



Bangkok Declaration

The 6th Congress of the Association of Asian Constitutional Courts
and Equivalent Institutions
on the theme of
“The Constitutional Courts and Equivalent Institutions
in Strengthening Constitutional Justice for Sustainable Society”

September 19th, 2024

We, the Members of the Association of the Constitutional Courts and Equivalent Institutions (AACC) gathered in Bangkok, Thailand, from 18th to 21th September 2024, unite with a shared commitment to the principles of constitutional justice. This Conference themed: “The Constitutional Courts and Equivalent Institutions in Strengthening Constitutional Justice for Sustainable Society” provides a platform for dialogue and collaboration among diverse nations, all dedicated to upholding the rule of law, democracy, and human rights.

Recognizing the essential principles of constitutional justice, we reaffirm our belief in the international law, the supremacy of the constitution, separation of powers, protection of fundamental rights, and the need for an independent judiciary. These principles are the foundation of justice, peace, and stability in our societies. In a rapidly changing world – marked by technological advancements, environmental challenges, and social transformation – we acknowledge the crucial role of constitutional justice in fostering sustainable societies. We recognize that each nation will approach the integration of sustainability within its constitutional framework in a way that reflects its unique legal traditions, social contexts, and developmental priorities. Upholding the rule of law and protecting the fundamental rights are indispensable in addressing global issues such as climate change, resource management, and social equity, ensuring that development is sustainable, inclusive, and just. We emphasize the importance of mutual respect and cooperation as we adapt our constitutional frameworks to these new challenges.

We firmly commit to advocating for justice, peace, and human rights, and standing united against any actions that threaten the lives, security, freedom, and dignity of individuals and nations, including those affecting Palestinian people.

We recognize the importance of ensuring access to justice as part of the struggle to maintain sustainable peace and stability in states societies, to combat climate change and promote “climate justice.” In this spirit, we extend our best wishes for the success of the 29th Conference of the Parties (COP 29) to the UNFCCC to be hosted by Azerbaijan. We recognize the crucial role such international gatherings play in addressing climate change and promoting sustainable development, including the promotion of public awareness in this field.

We shall continue to strengthen cooperation with other constitutional courts and equivalent institutions in a global format with the assistance of the Venice Commission and UN institutions, in an interregional and regional format, as well as other associations and associated communities that promote the rule of law and the protection of human rights, access to justice.

As the Members of the Association of the Constitutional Courts and Equivalent Institutions (AACC), we stand united in our dedication to constitutional justice and the pursuit of sustainable societies. We leave the Conference with a shared vision for a just and equitable world, committed to our common goals while respecting our differences.

We invite other constitutional courts and equivalent institutions to join our association with a view to fostering a broader community dedicated to the principles of constitutional justice in the context of sustainable development.

This Declaration was adopted by consensus at the 6th Congress of the Association of Asian Constitutional Courts and Equivalent Institutions (AACC), held in Bangkok, Thailand, from 18th to 19th September, 2024.

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