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**WOMEN2030 NATIONAL MONITORING AND REVIEW OF THE  
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS AND DEVELOPMENT JUSTICE  
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## **Taking Back Peoples' Sovereignty: APWLD herstory of shaping the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development**

The Asia Pacific Forum on Women, Law and Development (APWLD) has been advocating for an alternative development framework that addresses the existing structural causes of inequalities, and fulfils promises to advance women's human rights since the adoption of the 1995 Beijing Platform for Action.

In 2013, APWLD and 91 other civil society groups representing 21 countries and various major groups and stakeholders from the Asia Pacific region came together to engage in the post-2015 process, calling for 'Development Justice' - a transformative and redistributive development framework that seeks to reduce inequalities of wealth, power and resources, between countries, between rich and poor and between men and women. After two years of negotiations, and the civil society's tireless engagement, a set of 17 goals and 169 targets were adopted by the United Nations as the new 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development with the motto of 'leaving no one behind'. While the new 2030 Agenda is universal in scope, and addresses a broad range of issues, we are yet to see if governments are able to implement them and deliver just and equitable development to the most marginalised in their countries.

### **Women Monitoring the 2030 Agenda and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)**

It is within the above context that APWLD aims to ensure that there is transparent, democratic, inclusive and meaningful opportunities for civil society engagement in the monitoring and review of the SDGs - at the local, national, regional and international levels - to achieve Development Justice and ensure that the movements that we fostered, the space we have carved out, and the achievements in our advocacy in the process of establishing the SDGs persist until 2030 and beyond.

Since 2016, APWLD has been partnering with and supporting national and grassroots women's organisations from across the Asia Pacific region to carry out monitoring, review and follow up of their government's implementation of the SDGs, while also advancing and advocating for Development Justice. Through this collaborative work, we are committed to ensuring that women and their communities have the capacity and resources to access and influence their national development policies, and hold their own governments accountable.

APWLD has prioritised its work to provide sustainable support and solidarity partnership to national women's rights organisations to systematically and critically review and monitor SDGs implementation at national and regional levels.

Through this exercise, the civil society aims to hold their governments accountable, address any failures in progressing their commitments toward achieving the SDGs, and ensure that the people's transformative development agenda is not subsumed under the expansive work of implementing the SDGs.

**For the period of 2018-2019, APWLD have partnered with 11 organisations from 9 countries to carry out monitoring and review of the SDGs. These 11 organisations are:**

- ALGA, Kyrgyzstan
- Center for Women's Resources (CWR), Philippines
- Centre for Women's Research (CENWOR), Sri Lanka
- Climate Watch Thailand, Thailand
- Fiji Women's Forum, Fiji
- FKM BKA YWU, Indonesia
- MONFEMNET National Network NGO & Centre for Human Rights and Development (CHRD), Mongolia
- Research Centre for Gender, Family and Environment in Development (CGFED), Vietnam
- Serikat Perempuan Indonesia (SERUNI), Indonesia
- Vanuatu Young Women for Change, Vanuatu

This package contains briefs extracted from the fuller Peoples' Development Justice Reports from eight of the eleven national organisations involved in this project. Full findings of their monitoring and review of their respective government's implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and Development Justice are available in the partner's national Peoples' Development Justice reports.