



**NGO CSW68 Forum Parallel Event:  
“Disrupting Harm / Building Empowerment of Marginalized Women and Youth”  
Concept Note**

Organizer: PPSEAWA International with BPW International

March 17 4:30pm Honolulu | 7:30pm LA | 9:30pm Chicago | 10:30pm New York, Toronto

March 18 7:30am Karachi | 9:30am Bangkok | 10:30am Kuala Lumpur, Taipei

11:30am Seoul, Tokyo | 1:30pm Canberra | 2:30pm Suva | 3:30pm Wellington

Register in advance for this virtual meeting at

<https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcvfuCgqj8oHNwjb-ZiY9FITvRZmmQloyhl>



The Pan Pacific and South East Asia Women's Association (PPSEAWA) recognizes that women and girls often lack economic autonomy and have less access to education at all levels, so are under-represented in decision-making on every level.

Women and youth who are marginalized due to gender, ethnicity, and migration status are especially vulnerable. Marginalized migrant women face increased risk of gender-based violence during transit and in resettlement, and experience intersecting and multiple forms of discrimination. PPSEAWA upholds the human rights of women and youth marginalized by race, ethnicity or migration status. PPSEAWA supports the **United Nations Global Compact of Migration** and **UNHCR**, the UN Refugee Agency, in their efforts to raise awareness of how migrants enrich our communities.

PPSEAWA fills the gaps where marginalized women and youth are not provided with legal and social protection systems aligned to their presence and needs. We engage in practices that prevent abuse/exploitation, alleviate stigmatization and isolation, and build up strength and resilience within communities. PPSEAWA supports programs that enable access to quality education, financial and health care services, and skills-training with the aim of self-determination and self-representation. Panelists will present practices for effective outreach and education for youth and ethnic minorities, from the perspective of non-governmental organizations in Malaysia, Pakistan, Thailand, and the United States.

We gratefully acknowledge the support of the **Regional Asia Pacific Bureau of UNHCR in Bangkok**, and our co-sponsor, **BPW International** (International Federation of Business and Professional Women), an international network of business and professional women who further women's economic empowerment projects through mentoring, education, skills-building programs.