



How does **change** happen?

The AWID International Forum on Women's Rights and Development | Oct. 27-30, 2005 | Thailand

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About the AWID Forum

On October 27-30, 2005, up to 2,000 women's rights leaders and activists from around the world will converge on Bangkok at the 10th AWID International Forum to debate the urgent question, "How does change happen?"

What is AWID?

The Association for Women's Rights in Development is an international membership organization that connects, informs, and mobilizes people and institutions committed to achieving gender equality, sustainable development, and women's human rights.

AWID's goal is to bring about individual, institutional and policy changes that will improve the lives of women and girls everywhere. AWID achieves this goal by facilitating ongoing debates on fundamental and provocative issues as well as by building the individual and organizational capacities of those working for women's empowerment and social justice.

What is the Forum?

The International Forum on Women's Rights and Development is both a conference and a call to action. The largest recurring event of its kind, the AWID Forum brings together women's rights leaders and activists from around the world every three years to strategize, network, celebrate, and learn in a highly charged atmosphere that fosters deep discussions and sustained personal and professional growth.

Delegates to the Forum participate in four days of plenary speeches, interactive sessions, workshops, debates, and creative sessions geared to powerful thinking on gender equality and women's human rights. Delegates also participate in informal caucuses, gala events, cultural activities, and social and political events geared to global and regional networking and alliance building.

Delegates who participate fully in the Forum not only empower themselves with new tools and resources, but they also, collectively, re-politicize the gender and development community, strengthen alliances between women, and engage in work and thinking that is truly transformative rather than simply palliative.

BABAYLAN WORKHOP

Me, Us and Them: Migrant workers Organising for Change was the title of the workshop co-organised by Bayanihan. The objective of the workshop was to share the experiences on the obstacles to change, driving forces in our work, the changes we are working for, lessons learned and our achievements in our organising work among migrant Filipinas. There were three presentations: Babaylan, the experiences on the European level of our network; Filipino Women's Centre (Italy) on their work among domestic workers in Rome; and Bayanihan (Netherlands). Around 50 women attended the workshop from different backgrounds and global regions.

The presentations were followed by a short discussion with the attendees. Unfortunately, the time was too short to have a longer and deeper interaction.