

Call for Nominations: Re-Opening of the Selection for the Philippine Women's Rights Representative to the ACWC

The ASEAN Commission on the Promotion and Protection of the Rights of Women and Children (ACWC) was inaugurated during the 16th ASEAN Summit held in Ha Noi, Vietnam last 07 April 2010. The Philippines, through the Department of Social Welfare and Development and the Philippine Commission on Women actively participated in the establishment of the ACWC. It aims to uphold, promote, protect, respect and fulfill the human rights and fundamental freedoms of women and children in the ASEAN.

The Philippine Commission on Women once again invites organizations and networks dealing with women's human rights to submit nominations for the next Philippine Women's Rights Representative to the ACWC.

In nominating a candidate, the nominating agency/organization should consider the following criteria for technical competence:

1. Expertise and competence in human rights, particularly on women's empowerment, gender and development;
2. Experience in the promotion and implementation of the CEDAW at the national and international levels;
3. Depth of knowledge on national, regional and international issues facing women;
4. Familiarity with the ASEAN human rights system and ASEAN entities on women such as, but not limited to, the ASEAN Committee on Women (ACW) and ASEAN Intergovernmental Commission on Human Rights (AICHR);
5. Commitment to human rights particularly through engagements at the national and regional levels on the promotion and protection of human rights of women;
6. Extensive engagement in the areas of advocacy, policy and program development, research, capacity building, program implementation and rights monitoring.

Other requisites include the following: 1) Articulate, diplomatic and has good negotiation, listening and writing skills; 2) Analytical and can review voluminous documents; 3) Possesses objectivity and impartiality in decision making; 4) Has strong leadership skills; 5) Has integrity and probity; 6) Has strong motivation, commitment and dedication; 7) Is in good health; 8) Has no pending human rights/administrative/criminal case; 9) Must be willing to continue the projects that the incumbent Philippine ACWC Women's Rights Representative has committed to; 10) Must not be a current Presidential appointee; and 11) Must be widely endorsed by a network of NGOs and/or by the government.

It may be recalled that the Selection Process was already launched in January 2016 and was facilitated by the Search Committee. The Process resulted in the shortlisting of three nominees following a participatory and open selection process: 1) Ma. Lourdes V. Rallonza; 2) Lila Ramos-Shahani¹; and 3)

¹ Ms. Lila Ramos Shahani has already been appointed as UNESCO National Commission of the Philippines (UNACOM) Secretary-General, and thus, will no longer be included in the list.

Ana Maria R. Nemenzo. Hence, the above candidates will automatically be included in the short list (subject to their approval) and need not be re-nominated.

Interested organizations should be guided by the ACWC Terms of Reference and the Selection Guidelines.

Nominating entities must submit their letter of nomination together with the CV of the nominee and signed Nomination Form to the Philippine Commission on Women **on or before 05 December 2016 (Mon)**. Address the letter of nomination to:

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Attached documents:

1. *ACWC Terms of Reference (TOR);*
2. *Guidelines for the Selection of the Philippine Women’s Rights Representative to the ACWC; and*
3. *Nomination Form.*