



## Center for Asia-Pacific Women in Politics (CAPWIP)



## History

The Center for Asia-Pacific Women in Politics (CAPWIP) is a non-partisan, non-profit and non-governmental regional organization dedicated to promoting equal participation of women in politics and decision-making. CAPWIP was established in 1992 by a group of women from the Asia-Pacific region who share a vision of governance that affirms gender equality, integrity and accountability, excellence, sustainable development, and peace.

CAPWIP advocates transformative politics which is the use of power to create change towards economic, social and political equity between sexes and among sectors within the context of shaping a society that is just, humane and promotes a sustainable way of life.

CAPWIP operates through a network of partner organizations and national affiliates clustered into five sub-regional groupings: Central Asia, East Asia, Pacific, South Asia, and Southeast Asia. These are autonomous organizations actively involved in women's political empowerment in their respective countries.

CAPWIP shares with this network technical assistance in organizational and program planning, training, research and information sharing, advocacy and networking. CAPWIP is currently based in Manila, Philippines.

CAPWIP receives administrative and program support through voluntary contributions from its board members and other individuals; and annual membership fees and grants from bilateral and multilateral aid agencies such as the Asian Development Bank (ADB), Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA), United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM), and United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).

## Goal

Our goal is to create a critical mass of competent, committed and effective women leaders at local and national levels and to develop a responsible female citizenry at the base who, together, will work to transform politics and governance for the common good. Women leaders without an organized base run the risks of tokenism and co-optation; women's organizations without responsible women leaders can easily fragment or be co-opted.

## Vision

We envision governance in the Asia-Pacific region as an affirmation of excellence, integrity and accountability, gender equality, sustainable development, and peace.

## Programs

### Advocacy and Networking

- Promotes the establishment of a broad network of sub-regional and national affiliates of women in politics in the Asia-Pacific region, including support structures such as a regional network of training and research institutes.
- Collaborates with women leaders, women's organizations and existing political institutes in promoting transformative politics and women's political empowerment.
- Utilizes various forms of mass media as a means to enhance public awareness of the need for women's equal representation in decision-making and politics.
- Organizes congresses that serve as a venue for women all over the Asia-Pacific region to share their experiences, discuss issues and articulate priority areas for action.

## Training

- Develops modules and training programs for women's leadership and responsible citizenship based on the framework of transformative politics.
- Conducts trainers' training for women's political empowerment and transformative politics.

## Research and Information Sharing

- Undertakes policy analysis and various types of research on women in politics including needs assessment impact studies, documentation and analysis of best practices in politics.
- Establishes data banks on women's political participation and resources on women's political empowerment and transformative politics.
- Manages an interactive web network that encompasses the central office, five sub-regional focal points and national focal points.
- Produces publications on women's political empowerment and transformative politics.

## Publications

- **Why Women, What Politics?** Proceedings of the First Asia-Pacific Congress of Women in Politics, June 1994.
- **Platform for Action: To Promote Women's Equal Access to Power in the Asia-Pacific Region.** A summary statement by delegates to the First Asia-Pacific Congress of Women in Politics, June 1994.
- *Why Women, What Politics?* Asia-Pacific Sub-Regional Networks for Women in Politics. Proceedings of the Second-Asia-Pacific Congress of Women in Politics, September 1995.
- *Why Women, What Politics?* Asia-Pacific Regional Networks and Mechanisms for Women in Politics. Highlights of the Second-Asia-Pacific Congress of Women in Politics, September 1995.
- *Why Women, What Politics?* The Power of the Women Electorate. Proceedings of the Third Asia-Pacific Congress of Women in Politics, November 1996.
- *CAPWIP 1997 Directory of Members.*
- **Transforming Politics - Women's Experiences from the Asia-Pacific Region.** Proceedings of the Fourth Congress of Asia-Pacific Women in Politics, September 1997.
- Issues in Women's Political Empowerment in the Asia-Pacific Region, October 1999.

## Trainings

PROGRAMMES / PROJECTS	INCLUSIVE DATES	VENUE / COUNTRY
<i>Asia-Pacific Women Parliamentarians' Conference on Transformative Leadership for Good Governance</i>	<i>March 24-25, 2000</i>	<i>Bangkok, Thailand</i>
<i>Asia-Pacific Congress and Training of Women and Men in Media, and Women in Politics, Governance, and Decision-making on Transformative Leadership</i>	<i>November 8-10, 2001</i>	<i>Manila, Philippines</i>
<i>Writershop on the Framework of Building Transformative Communities</i>	<i>July 5-6, 2003</i>	<i>Mandaluyong City, Philippines</i>
<i>Training for Transformation: Towards Transformative Leadership, Citizenship and Communities</i>	<i>October 13-15, 2003</i>	<i>Fiji Island</i>
<i>Gender Responsive Governance At Work: Women Building Peace in Transformative Bangsamoro Communities</i>	<i>December 12-14, 2003</i>	<i>Davao City, Philippines</i>
<i>Writershop: Gender Responsive Governance at</i>	<i>February 20-21, 2004</i>	<i>Cotabato City, Philippines</i>

<b>PROGRAMMES / PROJECTS</b>	<b>INCLUSIVE DATES</b>	<b>VENUE / COUNTRY</b>
<i>Work: A Capacity Development Program for the Youth, Women and Media Building Transformative Bangsamoro Communities</i>		
<i>1<sup>st</sup> Making Governance Gender Responsive Training</i>	<i>February 26-29, 2004</i>	<i>CAPWIP Training Center, Philippines</i>
<i>A Successor Generation Program: Youth Leadership Summer Camp for Peace and Human Rights through Building Transformative Bangsamoro Communities</i>	<i>May 15-June 15, 2004</i>	<i>CAPWIP Training Center, Philippines</i>
<i>2<sup>nd</sup> Making Governance Gender Responsive Training</i>	<i>June 21-26, 2004</i>	<i>(CIGGL), Philippines</i>
<i>Training on Transformation and Trainers' Training</i>	<i>September 28-October 2, 2004</i>	<i>Timor Leste</i>
<i>3<sup>rd</sup> Making Governance Gender Responsive Training</i>	<i>October 17-23, 2004</i>	<i>CIGGL, Philippines</i>
<i>Enhancing the Capability for Gender Mainstreaming for the Fiji Public Service</i>	<i>November 4-17, 2004</i>	<i>Fiji Island</i>
<i>4<sup>th</sup> Making Governance Gender Responsive Training</i>	<i>January 9-15, 2005</i>	<i>CIGGL, Philippines</i>
<i>The Bangsamoro Successor Generation Program for Building Transformative Communities</i>	<i>January 28- Feb 28, 2005</i>	<i>CIGGL, Philippines</i>
<i>Voters' Education Workshop</i>	<i>March 12-17, 2005</i>	<i>Marshall Islands</i>
<i>Trainers' Training on Gender Responsive, Transformative Leadership and Politics within the Framework of Building Transformative Communities</i>	<i>September 19-28, 2005</i>	<i>CIGGL, Philippines</i>
<i>Strategic Planning to Strengthen the Office of the Promotion of Equality (OPE)</i>	<i>October 1-14, 2005</i>	<i>Timor Leste</i>
<i>5<sup>th</sup> Making Governance Gender Responsive Training</i>	<i>October 23-29, 2005</i>	<i>CIGGL, Philippines</i>
<i>Training on Making Governance Gender Responsive</i>	<i>December 5-15, 2005</i>	<i>Timor Leste</i>
<i>Study trip to the Philippines for Women and Men Deputies of the National Parliament of Timor Leste Batch 1</i>	<i>April 2-10, , 2006</i>	<i>CIGGL, Philippines</i>
<i>Building Mechanisms for Stakeholders' Participation in Electoral Processes (Participants from the Royal Government of the Bhutan)</i>	<i>October 8-21, 2006</i>	<i>CIGGL, Philippines</i>
<i>Transformative Leadership Training</i>	<i>October 29-November 15, 2006</i>	<i>Kabul, Afghanistan</i>
<i>Study Visit to the Philippines of Women and Men Deputies from the National Parliament of Timor Leste</i>	<i>November 19-27, 2006</i>	<i>CIGGL, Philippines</i>
<i>6<sup>th</sup> Making Governance Gender Responsive Training</i>	<i>February 19-24, 2007</i>	<i>CIGGL, Philippines</i>
<i>Transformative Leadership Training</i>	<i>February 21-March 7, 2007</i>	<i>Kabul, Afghanistan</i>
<i>Supporting Women's Empowerment in Peace Building and Preventing Sexual Violence in Afghanistan: Building the Inter-Ministerial Commission for the Elimination of Violence against Women (IMC-EVAW) into a high performing commission in the implementation of its mandate</i>	<i>March 10-16, 2007</i>	<i>Asian Institute of Management Conference Center Manila, Philippines</i>
<i>Supporting Women's Empowerment in Peace Building and Preventing Sexual Violence in Afghanistan: Training of Advocates, Facilitators and Trainers for the Core Team of</i>	<i>March 17-24, 2007</i>	<i>Asian Institute of Management Conference Center Manila</i>

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<i>Transformative Leaders (CTTL): Ensuring Organizational Effectiveness Through Gender Mainstreaming</i>		
<i>Supporting Women's Empowerment in Peace Building and Preventing Sexual Violence in Afghanistan: Transformative Leadership Development Program Towards Building the Provincial Council of Afghanistan into a Highly Effective Organization</i>	<i>March 25-30, 2007</i>	<i>Bayview Park Hotel Manila, Philippines</i>
<i>7<sup>th</sup> Training on Making Governance Gender Responsive</i>	<i>June 23-30, 2007</i>	<i>Asian Institute of Management Conference Center Manila, Philippines</i>
<i>8<sup>th</sup> Training on Making Governance Gender Responsive</i>	<i>November 12-19, 2007</i>	<i>Asian Institute of Management Conference Center Manila</i>
<i>Integrated Programme for Women in Politics and Decision Making</i>	<i>February 2-23, 2008</i>	<i>Timor Leste</i>
<i>Making Governance Gender Responsive</i>	<i>May 23-June 6, 2008</i>	<i>Suva, Fiji</i>
<i>Gender Equality As Smart Management PART I</i>	<i>June 18, 2008 (half day)</i>	<i>Camp Crame, Quezon City</i>
<i>Gender Equality As Smart Management PART II</i>	<i>June 18-20, 2008</i>	<i>Rembrandt Hotel, Quezon City</i>
<i>Making Governance Gender Responsive</i>	<i>July 23-30, 2009</i>	<i>Asian Institute of Management Conference Center Manila</i>

## Congresses

<b>PROGRAMMES / PROJECTS</b>	<b>INCLUSIVE DATES</b>	<b>VENUE / COUNTRY</b>
<i>1<sup>st</sup> Asia- Pacific Congress of Women in Politics</i>	<i>June 21-23, 1994</i>	<i>Manila, Philippines</i>
<i>2<sup>nd</sup> Asia-Pacific Congress of Women in Politics</i>	<i>August 31-September 1, 1995</i>	<i>Beijing, China</i>
<i>1<sup>st</sup> Congress, Global Network of Women In Politics</i>	<i>September 6, 1995</i>	<i>Beijing, China</i>
<i>3<sup>rd</sup> Asia-Pacific Congress of Women in Politics</i>	<i>November 21-24, 1996</i>	<i>Fiji Island</i>
<i>4<sup>th</sup> Asia-Pacific Congress of Women in Politics</i>	<i>September 1-3, 1997</i>	<i>Taipei, Taiwan</i>
<i>5<sup>th</sup> Asia-Pacific Congress of Women in Politics</i>	<i>August 29, 1998</i>	<i>Makati City, Philippines</i>
<i>2<sup>nd</sup> Congress, Global Network of Women in Politics</i>	<i>August 28-30, 1998</i>	<i>Makati City, Philippines</i>
<i>Asia-Pacific Congress and Training of Women and Men in Media, and Women in Politics, Governance, and Decision-making on Transformative Leadership</i>	<i>November 8-10, 2001</i>	<i>Manila, Philippines</i>
<i>6<sup>th</sup> Asia-Pacific Congress of Women in Politics</i>	<i>February 10-12, 2006</i>	<i>Asian Institute of Management Conference Center, Manila, Philippines</i>
<i>3<sup>rd</sup> Global Congress of Women in Politics and Governance – GENDER in Climate Change Adaptation and Disaster Risk Reduction</i>	<i>October 19-22, 2008</i>	<i>Dusit Thani Hotel. Manila, Philippines</i>