

Agenda

Day 1, Monday 6 September 1999

- **Preparatory meeting of Forum Members and OHCHR** (closed session)
- **Registration of delegates**

Inauguration Ceremony – Cultural Centre

Speakers

- President of the Philippines or his representative
- Justice Aurora Navarrete-Recina Chairperson, Philippines Commission on

Human Rights

- Mr Brian Burdekin, Special Advisor to the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights on National Institutions
- Ms Pamela Jefferies, Chief Commissioner, New Zealand Human Rights Commission and Coordinator, Asia-Pacific Forum of National Human Rights Institutions

Dinner and cultural evening

Day 2, Tuesday 7 September 1999

National Human Rights Institutions and Economic and Social Rights

Speakers

- Mr Justice P.N. Bhagwati, former Chief Justice of India & Vice Chairperson, Human Rights Committee, Regional Representative of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, UN
- Professor Virginia Dandan, Chairperson, UN Economic, Social and Cultural Rights Committee

Women and Human Rights

- The role of national institutions in addressing discrimination against women

National Institutions and Non-Government Organisations

- Report back on the Forum's Regional Workshop

Death Penalty and Human Rights

- Capital punishment and its human rights implications

Day 3, Wednesday 8 September 1999

Regional Issues

- Activities of the High Commissioner for Human Rights in support of National Institutions: Mr Brian Burdekin, Special Advisor to the High Commissioner for Human Rights
- National Action Plans
- Recent developments in regional States considering the establishment of a national human rights institutions
- Recent developments in other regions concerning the establishment of national human rights institutions

Review of the Forum's operations

- Report on Forum activities
- Technical assistance cooperation programs
- Child pornography and the Internet
- Video
- Advisory Council of Jurists
- Practices of national institutions for receiving, investigating & resolving

complaints

- Mechanism for the collation and dissemination of human rights jurisprudence
- Web sites for national human rights institutions

Forum Members and OHCHR - drafting of Conference Statement (closed session)

Human Rights in the Philippines

- Briefing by the Philippines Commission on Human Rights about their role, functions and activities

Conference Statement

- Consideration and adoption of meeting conclusions

Closing Ceremony

Press Conference