



Permanent Mission of Thailand
to the United Nations



Promoting fair and
effective criminal justice

INVITATION

Panel Discussion "Human rights of women in prison: A Toolbox to implement the UN Bangkok Rules"

International standards were almost silent on gender-sensitive treatment of women prisoners and prison conditions until the adoption of the UN Bangkok Rules by the UN General Assembly in December 2010, which have been prominently supported and guided by Her Royal Highness Princess Bajrakitiyabha Mahidol of Thailand.

The challenge now is putting these standards into practice. Therefore, guidance on implementation and training of criminal justice actors on the Rules is key.

The panel discussion will illustrate how the needs of women prisoners tend to be overlooked and will highlight the need for gender-sensitive criminal justice systems.

A Toolbox, which has been developed to support states in the implementation of gender-sensitive penal systems, will be presented:

- A Guidance Document and Index of Implementation - published jointly by Penal Reform International (PRI) and the Thailand Institute of Justice (TIJ).
- PRI's e-course "Women in detention: Putting the UN Bangkok Rules into Practice", developed with Human Rights Education Associates (HREA). The training tool is self-directed and entirely self-paced, and combines readings, case studies, multimedia, self-assessments and a final assessment.

Representatives of Member States, UN agencies and accredited civil societies are cordially invited.

Light lunch is available to participants. The event will be webcast and recorded.

Wednesday, 16 October 2013

13.15 – 14.30 hrs.

**Conference Room 6,
North Lawn Building,
United Nations Headquarters, NYC**

Keynote address

HRH Princess Bajrakitiyabha Mahidol
Permanent Representative of Thailand to the
UN Office at Vienna

Moderated by **H.E. Mr Norachit Sinhaseni**,
Ambassador and Permanent Representative of
Thailand to the UN, New York

The reality of women prisoners

Mari Amos

Member, UN Subcommittee on the Prevention of
Torture and other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading
Treatment or Punishment (SPT)

Implementing the UN Bangkok Rules

Andrea Huber

Policy Director, Penal Reform International

Presentation of Guidance Document and Index of Implementation

N. N., Thailand Institute for Justice

E-learning course on the Bangkok Rules

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Director, Human Rights Education Associates
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UNODC initiatives for implementation

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