Despite significant achievements over the last few years, women’s human rights and equality are far from being realised. Women remain severely underrepresented in decision-making positions and continue to face obstacles in accessing resources and the benefits of progress. In a lot of instances, women’s access to justice is limited, and they are victimised. Women’s participation in decision-making is essential for achieving the organisation’s objectives and promoting women’s human rights as an analytical and practical tool for social change for equality, justice, peace and sustainable development. In 2006, APWLD continued its work on women, law and development, working with women’s NGOs and individuals throughout the Asia-Pacific region to promote women’s human rights.

What makes APWLD a unique regional body is its commitment to putting women’s human rights at the heart of its work. It continues to adapt its strategies in the pursuit of its goals. The growing problem of violence against women (VAW) and other forms of human rights violations are issues of concern for APWLD. Violence against women and other forms of gender-based violence continue to pose new challenges that require innovative solutions. APWLD continues to work with regional organisations and partners on how to address the issue.

The strategic objectives of the programme cycle for 2006-2008 are:

- To advance human rights and gender equality from a feminist perspective, building on the organisation’s strengths in law, gender and development.
- To advance and promote women’s rights in the Asia-Pacific region.
- To contribute to the establishment of a women’s machinery.
- To promote the implementation of human rights standards at the regional level.
- To promote the implementation of gender equality and women’s rights at the national level.
- To contribute to the development of the Asia-Pacific region.

APWLD’s work is guided by its vision and mission, which are to promote and protect women’s human rights and equality from a feminist perspective. APWLD is committed to the implementation of its programme for the year 2006, and the team has been working on this package to ensure that it is successful. The report is an attempt to illustrate the impact of APWLD’s work and to document its achievements.

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1 Women’s Human Rights Framework

The Regional Feminist Legal Theory and Practice (FLTP) training, has become a mainstay activity of APWLD. It is a unique model in the region in so far as it is the only one of its kind, and has the potential to provide a new approach to human rights education and advocacy in the region. The training focuses on developing a gender and rights-based approach to legal practice, and is designed to empower women lawyers and advocates to become agents of change in their own communities. It combines theoretical and practical training, and includes both the formal and informal sessions, with a focus on building capacity and promoting a culture of gender equality and human rights. The training has been conducted in various countries in the region, including Kyrgyzstan, and has been well received by participants, who have reported significant improvements in their ability to advocate for women’s rights and promote legal change.

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The Regional Task Force (WHRDs) and the South-East Asia Regional Human Rights Defenders Network are two regional networks that have been established to support WHRDs in Asia. The WHRDs in these networks work together to address issues such as violence against women, discrimination, and statelessness, and to promote human rights education and training.

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The APWLD is the focal point for the global call for WHRDs to participate in the newly established consultation of WHRDs at the Human Rights Council in Geneva. The APWLD is also closely involved in the regional Human Rights Defenders Network, which brings together WHRDs from different parts of Asia to share experiences and knowledge.

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