

Why This Is a Meaningful Moment for ASEAN Policy Engagement on AI (ACWC – EAW – Future-Engaging Consultations)

 ASEAN is at a critical inflection point

- AI is transforming governance, justice, and service delivery.
- Risks to women and girls are evolving — from physical to digital, from visible to algorithmic.

 Violence Against Women is also going digital

- Deepfakes, online harassment, surveillance, and AI-driven exploitation.
- Without safeguards, AI can amplify bias, widen gaps, and silence victims.

 ASEAN's Responsibility

- Shape—not follow—the future of AI governance.
- Ensure AI systems are inclusive, rights-based, and gender-sensitive.
- Align with the ASEAN Regional Plan of Action on EAW.

ACWC's Role: Leading with Purpose and Principles

Regional Mandate

- ACWC is the custodian of women's and children's rights in ASEAN.
- Trusted to champion ethical governance in emerging policy areas.

Pathways Forward

- Mainstream gender in AI policy consultations.
- Protect women and children in both physical and digital spheres.
- Collaborate across sectors to build a safe, inclusive AI future.

Our Call to Action

"This is not only a policy moment—it is a justice moment. Let us lead with vision, values, and courage."