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“Overview of the Gains and Challenges in Promoting Gender Equality in the Philippines”

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Abstract:

Over the past four decades, the Philippine government, with the support of women's groups and other civil society organizations, have tried to address the gender issues that prevent the meaningful participation of women, especially those who belong to the poor and other vulnerable sectors of society (i.e. indigenous women, women with disability, elderly females, etc.) in economic production and political activities. These initiatives have had many positive results. Since 2006, for instance, the Philippines has been in the top ten ranked countries in the world for having bridged the gap in gender equality especially in the areas of education, health promotion and access to non-traditional forms of employment opportunities. The country's rank in the global Human Development Index (HDI) increased by 17 percent, from 0.550 to 0.644 from 1990 to 2011. Several pro-women laws have been enacted to deal with such issues as gender-based violence, sex- and labor-trafficking and sexual harassment. All government and private agencies and corporations are required by law to allocate funds to mainstream gender equality principles into their policies and provide programs and services to address the problems of their female employees. Despite all these initiatives, serious gender issues persist in the country.

This seminar describes and analyzes the gains as well as persistent and emerging challenges in resolving the many gender issues that continue to affect the lives especially of poor and culturally marginalized sectors of Philippine society. It likewise presents the efforts carried out by various sectors to ensure the effective and sustainable implementation of laws and programs to protect, promote and fulfill the human rights of women.

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