



## DRUGS, CRIME AND PUNISHMENT: WOMEN AND THE NEED FOR ACCESS TO JUSTICE

**Thursday, 25th October 2018, 6:00 - 8:00 PM**

**Linklaters, 10F Alexandra House, 18 Chater Road, Central, Hong Kong**

*Networking event on the margins of the 7th Asia Pro Bono Conference in Hong Kong*

In many countries in Asia, women are being imprisoned at a rate that is higher than for men, mostly for drug offences. This event explores further the driving factors and the potential role of lawyers in ensuring improved justice outcomes for women.

The International Drug Policy Consortium will also launch a series of policy guides (focusing on Thailand, Indonesia and the Philippines), which were developed under the *Women, Incarceration and Drug Policy in Southeast Asia* project and outline recommendations for addressing the specific vulnerabilities faced by women charged with drug offences.

### **Panellists:**

- **Ms. Cathy Alvarez,**  
Regional Coordinator of the IDPC Project on *Women, incarceration and drug policy in Southeast Asia*
- **Mr. Francis Joseph**  
Programme Coordinator, Asian Network of People who Use Drugs (ANPUD)
- **Ms. Gloria Lai**  
Regional Director: Asia, International Drug Policy Consortium (IDPC)

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