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Profile of Speakers

Nalini Singh is the Executive Director of the Fiji Women's Rights Movement (FWRM). A feminist, human rights activist, and social development specialist, she has worked in key Asia Pacific women’s organizations such as Asia Pacific Resource and Research Centre for Women (ARROW) in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia and Asia Pacific Forum on women, Law and Development (APWLD) in Chiangmai, Thailand. She is also a member of Asia Pacific Women’s Watch (APWW).

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Aurora de Dios is Senior Project Director of the Women and Gender Institute (WAGI) in the Philippines, where she was Executive Director for 10 years. A leading advocate for women’s human rights, she has served as Chair of the National Commission on the Role of Filipino Women, member of the UN Committee on the Elimination of All forms of Discrimination Against Women (UNCEDAW), and Philippine representative to the ASEAN Commission on the Promotion and Protection of Women and Children’s Rights.
Moderator:

Luz Maria Martinez is secretariat head of Southeast Asia Women's Watch (SEAWWatch) in the Philippines. A feminist with over 25 years of experience in the Asia-Pacific region, she is part of the Women and Gender Institute (WAGI) special projects office. Formerly with Isis International now Io International, she also sits on the board of the International Women's Peace Center in Kampala, Uganda.