

Prof. Aurora Javate-De Dios

Prof. Aurora Javate de Dios is currently the Executive Director of the Women and Gender Institute at Miriam College, in the Philippines and concurrently Professor in International and Migration Studies in the same institution. Prof. de Dios was appointed as Chairperson of the Board of the Commissioners of the National Commission on the Role of Filipino Women where she also served as one of its Commissioners since 1998. During her term in NCRFW, she was elected as one of the Experts in the UN Committee on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women. She also actively worked towards the passage of two landmark laws on Violence against Women and their Children Act and the Anti-Trafficking in Persons. Internationally, she represented the Philippines during the negotiations of UN Optional Protocol on Trafficking of Persons (1998-2000) and the UN Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) (2000). Because of her work on trafficking issues, she was appointed by President Arroyo as women representative to the Philippine Interagency Council on Trafficking of Persons. Her recent appointment by Pres. Aquino as Philippines' Representative for Women's Rights to the ASEAN Commission on the Promotion and Protection of the Rights of Women and Children (ACWC) in 2010 is yet another recognition of her contribution to the empowerment of women. A member of the External Advisory Board of the Asian Development Bank and the UNDP Gender Advisory Group, Prof. de Dios is consultant to UNIFEM in various projects and works with UN agencies in the Philippines and the Asian region.