



DIPLOMACY TRAINING PROGRAM

AFFILIATED WITH THE FACULTY OF LAW AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW SOUTH WALES
A training program for peoples of the Asia-Pacific region

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

Capacity Building on Human Rights and Migrant Workers in the Asia-Pacific Region – A Training Program for Advocates

Held in partnership with Migrant Forum Asia (MFA) and Forum Tau Matan (FTM) – Eyes on Human Rights

September 7 - 11, Dili, Timor Leste

The Diplomacy Training Program (DTP) is inviting applications for its 6th regional training course on migrant workers' rights and advocacy in the Asia-Pacific. This training course will take place in Dili, Timor-Leste at the invitation of DTP Founder and President, Jose Ramos-Horta and follows on from successful capacity building programs on migrant workers' rights facilitated by DTP and MFA in Indonesia (2004), Bangladesh (2005), Malaysia (2006), Cambodia (2007) and The Philippines (2008).

The treatment of people moving across borders to live and work represents one of the key policy and human rights challenges of our times, even as labour migration is promoted as a development strategy. Migrant workers and their families are vulnerable to a wide range of human rights abuses – at the hands of state officials, employers and others. This program will assist participants from NGOs, Trade Unions and National Human Rights Institutions to work together in developing practical strategies to promote migrant workers' rights at the national and regional level.

The course will bring together advocates from the human rights movement, migrant workers organisations, women's organisations, trade unions and national human rights institutions. The course will focus on the practical challenges of promoting the application of a human rights based framework for migration policy and practice. It will deepen knowledge of international standards, including the International Convention on Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families (ICMRW), Convention on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) and ILO standards and develop skills in lobbying and advocacy.

East Timor has been chosen for the location of this program as it is both a new sending and receiving country for migrant workers. It is also one of the few countries in the Asia-Pacific region to have ratified the UN Convention of the Rights of Migrant Workers and Their Families.

WHO SHOULD APPLY FOR THE TRAINING?

The program is particularly for people from Asia-Pacific countries who work for and with non-government and community-based organizations, trade unions and national human rights institutions. It is for those interested in human rights and how these rights can be practically applied in efforts to promote and realise the rights of migrant workers. Applications are invited from NGOs, as well as from Trade Unions, and national human rights institutions. Priority in selection goes to active human rights defenders. Consideration is also given to ensuring a gender and geographical balance within each course.

WHAT WILL PARTICIPANTS LEARN?

- Knowledge of the international human rights framework, human rights treaties including ICMRW and human rights mechanisms
- Strategies for using ICMRW to advance the rights of migrant workers in the region, through interaction with governments, the UN system and development agencies
- Knowledge of CEDAW and its relevance to migrant workers rights
- Knowledge of the ILO conventions and complaints processes
- Developments in the different sub-regions in Asia, on human rights, migrant workers and women's rights
- Practical skills in advocacy, lobbying and working with the media

PROGRAM PARTNERS

The Diplomacy Training Program (DTP) is an independent non-governmental organisation (NGO) providing practical training in human rights and advocacy skills in the Asia-Pacific region. It seeks to advance human rights and empower civil society through quality education and training and the building of skills and capacity in NGOs.

Migrant Forum Asia (MFA) is a regional network of non-government organizations (NGOs), associations and trade unions of migrant workers, and individual advocates in Asia who are committed to protect and promote the rights and welfare of migrant workers. It is guided by a vision of an alternative world system based on respect for human rights and dignity, social justice, and gender equity, particularly for migrant workers.

Forum Tau Matan (FTM) - Eyes on Human Rights is an independent human rights based NGO in East Timor. FTM's mission is to research cases of human rights violations, to combat a culture of impunity, to campaign against torture, against imprisonment of children, against child labour and to ensure that the respect of human rights is of the utmost importance as East Timor continues nation-building.

TRAINERS

Trainers on DTP programs are experienced and highly respected local, regional and international human rights practitioners, academics, and officials who understand and support DTP's philosophy of participatory training.

TRAINING METHODOLOGY

The DTP recognizes and values the experiences and skills that participants bring to its programs. The opportunity to share experiences and lessons with other participants and trainers is one of the real benefits and highlights of participating in the program. The training methodology is interactive with an emphasis on group work, role plays, case studies and discussion to ensure the practical relevance of all training sessions. The training is conducted in English and an ability to participate in discussions is essential.

COURSE FEES

DTP is an independent organisation and course fees are an important source of income. The course fee of **US1500** covers tuition, accommodation, food, field trips, and resource materials during the training. **Individuals working in NGOs are encouraged to enquire about the possibility of subsidised spaces.**

For Further Information: Phone: (612) 9385-3549/2807 Fax: (612) 9385-1778

Email: ntp@unsw.edu.au Website: www.ntp.unsw.edu.au