

2023 EU-Taiwan Gender Equality Forum—Promoting Gender Equality Agenda

Preface

EU and Taiwan launched the gender equality cooperation in 2015. Sharing a common goal of promoting gender equality, we promote gender mainstreaming mechanisms, ensure LGBTI rights, increase gender balance in decision-making in public and private sector, eliminate gender stereotypes, and reduce gender segregation in education and careers. Through extensive cross-border gender equality issues, policies, and experiences exchange, we are jointly pursuing values of gender equality and human rights.

Taking stock of recent developments in the Asia-Pacific region, we have found that the Thai cabinet passed the "Civil Partner Bill" in June 2022, followed by Singapore's announcement of the repeal of laws prohibiting same-sex acts in August and Japan's launch of the Tokyo Partnership Oath System in November. It is evident that the rights of LGBTI in Asia have made concrete progress, and many countries are working tirelessly to advocate for and advance them. Despite these fruitful results, we still face challenges in achieving gender equality in the Asia-Pacific region. To move towards our vision of a diverse, respectful, and gender-inclusive society, we need to communicate and collaborate with each other more effectively.

The Forum in 2023 will serve as a platform where countries will take stock and exchange gender equality issues in response to the continued challenges of the pandemic and digital era. They will

propose strategies and visions for promoting gender equality in the post-pandemic era. We deeply hope to expand the effects and driving the progress of gender equality and human rights in the Asia-Pacific region.

General Information

1. Date: July 5th -6th, 2023
2. Venue: Taipei Great Skyview Hotel (No. 101, Bangka Blvd., Wanhua Dist., Taipei City)
3. Organizer: Executive Yuan (Department of Gender Equality), European Economic and Trade Office (EETO), Ministry of Foreign Affairs
4. Co-organizer: Taiwan Tongzhi (LGBTQ+) Hotline Association, National Democratic Institute (NDI)
5. Conference type: In-person and Virtual
6. Language: English and Mandarin (English-Chinese simultaneous interpretation)
7. Participants: 150 participants from government officials, NGOs, and experts from Taiwan, EU, US, and the Asia-Pacific countries who have profound experiences in promoting gender equality and protecting the rights of diverse genders, and the virtual participation has no limit of capacity.

Agenda (Draft) :

July 5th, 2023 (Day 1)	
Time(GMT+8)	Agenda
0900-0930	Registration
0930-0950	Opening and Welcome Remarks <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Filip GRZEGORZEWSKI, Head of Office, the European Economic and Trade Office (EETO) 2. Chen Chien-Jen, Premier, Executive Yuan, R.O.C.

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	(Taiwan)
0950-1000	Group Photo
1000-1040	<p>Keynote Speech (20 mins each): Gender Equality Issues During and Post the Pandemic</p> <p>Description: The Covid-19 pandemic has rapidly spread worldwide since the beginning of 2020, and while it has eased up, it is unlikely to disappear completely. Life under the pandemic has become the new normal, but the promotion of gender equality has been hindered. In this speech, we aim to highlight the gender equality issues that require more attention in the post-pandemic era to build a more gender-inclusive society.</p> <p>Speaker :</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. LO Ping-cheng, Minister without Portfolio, Executive Yuan, R.O.C. (Taiwan) 2. Ana GALLEGO TORRES, Director-General, Directorate-General for Justice and Consumers (DG JUST), EU (Video)
1040-1100	Break
1100-1220	<p>Session 1: Gender Equality Issues During and Post the Pandemic - Empowerment of Women's Economic Status</p> <p>Description: During the pandemic, measures such as lockdowns and reduced movement have heavily impacted industries that employ a large number of women, particularly the service sector. Many women have lost their jobs or resigned to care for their families. In this session, representatives from each country can exchange information about the challenges faced by</p>

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	<p>women in the employment and economic sector during and post the pandemic. We will also explore ways to empower women's economic participation during this time.</p> <p>Moderator :</p> <p>CHI Hui-Jung, Commissioner, National Human Rights Commission, R.O.C. (Taiwan)</p> <p>Panelists (15 mins each) :</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. LEI Shee-chien, Director, Business Startup and Incubation Division, Small and Medium Enterprise Administration, Ministry of Economic Affairs, R.O.C. (Taiwan) 2. Angeline SANZAY, Political Officer, the European Economic and Trade Office (EETO) 3. Anne CASALME, Gender and Development Specialist, Philippine Commission on Women (PCW), Philippines 4. DAO Thi Vi Phuong, Vice Director, Department of Law and Policy, Vietnam Women's Union (VWU), Vietnam <p>Discussion and Q&A</p>
1220-1350	Lunch
1350-1530	<p>Session 2: Gender Equality Issues During and Post the Pandemic - Preventing Gender-Based Violence</p> <p>Description: In the past two years, many governments have taken measures such as lockdowns to control the spread of COVID-19. However, international studies indicate that gender-based violence in communities and families has increased during this time. As the use of digital</p>

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	<p>technology has accelerated during the pandemic, women have reported feeling insecure in both physical and virtual environments. In this session, we aim to exchange information on the current circumstances and responses to the pandemic, as well as discuss measures that should be taken in the post-pandemic era.</p> <p>Moderator :</p> <p>Jason LIU, Advisor for Info/tegrity Asia-Pacific, National Democratic Institute (NDI)</p> <p>Panelists (20 mins each) :</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Neelam SHARMA, Chairperson of Purple Foundation, Nepal 2. Liza GARCIA, Executive Director of Foundation for Media Alternative, Philippines 3. KUO Tsai-jung, Deputy Director-General, Department of Protective Services, Ministry of Health and Welfare, R.O.C. (Taiwan) 4. Pierre GOULANGE, Head of Political Affairs, Press and Communication Section, French Office in Taipei <p>Discussion and Q&A</p>
1530-1550	Break
1550-1730	<p>Session 3: Taking Stock and Recommendations for LGBTI's Living Conditions and Policy Measures(I)</p> <p>Description: To draft laws and policies that meet the needs of the LGBTI community, some governments and NGOs have conducted research surveys to understand their living conditions. In this session, we will discuss and share the findings of relevant research surveys, evaluate the effectiveness of policy measures, and provide</p>

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	<p>recommendations for further action.</p> <p>Moderator :</p> <p>Jennifer LU, Commissioner, Gender Equality Committee of the Executive Yuan, R.O.C. (Taiwan)</p> <p>Panelists (20 mins each) :</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Joyce TENG, Executive Director, Taiwan Equality Campaign 2. Miltos PAVLOU, Project Manager in Equality, Roma and Social Rights Unit (ESRU) at European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA) 3. Amy SMITH, Sr. Demographer, Sex, Age & Gender Identity, Population Division, U.S Census Bureau 4. Adam BOURNE, Professor of Public Health and Deputy Director, Australian Research Centre in Sex, Health and Society, La Trobe University, Australia <p>Discussion and Q&A</p>

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0840-0910	Registration
0910-1050	<p>Session 4: Taking Stock and Recommendations for LGBTI's Living Conditions and Policy Measures (II)</p> <p>Moderator :</p> <p>Marcin JERZEWSKI, Head of Taiwan Office, European Values Center for Security Policy</p> <p>Panelists (20 mins each) :</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Chattrapphon DITTHASRIPHON, Justice Officer of International Human Rights Division, Department of

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	<p>Rights and Liberties Protection, Ministry of Justice, Thailand</p> <p>2. SUZUKI Ken, Professor of Meiji University, Japan</p> <p>3. VUONG Phong, LGBTI Rights Program Manager, The Institute for Studies of Society, Economy & Environment (iSEE), Vietnam</p> <p>4. Seong-Jo JEONG, Activist / Steering Committee of Dawoom, Republic of Korea</p> <p>Discussion and Q&A</p>
1050-1110	Break
1110-1230	<p>Session 5: Taking Stock of Gender Equality Policies and Results, Vision and Prospects (I)</p> <p>Description: Gender equality has been promoted for many years, and people often feel that men and women are becoming more and more equal. It is also said that "gender equality has been achieved". But is this truly the case? In this session, we aim to take stock gender equality policies, measures, and outcomes in the fields such as equal participation in decision making among public and private sectors, elimination of gender stereotype and improvement of gender segregation in education and occupation. We hope to share and discuss the direction and vision for promoting gender equality in the future, considering the impact of COVID-19 and the development of the digital era.</p> <p>Moderator :</p> <p>Heisoo SHIN, Chair, Board of Directors, Korea Center for United Nations Human Rights Policy (KOCUN)</p>

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	<p>Panelists (15 mins each) :</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. WU Hsiu-chen, Director General, Department of Gender Equality, Executive Yuan, R.O.C. (Taiwan) 2. Ewa WIBERG, Head of Section, Economic Gender Equality and Rights, Department of Gender Equality at Ministry of Labor, Sweden 3. Andy YENTRIYANI, Head of National Commission on Anti violence against Women, Indonesia 4. Anna MACDONALD, Policy Managers at the Ministry for Women, New Zealand <p>Discussion and Q&A</p>
1230-1400	Lunch
1400-1520	<p>Session 6: Taking Stock of Gender Equality Policies and Results, Vision and Prospects (II)</p> <p>Moderator :</p> <p>LO Ping-cheng, Minister without Portfolio, Executive Yuan, R.O.C. (Taiwan)</p> <p>Panelists (15 mins each) :</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Vitalijus NOVIKOVAS, Senior Lawyer, Directorate-General for Justice and Consumers (DG JUST), EU 2. Andrea KYSELA, Policy Officer, Gender Equality Department, Office of the Government, Czech Republic 3. Atsuko HORIE, Chairman of Sourire Co., Ltd. & Expert Member of Council for Gender Equality, Cabinet Office, Japan 4. Heisoo SHIN, Chair, Board of Directors, Korea Center for United Nations Human Rights Policy (KOCUN) <p>Discussion and Q&A</p>
1520-1530	Closing Remarks

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