



IMPLICATIONS OF CULTURE FOR CONSTITUTION BUILDING

Third Melbourne Forum on Constitution Building in Asia and the Pacific

15-16 October 2018

Mount Lavinia Hotel
No 100, Hotel Road, Mount Lavinia
Colombo Sri Lanka

DRAFT PROGRAM

Day 1: Monday, 15 October 2018	
9:00am – 9:15 am	Welcome <ul style="list-style-type: none">Paikiasothy Saravanamuttu, Centre for Policy Alternatives Opening Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none">Leena Rikkilä Tamang, Director, Asia and the Pacific Regional Programme, International IDEACheryl Saunders, Laureate Professor Emeritus, Melbourne Law School
9:15am – 9:45am	Introductions
9:45 – 10:15 AM: Coffee/Tea Break GROUP PHOTO	
10:15am - 12:00pm	Session I – Societal Culture and Constitutions Chair: Cheryl Saunders <ul style="list-style-type: none">Vietnam: Bui Ngoc SonThailand: Eugénie MérieauTuvalu: Eselealofa Apinelu
12:00 – 1:00 PM: Lunch	
1:00pm – 2:45pm	Session II – Constitution Building in Culturally Diverse States Chair: Amanda Cats-Baril <ul style="list-style-type: none">India: Suhrith ParthasarathyIndonesia: TBCSri Lanka: Harini Amarasuriya
2:45 – 3:15 PM: Coffee/Tea Break	

3:15pm – 5:00pm	<p>Session III – Implications of Constitutional Culture for Constitution Building Processes</p> <p>Chair: Asanga Welikala</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Japan: Akiko Ejima • Philippines: Benny Bacani • Myanmar: Ngun Cung Andrew Lian
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Day 2: Tuesday, 16 October 2018	
9:00am – 11:00 am	<p>Session IV – Developing a Constitutional Culture in the context of Constitutional Implementation</p> <p>Chair: Leena Rikkilä Tamang</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bhutan: Tenzin • Maldives: Mariyam Zulfa • Nepal: Seira Tamang • Papua New Guinea: Stephen Pokawin • Malaysia: Dian Abdul Hamed Shah
11:00 – 11:30am: Morning tea	
11:30am – 1:15pm	<p>Session V – External Assistance and Culture</p> <p>Chair: Tom Daly</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Timor Leste: Aderito Soares • Afghanistan: Shamsad Pasarlay • Understanding different cultures: Eugénie Mérieau • UN perspective: Rohan Edrisinha
1:15 – 2:15pm: Lunch	
2:15pm – 4:00pm	<p>Conclusions and Reflections</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Insights for Sri Lanka: Dinesha Samararatne and Sakuntala Kadirgamar-Rajasingham • Insights: Cheryl Saunders and IDEA representative <p>Thanks and closing</p>