



FEMINIST FRAMEWORK OF THE ASIA PACIFIC NGO CAUCUS ON BEIJING+25

One of the outcomes of the Asia Pacific NGO Caucus on Beijing +25 held in the Philippines last January 28-29, 2019, is a feminist framework for the advancement of BPfA. The framework is derived from the two-day discussions that sought a critical reflection on the gains, losses, significance, and persistent challenges of the BPfA throughout the years. The collectively derived framework provides a critical analysis of the threats to the feminist agenda in the region, as well as guiding principles in optimizing existing opportunities for ways forward.

Below are seven key domains that comprise the feminist framework of the Asia Pacific NGO Caucus on Beijing +25.

Re-Politicization of Feminist Agenda and Process. This refers to putting forward a transformative agenda as against reformist programs that do not challenge existing structures of power and dominance. It includes a re-politicization of a feminist process that practices an expanded and dynamic power analysis. It requires a critical use of language that is reflective, inclusive, and facilitates an emotional connection to social realities.

- Transformative agenda
- Expanded and dynamic power analysis
- Critical use of language

Feminist Leadership as a Practice. This refers to challenging the assumptions that masculinist leadership is essential, effective, and is the standard or norm. It instead puts forward the practice of feminist leadership that is founded on values of reflexivity, care, and ethical concerns as prime.

- Challenges masculinist notions of leadership
- Promotes the practice of reflexivity, care, and ethics

Communications as Sincere Connected Conversations. Communications refer to content and mediums that are appropriate, familiar, and accessible to its target audiences. It requires content and form that is grounded so as to achieve connection and not alienation. While communications can be simple, it cannot be simplistic. Communication must ensure complexities are captured, understood, and facilitate exchange. Feminist communications strive for authenticity and diversity, guided by sincerity.

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Inclusivity and Grassroots-Oriented. This refers to a focus on those in margins. It asserts a strengthening of a bias and emphasis for the poor, across the various sectors and issue areas of concern. Yet it also recognizes that inclusivity is about being mindful of actors that are deemed 'organic' to the issue, but are voiceless, unheard, or made invisible.

- Bias for the poor across sectors and issues
- Mindful of actors organic to an issue
- Sensitive to the voiceless, unheard, invisible

Inter-movement Solidarity. This refers to the openness of the women's movements to working with other social movements at the national, regional, and global levels. It also refers to social movements outside of the women's movements to know the feminist agenda, carry it, and engage with it. Inter-movement solidarity therefore requires providing and creating spaces for feminist practice across movements.

- Women's movements working with other social movements
- Social movements to know, carry, and engage the feminist agenda
- Provide & create spaces for feminist practice across movements

Intergenerational Movements. This refers to knowing the different waves of feminist practice across time – locally, regionally, and globally – and building on them. It asserts the importance of learning from a generation's strength, bias, strategies, and visions. Intergenerational movements encourage an intergenerational approach to ways of knowing and ways of doing.

- Knowing the different waves of feminism and building on them
- Learning from generational strengths, biases, strategies, and visions
- An intergenerational way of knowing and being

Intersectional Analysis. This refers to an appreciation of the historical context and sensitivity to cultural specificities when addressing a challenge to the feminist agenda. It asserts the shaping of a feminist position based on identifying the critical intersections of political influence, economic status, racial norms, sexual standards, social privilege, among other salient identities, structures, and contexts for advancing the feminist agenda.

- An appreciation of the historical context
- Sensitivity to cultural specificities
- Critical intersections of salient identities, structures, and contexts