
**Meeting of ASEAN Parliamentarians on new tactics for respecting,
protecting and promoting Freedom of Religion or Belief**

6-8 October 2017, Bangkok, Thailand

- This is the Draft Programme that may be subject to change -

Friday, 6th October

2:30 PM Arrivals and registration

Guests are free to check in to the Royal Orchid Sheraton Hotel and Towers from 2.30 PM. An event pack will be available on arrival and registration at the hotel. Event and hotel staff will be on hand to assist with any inquiries.

7:00 PM Informal Buffet Dinner

Location:

Saturday, 7th October

9.00 AM Sightseeing Boat Tour of Bangkok

Departure from the Hotel Terrace

Official Welcome

David Anderson MP, Member of IPPFoRB Steering Committee, Canada

Eva Kusuma Sundari, MP, Former Chairperson of APHR, Indonesia

11.00 AM Session 1

**Towards an understanding of FoRB and the legislative context in
ASEAN**

Facilitator: Ed Brown

1.00 PM Lunch



- 2:30 PM **Session 2**
- FoRB and the Challenges of Identity Politics and Violent Extremism in ASEAN (Part 1)**
- Working Group 1 - Identity Politics**
- Facilitator: Benedict Rogers, East Asia Team Leader, Christian Solidarity Worldwide
- Working Group 2 – Violent Extremism**
- Facilitator: Bryony Lau, The Asia Foundation
- 3.45 PM **Coffee**
- 4.15 PM **Session 3**
- FoRB and the Challenges of Identity Politics and Violent Extremism in ASEAN (Part 2)**
- Working Group 1 – Violent Extremism**
- Facilitator: Bryony Lau, The Asia Foundation
- Working Group 2 – Identity Politics**
- Facilitator: Benedict Rogers, East Asia Team Leader, Christian Solidarity Worldwide
- 5.30 PM **Session 4**
- Closing reflections and thoughts**
- Facilitator: Ed Brown
- 7.00 PM **Dinner**

Sunday, 8th October

9.00 PM **Session 5**

FoRB and the role of ASEAN Parliamentarians

Panelists

- Panelist 1 David Anderson, MP, Canada, Member IPPFoRB Steering Group
- Panelist 2 Eva Kusuma Sundari, MP, Indonesia
- Panelist 3 Leonardo Quintao, MP, Brazil

Facilitator: Ed Brown

10.00 PM **Session 6**

Responding to the challenges

Working Group 1: Inter-religious tensions in Myanmar
Facilitator:

Working Group 2: Identity politics in Malaysia
Facilitator: Dian Diana Binti Abdul Hamed, PhD, University Malaya

Working Group 3: Threats to pluralism and Pancasila in Indonesia
Facilitator: Tina L. Mufford, Senior Policy Analyst, East Asia-Pacific, USCIRF

Working Group 4: Gender and FoRB in ASEAN
Facilitator: Emerlynne Gil, Senior International legal Advisor, International Commission of Jurists

Working Group 5: Blasphemy laws in ASEAN
Facilitator: Benedict Rogers, East Asia Team Leader, Christian Solidarity Worldwide

11.30 PM Coffee

12.00 PM **Session 7**

Report back from Working Groups

Facilitator: Ed Brown

12.45 AM **Session 8**

Closing reflections and thoughts

Facilitator: Ed Brown

1.30 PM **Lunch and departures**