

**Asia Democracy Network (ADN)
5th Steering Committee (SC) Meeting**

Bangkok, 12-13 Jan. 2016

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1. The Steering Committee (SC) members of the ADN, having met in Bangkok, on 12-13 January 2016,
2. Confirm the composition of the SC members as main representatives of the SC organizations,
3. Approves the framework for action for 2016 – 2017 in which was formulated based on the thematic discussion held on 12 Jan. 2016 and input from the ADA annual consultation (9-11 Jan. 2016),
4. Determining the 2016-2017 Strategic Goals as the following,
 - i. To strengthen and consolidate civil society contribution and participation to the promotion and strengthening of inclusive democratic processes and governance in the Asian region in the context of the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development
5. Following the decision of ADN's main objectives,
 - i. Support and promote the struggle of shrinking democratic space at the national and international level to ensure people's participation in the decision-making process at all levels,
 - ii. Strengthen civil society's impact on policy making through national platforms engaging governments, international organizations, institutions, and processes in addition to developing multi-stakeholder partnerships in Asia and globally,
 - iii. Strengthen regional cooperation and solidarity through increased engagement with sub-regional infrastructures (i.e. ASEAN, SAARC etc) and development of sub-regional mechanisms in areas that lacks, to challenge and participate in decision making processes,
 - iv. Strengthen youth and next generation leadership through capacity building for effective advocacy and campaign,
 - v. Strengthen the coordination of joint planning and action among ADN SC members and partners regionally and globally,
6. Upon deliberation on the current state of democracy in the Asian region and the trending challenges that democracy advocacy is faced and taking into consideration of the expertise and resources the Steering Committee is able to commit, the ADN arrived at the following thematic priorities. Also, it is in accordance with the Sustainable Development Goals adopted by the United Nations in 2015 the SC agreed to utilize the momentum of the SDG as a platform to progress ADN's strategic agenda and democracy in the Asian region,
 - i. Democracy/Civic Education
 - ii. Transparency and Accountability of Governance Institutions
 - iii. Civil Society Space and Freedom of Expression, Association and Assembly
 - iv. Youth and Next Generation Leadership
 - v. Marginalized and Most Vulnerable Populations
 - vi. Local Democracy and Governance
 - vii. Corporate Accountability

7. Request the Secretariat to develop a project proposal for fund-raising on the following activities in line with the framework for action.
 1. Country Campaigns
 2. Youth Leadership for Democracy (Gwangju, May 2016)
 3. GALAA-regional IV (Bangkok, Aug. 2016) and sub-regional
 4. UB Civic Forum (UBCF) and SC-6
 5. South Asian Sub-Network Initiative?
 6. Asian Civil Society Forum (ACSF) (Bangkok, Oct. 2016)
 7. Inter-regional Collaboration and Cooperation – ACSC/APF (Sept, Dili) and PSAARC (Nov. Pakistan),
8. Create working groups, consisting of Steering Committee and Senior Advisers, based on the thematic priorities to develop action plans and assist the secretariat in the implementation of projects acting as a supervising role to the secretariat. (Appointments stated below)
9. Invite all ADN members to join proactively the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and SDGs at the national level,
10. Invite all ADN members to join the regional process such as the Asia Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development (APFSD),
11. Engage with the CSII project as a means to promote civic innovation within civil society in Asia and function as a focal point among sub-regional hubs,
12. Request the ADRN to develop a ToR and more detailed guidelines on the SoDA report,
13. Request the Secretariat to send the proposal to donors such as the NED, OSF, FF, sida, etc.
14. Approves the accountability guidelines for SC members as amended (attachment),
15. Outreach to other regional CSOs interested in joining ADN to consolidate the membership basis,
16. Requesting Tur-Od Lkhagvajav to work with the secretariat in drafting a revised membership criteria,
17. Request the SC member organizations to nominate an alternate before March. 2016, based on the decision that SC members are to designate an alternate within the organization on the basis of providing full information and updates to the alternate to avoid repetitious review of process,
18. Decides to have the next formal Steering Committee-6 in Ulaanbaatar around 15 September as back-to-back with the meeting of Transparent Ulaanbaatar and the Ulaanbaatar Civic Forum (UBCF).
19. Request Gus Miclat to devise the concept paper on creating an Asia People Power 21 legacy initiative in cooperation with the President of the Philippines and Timor Leste with the Asia Democracy Network.

Appoint and invite the following SC and members as coordinators of WG,

Thematic Priorities / WG	Activities	Members
1. Democracy/Civic Education	✓ During the ACSF 2016	MDN, PRIA, Dr. Shin,
2. Transparency and Accountability of governance institutions / Corporate Accountability	✓ Joint workshop with OGP	FA, INFID, TI, Chito
3. Civil society space and freedom of expression, association and assembly	✓ International solidarity campaign in Cambodia, Malaysia, Myanmar and Maldives ✓ CSII Workshop	ADA, FA, SAPA, MFA, GPPAC, Nimalka
4. Youth and Next Generation Leadership	✓ Youth leadership at Gwangju Asia Forum (GAF) ✓ GALAA-IV (regional) and sub-regional	ADA
5. Marginalized and most vulnerable populations	✓ ACSF – MVP Forum ✓ APFSD	ADA, MFA, GPPAC
6. Local democracy and governance	✓ 6 th WHRCF (Gwangju, July 2016)	PRIA, MDN, Sushil, Michael