWD, Cambodia

	<p>5. How DPOs have participated in processes of reforming policies of Persons with Disabilities by Mr. Keiichiro Tamaru, Assistant Secretary General, DPI-Japan</p> <p>Moderator: Ms. Maulani A Rotinsulu, ADF-SC Indonesia</p> <p>Venue: Grand Ballroom</p>											
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch Break											
Session 3: Concurrent Sessions on Plenary 2												
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16:00 – 17:00	Plenary for recommendation on day 1											

	Facilitator: Mr. Pyae Phy Venue: Mindone Room
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Day 3, 18 December 2014

Session 4: Plenary 3

09:00 – 10:30	Topic: Empower marginalized group toward Rights & Inclusion (15 minutes for each speaker and 30 minutes for Q&A) Main Speakers: 1) ‘Toward Rights based supported’ by Mr. Paul Deany, Program officer for the Pacific and Asia, Disability Rights Fund (DRF), Australia, 2) ‘Ensuring the social inclusion of children and adults with disabilities: a systemic vision’ by Ms. Cristina Roccella, Chief, Social Policy and Child Rights Monitoring, UNICEF 3) ‘Disability and Inclusive Election’ by Ms. Meredith Applegate, Operations Officer, IFES-Myanmar 4) Ms. Sandar Thant, Gender Specialist, UNDP-Myanmar Moderator: Mr. Lim Puay Tiak, ADF-SC, Singapore Venue: Min Done Room											
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	<p>Women with disabilities & Right to education</p> <p>Josephine De vera, DPI-Philippines</p> <p>Moderator: Ms. Khin Zar Naing</p> <p>Venue: Min Done Room-1</p>	<p>Damayati, Indonesian DPOs, Indonesia</p> <p>Disability and Peace</p> <p>Ms. Win Pyae Pyae Aung, Consultant, WPSP US Alumini</p> <p>Moderator: Mr. Zaw Lin Tun</p> <p>Venue: Min Done Room-2</p>	<p>Children with Disabilities, Thailand</p> <p>Social Protection for the welfare of Children with Disabilities by Ms. Maulani A Rotinsulu, Chairperson of Indonesia Association of Women with Disabilities, Indonesia</p> <p>Moderator: Ms. Saowalak Thongkuay</p> <p>Venue: Min Done Room-3</p>	<p>Indonesia</p> <p>Disability and Youths by Ms. Thinzar Shunlei Yi, Country Focal Point (Myanmar), ASEAN Youth Volunteers Network</p> <p>Moderator: Mr. Saw Thet Aung</p> <p>Venue: Ahlone Room</p>	
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch				
13:30 – 15:00	<p>Closing Ceremony</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closing Remark by Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement • Closing message by Chair of ADF • Conference report and Statement • Awarding writing competition to Mr. Nuah P Tarigan, Indonesia • Appreciation gifts to donors • Handling over Official Banner to the next Host, Malaysia • Entertainments by Myanmar Artists with Disabilities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Traditional Bagan Dance by Hearing Impaired Artists ▪ Wheelchair Dance by Physically Impaired Artists 				
15:00 – 15:30	Coffee Break				
15:30 – 16:30	Press Conference led by ADF				
16:30 – 18:00	<p><u>Tour Visit</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ShweDaGone Pagoda 				

The Statement of the Forum is attached.

Photo Gallery of ADF-Myanmar (2014)



Greeting Remarks by ADF Chair



Keynotes Speech by ASEAN Secretary General



Congratulatory Remarks by Director of Department of Social Welfare, Myanmar



Congratulatory Remarks by Mission Director of USAID



Welcome Remarks by Representative of ADF-Myanmar Organizing Committee



ADF Steering Committee Members from ASEAN Member Countries



Opening Ceremony of ADF



Opening Dance by Myanmar Artists with Intellectual Disability



Sign Language Interpretation in Event



Plenary Session of the Event



Side Meetings through Coffee Break



Breakout Sessions of the Event



ADF Chair delivers a speaker gift to Director of Department of Social Welfare of Myanmar



Media Interviews in Event