



6th Workshop of the Inter-Parliamentary Forum on Security Sector Governance (IPF-SSG) in Southeast Asia in cooperation with DCAF and FES Singapore

Police Governance in Southeast Asia: What Role for Parliaments?

**29-30 May 2009
Kota Kinabalu, Sabah, Malaysia**

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The Inter-Parliamentary Forum on Security Sector Governance (IPF-SSG) in Southeast Asia aims to promote ongoing dialogue between Southeast Asian parliamentarians, with the intention of increasing civilian oversight and national parliamentary involvement in security sector governance. The Forum features dialogue, publications and workshops. Its work is guided by a Steering Committee consisting of members of parliament of the six participating states: Cambodia, Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore and Thailand. The workshop is attended by members of parliament and their staff; government officials, international experts, civil society organisations as well as representatives of the ASEAN Secretariat. IPF-SSG is supported by the Friedrich Ebert Foundation and the Geneva Centre for Democratic Control of Armed Forces.

The Forum's sixth workshop will address the issue of police governance in Southeast Asia. For the purposes of this workshop, the term "police governance" refers to the direction, control and oversight of the police (including civilian, military and intermediary police forces) by all concerned stakeholders. The police is responsible for maintaining law and order, protecting human rights, preventing and detecting crime and affording assistance to citizens are the most visible manifestation of governmental authority. Good police governance is indispensable to ensure that the police conduct their work in a manner that respects the rule of law and human rights, and that they are accountable to the populations that they serve. This first day of the workshop addresses the role of parliament in police governance with a focus on the challenges faced by parliaments in police governance, and how parliaments can better contribute to responsive and accountable policing. The second day of the workshop, traditionally reserved for discussions on specific topics relevant for security sector governance in Southeast Asia, will focus on the implementation of the ASEAN Political Security Community (APSC) and on challenges of trans-national migration.

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PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

Thursday, 28 May 2008

Arrival of Participants

18:30 **Preparatory Meeting of the IPF-SSG Steering Committee** *(by invitation only)*

Friday, 29 May 2009

08:00 Registration

08:30 – 09:00 **Welcome and Introduction**

Djoko Susilo
Chairman of IPF-SSG; Member of Parliament, Indonesia

Liew Chin Tong
Member of Parliament, Malaysia, Steering Committee Member of IPF-SSG

Stefanie Elies
Director of FES Regional Office for Co-operation in Asia, Singapore

Heiner Hänggi
Assistant Director and Head of Research, DCAF, Switzerland

09:00 – 10:30 **Plenary Session 1: Police Governance: Standards, Practices, Challenges**

- * *What is police governance? Do different styles/models of police governance exist? Is there a best way?*
- * *What are the main challenges to police accountability and how can police accountability be strengthened?*
- * *From a point of diversity (e.g gender), how can a non-discriminatory and human rights respecting police institution and culture be ensured and promoted?*
- * *What is the role of parliament in police governance?*

Chair:

Djoko Susilo
Chairman of IPF-SSG; Member of Parliament, Indonesia

Introduction by: *(20 min)*

Hans Born
Senior Fellow, DCAF, Switzerland

Keynote speaker: *(20 min)*

Nuala O'Loan
Former Police Ombudsman for Northern Ireland; Rowing Ambassador and Special Envoy for Conflict Resolution to Timor Leste, Department of Foreign Affairs, Ireland

Discussion: *(50 min)*

10:30 – 11:00 Coffee/Tea

11:00 – 12:45 **Moderated Dialogue: Police Governance in Southeast Asia: Overview**

The aim of this session is to get an overview of police governance in different countries across Southeast Asia. In interview-style country-specific dialogues, panelists from civil society and police background will answer to questions posed by the moderators along the following guiding points:

- * What are the status, problems and main issues of police governance in your country?*
- * To what extent is police abuse of power (human rights violations, excessive use of force, sexual harassment and other crimes) a real existing problem and how can it be addressed?*
- * What role do parliamentarians play in police governance in your country?*
- * How can police governance in your country be improved?*

Chair:

Stefanie Elies

Director of FES Regional Office for Co-operation in Asia, Singapore

Police Governance in Cambodia: (15 min)

Moderator:

Mario Aguja

Former Member of Parliament, Secretary of IPF-SSG, Philippines

Panelists:

Sok Sam Oeun

Executive Director, Cambodian Defenders Project, Cambodia

Sar Moline

Police Major General, Vice President of Police Academy of Cambodia, Ministry of Interior, Cambodia

Police Governance in Indonesia: (15 min)

Moderator:

Perapong Manakit

Lieutenant General, Deputy Director, Security Studies Center, Office of the National Security Council, Thailand

Panelists:

Monica Tanuhandaru

National Program Coordinator, International Organization for Migration, Indonesia

Nanan Soekarna

Inspector General, Expert Staff to the Chief of the Indonesian National Police (POLRI), Indonesia

Police Governance in Malaysia: (15 min)

Moderator:

Son Chhay
Member of Parliament, Cambodia

Panelists:

Denison Jayasooria
Commissioner, Human Rights Commission of Malaysia (Suhakam), Malaysia

Tah Moon Hui
Campaign Coordinator, Police Accountability, Suaram, Malaysia

Police Governance in the Philippines: (15 min)

Moderator:

Jeffrey Massie
Member of Parliament, Indonesia

Panelists:

Teresita Ang See
Executive Chairperson, People's Law Enforcement Board, Philippines

Lina C Sarmiento
Director, Police Community Relations, Philippines National Police

Police Governance in Thailand: (15 min)

Moderator:

Liew Chin Tong
Member of Parliament, Malaysia

Panelists:

Somchai Homlaor
Executive Director, Asian Institute for Human Rights, Thailand

Thaveesak Tuchinda
Police Major General, Commander of Royal Thai Police, Advisor to the Committee on Police Affairs, House of Representatives, Thailand

Q&A (30 min)

12:45 – 14:00 Lunch

14:00 – 16:00 **World Café: Meeting the Challenges of Police Governance in Southeast Asia**

The World Café is a whole group interaction method focused on conversations. The environment is set up like a café, with paper-covered tables on which ideas shall be written down. People sit four to six to a table and hold 3 conversational rounds, each lasting from 20 to 30 minutes, on focused questions. At the end of each round, one person remains at each table as the 'cafe host', while the others go to

separate tables. 'Cafe hosts' welcome newcomers to their tables and share the essence of that table's conversation so far before starting the next round.

Questions to be discussed:

- * *What are the main challenges to police governance in Southeast Asia? (e.g. ensuring respect for human rights and rule of law; corruption, abuse of powers, excessive use of force, post 9/11 challenges)*
- * *What role do parliamentarians currently play in police governance and what should their role be in the future?*
- * *How can these challenges be met?*

Facilitator:

Janice Lua

Co-Founder, Facilitators Network Singapore

Floating tea/coffee break

16:00 – 17:00 Plenary Session 2: Collecting the ideas from the World Café

Facilitators:

Janice Lua

Co-Founder, Facilitators Network Singapore

Stefanie Elies

Director of FES Regional Office for Co-operation in Asia, Singapore

17:00 – 18:30 Extended Meeting of the IPF-SSG Steering Committee (by invitation)

19:30 Welcome Dinner

Saturday, 30 May 2009

09:00 – 10:30 Plenary Session 3: Shaping the Role for Parliaments in Police Governance in Southeast Asia

This session wraps up the two-day discussion on the role for parliaments in police governance and aims at coming up with a set of concrete recommendations on how parliaments across Southeast Asia can better contribute to responsive and accountable policing.

- * *What role does parliament play in police governance?*
- * *What are advantages and disadvantages of parliamentary involvement in police governance?*
- * *What are principal obstacles to parliamentary involvement in police government and how can parliamentary oversight be improved?*

Facilitators:

Mario Aguja

Former Member of Parliament, Secretary of IPF-SSG, Philippines

Pham Huong Giang

Project Manager, FES Regional Office for Co-operation in Asia, Singapore

10:30 – 11:00 Coffee/Tea

11:00 – 12:00 **Plenary Session 4: The ASEAN Political Security Community (APSC)**

- * *What has been achieved to date? What is the way ahead? (with special emphasis on the APSC Blueprint)*
- * *To what extent does the APSC include a security sector governance agenda? Are there "entry points" for the development of a regional approach to security sector reform?*
- * *What role for parliaments in the development of the APSC, particularly related to the inclusion of security sector governance/reform concerns?*

Chair:

Djoko Susilo

Chairman of IPF-S&S; Member of Parliament, Indonesia

Speaker: (20 min)

Herman Kraft

Executive Director, Institute for Strategic and Development Studies, Philippines

Discussion: (40 min)

12:30 – 14:00 Lunch

14:00 – 16:00 **Plenary Session 5: Managing Migration in Southeast Asia**

- * *What are the key issues and challenges of international migration in Southeast Asia?*
- * *How can international migration be better managed by destination and origin countries in line with international law and good practice?*
- * *What role can parliament and civil society play in shaping these policies on the national and regional level?*
- * *How can enhanced police governance contribute to better management of migration?*

Chair:

Heiner Hänggi

Assistant Director and Head of Research, DCAF, Switzerland

Speakers:

Mely Caballero Anthony (15 min)

Head, Centre for Non-traditional Security Studies, Singapore

Charles Santiago (15 min)

Member of Parliament, Malaysia

Nessy Rosdiana (15 min)

Project Advisor, International Catholic Migration Commission, Sabah-branch, Malaysia

Monica Tanuhandaru (15 min)

Founder and Foundation Board Member, Institute of ECOSOC Right

Discussion (60 min)

Floating tea/coffee break

16:00 Closing Session: Wrap up and the Way Ahead

Djoko Susilo

Chairman of IPF-SSG; Member of Parliament, Indonesia

Stefanie Elies

Director of FES Regional Office for Co-operation in Asia, Singapore

Heiner Hänggi

Assistant Director and Head of Research, DCAF, Switzerland

18:00 Transfer to Restaurant for Farewell Dinner