International Conference

Prospects for Minority and Indigenous Rights in South East Asia:
Towards Regional Cooperation?

14 June 2016
h.9:30 – 16:00
European Parliament, Brussels - PHS7C050

Conference Programme

9:00 Registration in front of the European Parliament

9:30 Opening Remarks

- Mr Urmas Paet - Member of the European Parliament (ALDE – Estonia)
- Mr Marino Busdachin - UNPO General Secretary

10:00 Panel I – Minority and Indigenous Rights in Taiwan: An Overview

- *Indigenous Rights Movement in Taiwan: A Democratic Perspective* (Dr Jolan Hsieh – Taiwan Foundation for Democracy)
- *Political and Legal Developments of Indigenous Rights* (Mr Yapasuyongu Poi-conu, Deputy Director of General Planning Department Representative of the Taiwan Council of Indigenous People)
- *Setting an Example: Taiwan’s Role in South East Asia* (Mr Michael Danielsen, Taiwan Corner Chairman)

11:00 Debate
11:30 Panel II – Minorities and Indigenous People: Current Trends in South East Asia

- Special Economic Zones for Whom? Land-Grabbing and Persecution in Laos (Mr Gymbay Moua, Representative of the Congress of World Hmong People)
- Vietnam’s Second Class Citizens: Khmer Krom and the Struggle for Indigenous Recognition (Mr Chum Chuon Son, Khmer Kampuchea-Krom Federation)
- CHT Accord at a Crossroads: What Next for the Chittagong Hill Tracts? (Mr Ushatan Talukder, Member of the Bangladeshi Parliament)
- Human Rights in Aceh: Implementing the Helsinki Agreements (Mr Arif Fadhillah, Aceh-Sumatra National Liberation Front’s Representative)

12:30 Debate

13:15-14:30 Lunch break

14:30 Panel III – Ideas from Europe and Ways Forward – Towards Regional Cooperation?

- The European Parliament and ASEAN Countries: Supporting Democratization and Minority Rights (Mr Csaba Sógor MEP – European Parliament Delegation to ASEAN)
- The European Union and South East Asia: Strengthening Regional Cooperation (Mr Paulo Casaca – Executive Director South Asia Democratic Forum)
- ProtectDefenders.eu – An EU Mechanism to Protect Minority and Indigenous Rights Defenders (Ms Joan Audierne – ProtectDefenders.eu)

15:20 Debate

15:45 Closing Remarks

16:00 End of Conference