



APRIL HIGHLIGHTS

First Workshop on the Implementation of ASEAN RAI

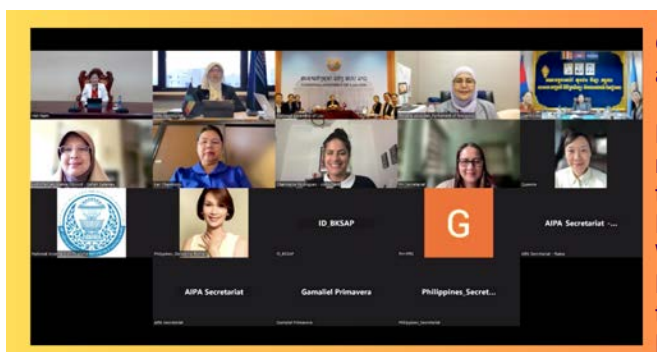


The AIPA Secretariat recently convened the first “AIPA-FAO-IISD Joint Workshop on the Implementation of ASEAN Guidelines on Promoting Responsible Investment in Food, Agriculture, and Forestry (ASEAN RAI)” in Vientiane, Lao PDR. The workshop was attended by approximately 40 participants, including parliamentarians and parliamentary staff of AIPA Member Parliaments, representative from the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry of Lao PDR, ASEAN Secretariat, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), and International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD).

During the two-day event, participants engaged in sessions aimed at enhancing their understanding and capacity regarding ASEAN RAI, explored the role of parliamentarians in advancing its implementation, and provided feedback

and recommendations to the initial draft of the Implementation Framework. The consolidated version of draft Implementation Framework will be presented further to the second workshop, scheduled in July 2024.

Final Review of Women Political Participation and Leadership Implementation Framework



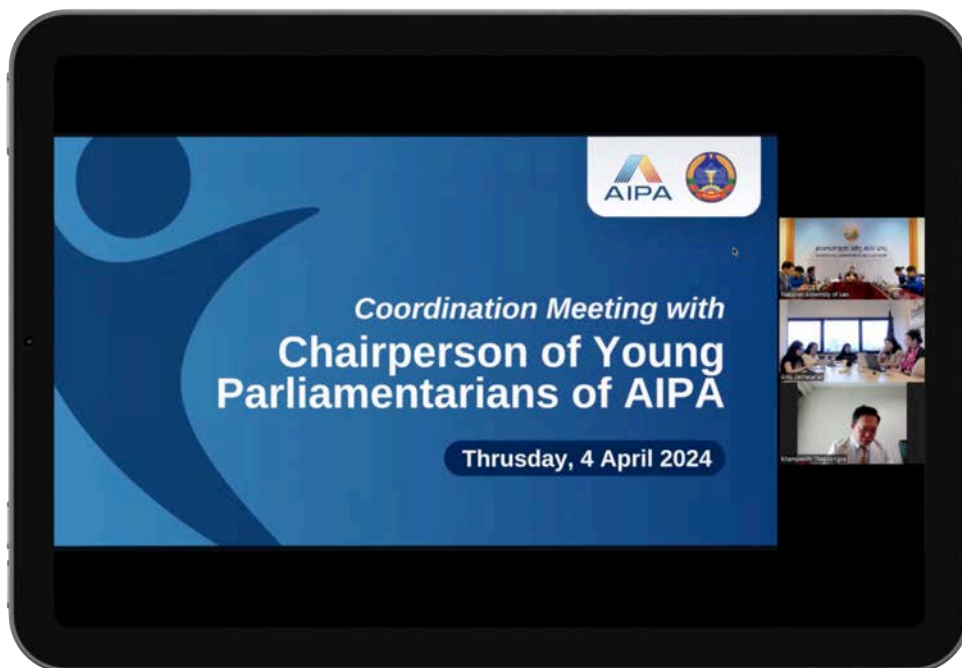
On 5 April 2024, the AIPA Secretariat conducted a virtual meeting on the Final Review of the Implementation Framework of Women Political Participation and Leadership (WPPL). The meeting deliberated the draft within the context of the three foundational pillars: Enabling Environment and Safe Space, Empowerment of Women in Politics, and Gender-Responsive and Decision Making. This process aimed to ensure the inclusion of perspectives from AIPA Member Parliaments. The consolidated drafts of the WPPL Implementation Framework and Plan of



Action 2024-2030 will be presented at the upcoming 45th AIPA General Assembly for adoption. These documents lay the regional and national groundwork for advancing women's political participation across the ASEAN region.

Coordination Meeting with the Chairperson of Young Parliamentarians of AIPA, Hon. Phonesane Vilaymeng

The AIPA Secretariat had a coordination meeting with the Chairperson of the Young Parliamentarians of AIPA (YPA), Hon. Phonesane Vilaymeng on 4 April 2024. This productive session provided an invaluable platform for both the AIPA Secretariat and Hon. Phonesane Vilaymeng to discuss the upcoming meetings and activities under the standing committee of YPA. It served as a crucial platform for aligning our efforts and ensuring the effective fulfillment of YPA's mandate during Lao PDR's presidency.



AIPA Eid Open Office



In the spirit of Eid Al-Fitr, the AIPA Secretariat hosted an Eid Open Office at its premises in Jakarta on April 29, 2024. Representatives from ASEAN entities and ASEAN Cooperation Fund Management Teams based in the ASEAN Secretariat Compound attended the event, offering them an opportunity to strengthen bonds and foster networking within the ASEAN community.



Calendar Highlights: April 2024

8th Forum of Entities

Jakarta, Indonesia

14 May 2024

**Parliamentary Meeting
on the 10th World Water
Forum**

Bali, Indonesia

20-21 May 2024

**Stakeholders Roundtable on Advancing
Women Political Participation and
Leadership in ASEAN**

Jakarta, Indonesia

30 May 2024



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