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# La vente des biens et services dans l'espace public: le cas de Bangkok - Vending in Public Space: The Case of Bangkok

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## Abstract (in French and English)

Bangkok est probablement l'un des "joyaux" du monde lorsqu'il se agit de la vente de biens et services dans les espaces publics de jour comme de nuit. Cette présentation examinera comment cette situation s'est développée, surtout compte tenu de l'évolution agenda politique et économique du pays. Nous examinerons les assises sociales culturels, économiques, politiques et autres par rapport aux ventes des biens et services dans les espaces publics à Bangkok, y compris le rôle des vendeurs eux-mêmes. En outre, nous éluciderons les possibilités et les défis actuels liés à la vente dans l'espace public à Bangkok et ce que d'autres contextes peuvent apprendre de l'expérience spécifique de Bangkok. Cette présentation sera fondée sur la publication multimédia récente de Gisèle Yasmeen et Narumol Nirathron (disponible en anglais seulement pour l'instant) au: <http://wiego.org/sites/wiego.org/files/publications/files/Yasmeen-Vending-Public-Space-Bangkok-WIEGO-PB16.pdf> Bangkok is possibly one of the world's "jewels" when it comes to selling goods and services in public spaces both day and night. The city is known for its ubiquity and diversity of street foods and vendors selling everything from clothing, jewelry, flowers, electronics and even foot massages. How did this situation come to be? What are the regulatory issues that have emerged over the past decades influencing the use of public space for such livelihoods? This presentation will examine how this situation emerged, especially given the country's evolving political and economic agenda. It reviews cultural, economic, political and other broader social foundations of vending in public spaces in Bangkok, including the role of vendors themselves. In addition, it will discuss current opportunities and challenges associated with vending in public space in Bangkok and what other contexts can learn from the specific experience of Bangkok. This presentation will be based on a recent multimedia publication by Gisèle Yasmeen and Narumol Nirathron available for downloading at: <http://wiego.org/sites/wiego.org/files/publications/files/Yasmeen-Vending-Public-Space-Bangkok-WIEGO-PB16.pdf>. The brief includes photos, statistics and videos as well as a summary table documenting the important "policy moments" that led to the current situation as well as a list of recommendations and lessons learned for other jurisdictions.

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