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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** |
| | **Parallel meetings**<br>1) ***16:00 – 18:00 Progressive Alliance Gender equality working group meeting***<br>***Venue: Lancaster 6-7, Lancaster Bangkok Hotel***<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) ***15:00 – 18:00 Women, Peace and Security caucus***<br>***Venue: Lancaster 3, Lancaster Bangkok Hotel***<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. Women representatives from countries affected by conflict are strongly |

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| | encouraged to take part, as the Conference offers a safe space to exchange views on the women, peace and security agenda with fellow women leaders on the frontlines.<br><br>3) ***16:00 – 17:30 Countering Gendered Disinformation: What can political parties do?***<br>***Venue: Lancaster 4, Lancaster Bangkok Hotel***<br><br>*Hosted by the UK Labour Party's "Westminster Foundation for Democracy" programme and the Westminster Foundation for Democracy.*<br><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: Club Lounge (18th Floor), Lancaster Bangkok Hotel***<br><br>***Fireside Chat on Power and Progress***<br><br>**Thanathorn Juangroongruangkit**<br>Former Party Leader of Future Forward Party, Thailand<br>President, Progressive Movement Foundation<br><br>**Rafaela David**<br>President of Akbayan Citizens Action Party, Philippines<br><br>**Alka Lamba**<br>President of The All India Mahila Congress (AIMC), Indian National Congress, India<br><br>***Solidarity message***<br>**Jessali Zarazua**<br>Secretary General |

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## 19 November 2026 — Conference Day

***Venue: Conference Room B2-1 (B2 Floor), The National Assembly of Thailand***

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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<br>**Giacomo Fillibeck**, Secretary General, Party of European Socialists, PES<br>**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** |

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| **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>**Mmapaseka Steve Letsike**<br>Deputy Minister in the Presidency responsible 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>**Maria Jose Morais Costa**<br>National Secretary for Women, Workers Party of Brazil<br><br>Moderator: **Chonlathan Supphaiboonlerd**<br>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 |

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| | 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>Venue: Conference Room B2-3 (B2 Floor), The National Assembly of Thailand<br><br>**Chonlanat Koaykul**<br>Member of Parliament, People's Party Thailand |

**Nadja Sthamer**
Commissioner for Gender Equality in the 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

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

Venue: Conference Room B2-4 (B2 Floor), The National Assembly of Thailand

**Anna Gorska**
Senator, New Left, Poland

**Amira Saber**
Member of the Egyptian Senate, Egypt Social Democratic Party

**Alexandra Pineda**
Congresswoman and Member of the Interparliamentary Commission for Women's Equality in the Colombian Congress, Pacto Historico, Colombia

**Unity Dow**
Former Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Botswana Congress Party

**Zita Gurmai**
President, Party of European Socialists, Women

**Florencia Astori**
President, Frente's Gender Commission, Uruguay

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| | Moderator: **Carol Beaumont**<br>Vice President of New Zealand Labour Party and Board Member of Progressive Alliance |
| **15:45** | **Coffee Break** |
| **16:00** | **Country Briefing**<br>**Chonlathan Supphaiboonlerd**<br>Member of Parliament, People's Party, Thailand |
| **16:10** | **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>Afghan Women Diplomatic Network, United States of America<br><br>**Naw Susanna Hla Hla Soe**<br>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 |

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| **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 |
| **18:15** | **Bus Transfer to the Boat from Parliament** |
| **18:45** | **Welcome Dinner Cruise for International Guests on the Chao Phraya River**<br>Progressive Alliance Gender Equality Working Group, Board Members of the Progressive Alliance and guests of People's Party Thailand |