

Summary Report

Day 1 : 27 November 2006

Plenary Session 1

**Mr. Gererd Lesage, President IFNGO, concurrently Chairman NATReSA, Mauritius
Addresses the participants of the 16th IFNGO ASEAN NGOs Workshop
(See text of his speech attached as ANNEX 1-1)**

**Topic : Implementation of Recommendations of the 15th IFNGO ASEAN
NGOs Workshop in Singapore**

**Chairperson : Mr. Sorasit Sangprasert (Thailand)
Co-chairperson : Mr. Teo Cheng Tee (Singapore)**

Presenter : Dato'Haji Mustapha Ma, Hon. Secretary, IFNGO

**Rapporteur1 : Ms. Rachanikorn Sarasiri (Thailand)
Rapporteur2 : Dr. Apasiri Suwannanon (Thailand)**

**Co-Rapporteur1 : Haji Aminuddin bin Haji Mohd. Ali (Brunei Darussalam)
Co-Rapporteur2 : Pengiran Anak Hajah Norhasimah (Brunei Darussalam)**

Summary Presentation

Dato' Haji Mustapha Ma, Hon. Secretary, IFNGO reported to the meeting IFNGO ASEAN NGOs efforts at implementing the recommendations of the 15th IFNGO ASEAN NGOs Workshop held in Singapore, 2005. He started the session by requesting participants to join him in 10 seconds of laugh therapy. The first 3 recommendations are resolutions of thanks and appreciation.

Recommendation 4 on recognizing the importance and efficacy of an integrated, coordinated, and holistic approach to overcome the drug menace and the incidence of recidivism, IFNGO ASEAN NGOs, are encouraged to work closely and enhance the partnership with their respective government and Community, to implement measures and programs in preventive drug education, treatment and rehabilitation, and aftercare and continued re-integration of recovering drug users, most members have taken progressive action.

Recommendation 5, recognizing the stigma and difficulties that ex-offenders, including recovering drug users, would face in seeking gainful employment and reintegrating into society, IFNGO ASEAN NGOs are strongly urged to collaborate with their Government, Community, and business and social organizations to adopt and implement measures and programs, for example the "Yellow Ribbon Project" as presented at the 15th IFNGO ASEAN NGOs Workshop, for the aftercare and betterment of the welfare of the ex-offenders and their families. Most ASEAN member countries have implemented aftercare programmes using different approaches. ASPAC NGO involved parents at the end of rehabilitation program whereas BASMIDA invited business community to become members so that they understand their social responsibility. SANA worked on The Yellow Ribbon Project to help re-integrate the ex-offenders into society. MANA works along with UNAIDS and UNODC projects and concerned ministries.

Recommendation 6, recognizing the role and importance of involvement by family in the rehabilitation and re-integration of drug users, IFNGO ASEAN NGOs should include families in their concerns and programs. Responses were received from PEMADAM Malaysia, ASPAC NGO Thailand, BASMIDA Brunei Darussalam, MANA Myanmar and PHILCADSA Philippines.

Recommendations 7, the IFNGO ASEAN NGOs commit to periodic review, update and/or implementation of innovative and effective programs in preventive drug education, treatment and rehabilitation and aftercare and continued re-integration in perspective against overall efficiency and effectiveness of existing programs, and share their experiences in these areas at the Workshop. Positive responses have been received from ASPAC NGO Thailand, BASMIDA Brunei Darussalam, BERSAMA Indonesia, PEMADAM Malaysia, MANA Myanmar and PHILCADSA Philippines. Innovative and effective programmes in preventive drug education have been implemented.

Recommendation 8, the IFNGO ASEAN NGOs to consider the proposal of holding the ASEAN Workshop on a biennial basis rather than annually. With the proposed system, the IFNGO ASEAN NGOs Workshop will alternate with the IFNGO International Conference, and there will be at least one IFNGO meeting held each year. ASPAC NGO, BASMIDA Brunei Darussalam and BERSAMA Indonesia MANA Myanmar and PHILCADSA Philippines, SANA Singapore agreed to the said proposal. PEMADAM Malaysia was of the opinion that this proposal be reviewed after the completion of the 3rd cycle of the IFNGO ASEAN NGOs Workshop.

Recommendation 9, the IFNGO ASEAN NGOs to consider the proposal of changing the current hospitality system to one where the host NGO takes care of the conference and related expenses, and for all the participants to pay for their own accommodation and the conference fee as is presently done in the case of IFNGO International Conference that is held biennially. There is no consensus on this matter. NGO-ANCC, ASPAC NGO, BASMIDA Brunei Darussalam, and SANA agreed to the proposal whereas BERSAMA Indonesia, PEMADAM Malaysia, MANA Myanmar suggested that the proposal be reviewed after the completion of the 3rd cycle of the IFNGO ASEAN NGOs Workshop and preferred old form of hospitality of the host country.

Recommendation 10-16 are resolutions of thanks and appreciation.

Recommendation 17, IFNGO ASEAN NGOs Workshop are urged to consider including alcohol abuse and its harmful effects in its future deliberation. Most of ASEAN member countries supported the recommendation. ASPAC NGO, BASMIDA Brunei Darussalam and BERSAMA Indonesia strongly supported the proposal. SANA Singapore, NGO ANCC NCSW Thailand and H.E.D.O. Vietnam, in their responses have indicated that they support the campaign of anti-drug, alcohol and tobacco in the youth and family group.

The workshop took note of the response to the implementation of Recommendations of the 15th IFNGO ASEAN NGOs Workshop in Singapore as presented by Dato' Haji Mustapha Ma, Hon.Secretary, IFNGO. The details of the response appear in document No. P1/1.

Discussion

After the report on the implementation of recommendations of the 15th IFNGO ASEAN NGOs Workshop in Singapore, the floor was opened for further comments and discussion from the participants. There were 2 comments. One was from Datin Hajah Masni bin Haji Mohd. Ali, Head Delegate of Brunei Darussalam who commented that Recommendation 17 of the 15th

IFNGO ASEAN NGOs Workshop in Singapore should be given greater attention to protect young people from Alcohol Abuse. Excessive consumption of Alcohol exacerbated the damage to the liver of young people. Efforts should be made to ban alcohol advertisement in all media. Another comment is from a Thai delegate from Buddhist Association of Songkhla Province who praised the well intention of the workshop to reduce alcohol drinking and cigarette smoking but he is of the view that it is a very difficult task as in the provincial areas of Thailand, people still have wrong concept as they believe that alcohol drinking and cigarette smoking shows their strength and manliness. He recommended that the Workshop should come up with the clear definition of narcotics since it has a board meaning and there are hard and soft drugs.
