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# Program

## "Building Power and Defending Progress Together"

## Annual Gender Equality Conference of the Progressive Alliance

### 19 November 2026, National Parliament of Thailand, Bangkok

### Wednesday, 18 November 2026 — Pre-Conference

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| 14.00 | **International Arrivals & Check-in** |
| 16.00 - 18.00 | **Parallel meetings**<br>Participants are invited to attend any pre-conference meetings of their interest. All meeting rooms will be on second floor.<br><br>***1) Progressive Alliance Gender equality working group meeting***<br><br>This meeting is convened to discuss proposals of the working group in preparation for coming CSW71 in 2027, political updates from different countries, and the proposed conference statement. Participants joining the gender equality working group activity for the first time are most welcome to contribute.<br><br>***2) Women, Peace and Security caucus***<br><br>This caucus is convened as follow through on the working group's proposal to exchange about women, peace and security agenda in the face of persistent conflicts happening in different countries. This safe space for exchange invites representatives from different parties to meet fellow women leaders in the frontlines. |

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| | 3) ***Countering Gendered Disinformation: What Can Political Parties Do?***<br><br>Hosted by the UK Labour Party's Westminster Foundation for Democracy Programme and the Westminster Foundation for Democracy<br>This interactive session brings together progressive political parties and experts to examine how gendered disinformation and anti-gender narratives are used to influence political debate, undermine women politicians and discredit progressive policies. Participants will exchange experiences, share lessons from approaches that have worked or failed, and explore innovative, practical responses that political parties can develop individually and collectively. |
| **19:30** | **Welcome reception**<br>Venue: Lancaster Bangkok Hotel Ballroom<br><br>***Fireside Chat on Power and Progress***<br>**Nenadi Esther Usman**<br>National Chair of the Labour Party, Nigeria<br><br>**Rafaela David**<br>President of Akbayan Citizens Action Party, Philippines<br><br>**Thanathorn Juangroongruangkit**<br>Former Party Leader of Future Forward Party, Thailand<br>President, Progressive Movement Foundation |

## 19 November 2026 — Conference Day

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| **8:30** | **Bus Transfer**<br>From Lancaster Bangkok Hotel to Parliament<br>Only registered participants will be allowed entry |
| **9:00** | **Registration & Networking** |
| **9:30** | **Conference Opening**<br>***Building Power and Defending Progress Together***<br><br>**Machris Cabreros**, Global Coordinator of the Progressive Alliance<br>**Bahia Amra**, Progressive Alliance Gender Equality Working Group Co-chair<br>**Elke Ferner**, Progressive Alliance Gender Equality Working Group Co-chair |

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| | **Jillian Day**, President, New Zealand Labour Party<br>**Natthaphong Ruengpanyawut**, Party Leader, People's Party Thailand |
| **10:00** | **Presentation**<br>***The Future of Thailand's Women Political Leadership***<br><br>**Kunthida Rungruengkiat**<br>Director, Progressive Movement Foundation Thailand |
| **10.15** | **Family Photo & Media Q&A Session (Plenary Hall)** |
| **10:45** | **Coffee Break** |
| **11.00** | **Presentation**<br>***Anchoring Multilateral Action to Women's Rights: The Work of Feminist Foreign and Development Policy***<br><br>**Ann Linde**<br>Former Foreign Minister of Sweden, Swedish Social Democratic Party |
| **11:15** | **Panel**<br>***Meeting the Moment — Advancing Women Political Leadership***<br>Bringing together women party leaders and equality ministers to share how they continue to advance women's representation and authority in politics. Speakers will reflect on how they are confronting structural and emerging challenges, overcoming obstacles, and concrete steps to strengthen women leadership and the progressive movement in rapidly changing global political landscape.<br><br>**Sindisiwe Chikunga**<br>Minister in the Presidency for Women, Youth and Persons with Disabilities, African National Congress, South Africa<br><br>**Agnes Naa Momo Lartey**<br>Minister of Gender, Children and Social Protection, National Democratic Congress, Ghana<br><br>**Olaya Dotel**<br>Vice Minister of International Cooperation, Modern Revolutionary Party, Dominican Republic<br><br>**Sirikanya Tansakun**<br>Deputy Leader, People's Party, Thailand<br><br>**Mazé Moraes**<br>National Secretary for Women, Workers Party of Brazil<br><br>Moderator: **Chonlathan Supphaiboonlerd** |

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| | Member of Parliament, People's Party, Thailand |
| **12:30** | **Lunch Break** |
| **13:30** | **Guided Walk Inside Parliament**<br>● Walk led by People's Party Members of Parliament<br><br>Natthaya Boonpakdee — Member of Parliament, People's Party<br><br>Sasinan Thamnitinan — Member of Parliament, People's Party<br><br>Phanida Mongkol sawat — Member of Parliament, People's Party<br><br>Chonlanat Koayakul — Member of Parliament, People's Party<br><br>Pattraporn Kengrungreungchai — Chairperson of the Bangkok Metropolitan Council; Member of the Bangkok Metropolitan Council<br><br>Sorasak Samonkraisorakit — Member of Parliament<br><br>Chorayuth Chaturapornprasit — Member of Parliament<br><br>Supachot Chaiyasat — Member of Parliament, People's Party<br><br>Paramait Vithayaruksun — Member of Parliament, People's Party<br><br>Suphanat Minchaiynunt — Member of Parliament, People's Party |
| **14:15** | **Presentation**<br>***When They Come for Both: Building a Joint Defense for Gender and LGBTQ+ rights***<br><br>**Nattaya Boonpakdee**<br>Member of Parliament, People's Party, Thailand |
| **14:30** | **Parallel Forums: Progressive Policies Best Practices**<br><br>***Forum 1: What Does Progress Look Like Beyond Women's Representation?***<br><br>**Key questions:**<br><br>1. What successful tools or mechanisms have been used to increase women's representation in politics that are flagship programs of your organization or party? What made these measures work and what are the remaining barriers or gaps that have yet to be closed? |

2. How can we concretely and effectively translate representation (seats) and authority (decision-making power) in terms of influencing our party, parliament and society?
3. Building on the call to prioritize financing of women's political leadership, what campaign-financing or party-resourcing mechanisms have measurably improved women's viability as candidates and elected politicians, beyond simply meeting a quota? How do these affirmative actions intersect with indigenous, LGBTIQ+, and other marginalized sectors?
4. How do we develop cross-sector strategy and coalitions to push for and defend progress of feminist movements that are under attack today? What does this progress look like in terms of actual gains?

**Telukhan Aubakir**
Minister for Family, Labour and Social Protection, Mongolian People's Party

**Chonlanat Koaykul**
Member of Parliament, People's Party Thailand

**Nadja Sthamer**
Commissioner for Gender Equality in the Free State of Thuringia, Social Democratic Party, Germany

**Amelia Anggraini**
Head of the Nasdem Women's Academy, Nasdem Party, Indonesia

**Manira Alva**
Senior Adviser on SDGs, Leadership and Social Impact, Vital Voices Global Partnership

**Tamara Tripic**
General Secretary, Central European and Eastern Europe Gender Network, Serbia

Moderator: **Tanya Gilly**
Patriotic Union of Kurdistan, Board Member of the Progressive Alliance

***Forum 2: No Going Back — Fighting the Rollback of Gender Rights, Disinformation and Violence***

**Key questions:**

1. Aware of the different tactics far-right and authoritarian actors employed to roll back women's rights, what measures (ex. legislation, platform-level, and party support structures) have your party, parliamentary faction or government introduced in the face of growing anti-gender groups.
2. What flagship policy and its three defining features you can share to inspire policy development in other areas confronting rollback of gender rights, violence and disinformation?
3. How has resistance to women's rights or gender-related policy interventions in aid, budgeting, crisis support and inclusion been managed or confronted in the face of other policy priorities and interventions?
4. How do we build cross-border solidarity and response networks to support

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| | parties and women's movements facing coordinated threats? How do we build up communities of protection?<br><br>**Anna Gorska**<br>Senator, New Left, Poland<br><br>**Amira Saber**<br>Member of the Egyptian Senate, Egypt Social Democratic Party<br><br>**Alexandra Pineda**<br>Congresswoman and Member of the Interparliamentary Commission for Women's Equality in the Colombian Congress, Pacto Historico, Colombia<br><br>**Unity Dow**<br>Former Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Botswana Congress Party<br><br>**Zita Gurmai**<br>President, Party of European Socialists, Women<br><br>**Florencia Astori**<br>President, Frente Amplio's Gender Commission, Uruguay<br><br>Moderator: **Carol Beaumont**, Vice President of New Zealadn Labour Party and Board Member of Progressive Alliance |
| **15:45** | **Coffee Break** |
| **16:00** | **PA Connect:**<br>***International Solidarity for Feminist Struggles***<br><br>**Ameer Nhial**<br>Chairperson for Women Affairs in the National Executive Committee, National Democratic Movement, South Sudan<br><br>**Kawther Fatthi**<br>Deputy Leader, Komala Party of Iranian Kurdistan, Iran<br><br>**Hanan Al-Wazir**<br>Member of Revolutionary Council, Fatah, Palestine<br><br>**Yelyzaveta Boryskina**<br>Co-founder, Social Democratic Platform, Ukraine<br><br>**Hadeia Amiry**<br>Senior Regional Advisor for Afghanistan, Camca Academy, Afghanistan<br><br>**Naw Susanna Hla Hla Soe** |

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| | Former Union Minister of Women, National Unity Government of Myanmar |
| **16:45** | **Presentation**<br>***Reimagining Women, Peace and Security Agenda in Contested Times***<br><br>**Miriam Ferrer**<br>Co-founder, Southeast Asian Women Peace Mediators |
| **17:00** | **Closing**<br>***Ideas to Action: Future Forward with Gender Equality***<br><br>**Farah Rumy**<br>Member of the Swiss National Council, Social Democratic Party, Switzerland<br><br>**Teo Nie Ching**<br>Deputy Minister of Communications and Board Member of the Progressive Alliance, Democratic Action Party, Malaysia<br><br>**Phanida Mongkolsawat**<br>Member of Parliament and Coordinator of People's Party Gender Equality Working Group, People's Party Thailand<br><br>**Phattaporn Kengrungreungchai**<br>Chair of the Bangkok City Council, People's Party, Thailand |
| **17:30** | **Bus Transfer**<br>Parliament to Hotel Lancaster |
| **19:00** | **Bus Transfer**<br>Hotel to dinner venue |
| **20:00** | **International Guests Dinner**<br>Progressive Alliance Gender Equality Working Group, Board Members of the Progressive Alliance and guests of People's Party Thailand |