



Permanent Mission of
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Panel discussion and lunch reception

The Bangkok Rules on Women Offenders and Prisoners: Towards Implementation

Wednesday 14 May 2014

1 – 2.00pm

Conference Room M3

Lunch provided by the Permanent Mission of Thailand

In December 2010 the UN General Assembly adopted the United Nations Rules for the Treatment of Women Prisoners and Non-custodial Measures for Women Offenders (Bangkok Rules) which filled a gap in international standards on the treatment of women prisoners and non-custodial measures for women offenders.

Four years on since the Rules were adopted the focus is now on putting these standards into practice by adapting prison regimes and criminal justice systems in a gender-sensitive way. Understanding the needs of women prisoners, practical guidance on implementation and training of criminal justice actors are the next steps towards achieving implementation.

This panel discussion will begin with an introduction on backgrounds and needs of women in prison based on primary research, and introduce tools developed to support states in the implementation of the UN Bangkok Rules.

These include the PRI/TIJ Guidance Document and Index of Implementation, PRI's e-course, 'Women in detention: Putting the UN Bangkok Rules into Practice' and the updated UNODC 'Handbook for prison managers and policy makers on Women and Imprisonment'. Lunch will be provided after the panel.

Welcome and introduction

Her Royal Highness Princess Bajrakitiyabha Mahidol

Permanent Representative of Thailand to the United Nations in Vienna

Who are women prisoners? Presentation of PRI's research in 6 countries

Taghreed Jaber, Regional Director of PRI's Middle East North Africa Office

Guidance on implementation of the Bangkok Rules

Ambassador Adisak Panupong, Executive Director, Thailand Institute of Justice

UNODC's implementation tools

Piera Barzanò, UNODC Justice Section

PRI's e-course

Andrea Huber, Policy Director, Penal Reform International

Moderated discussion and lunch reception

Moderator: Kittipong Kittayarak, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Justice
