



DTP – BUILDING THE CAPACITY OF ASIA-PACIFIC HUMAN RIGHTS MOVEMENT 1990 – 2018

Continuation of our series on new human rights challenges and developments affecting political, economic, social and environmental challenges and what these mean for human rights and capacity building.

- This issue we feature UN High Commissioner Zeid's parting message [This is what true leaders look like](#). In it he gives a grim account of the state of the world today, a world in which politicians "...keen to be viewed as the virile leaders of their respective countries; eager to inflate their image by harming migrants and refugees, the most vulnerable in society." He gives examples of individuals throughout the world who, at great risk, continue to fight for justice and human rights. He concludes by calling for a "coordinated, focused, human-rights movement (that might include business leaders) to deliver a sort of shock therapy to those dangerous or useless politicians who now threaten humanity".

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CAPACITY BUILDING AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Schedule of DTP Program's, Brochure and Application Forms [click here](#)

- [2018 – DTP's 28th Annual Regional Human Rights & Peoples Diplomacy Training Program](#) Timor Leste – October 15-26. [APPLICATION FORM and Brochure](#)

For reports on completed DTP Training Programs [click here](#)

- 2018 Indonesian Migrant Workers Program – [Launch and Module 1](#), [Summary report of Module 2](#)
- DTP UNSW UDHR@70 Roundtable Discussions – [ASEAN and Human Rights, Kanak Self-Determination and the Vote in New Caledonia](#)
- [2018 Malaysia Migrant Workers Program – Module 5 - Report](#)
- [2018 Review & Reflections on Advocating on Migrant Workers' Rights Along Migration Corridors](#) - Nepal
- [2018 MENA Regional Capacity Building Program on the Rights of Migrant Workers](#) - Lebanon
- [Indigenous Peoples, Human Rights and Partnerships for Sustainable Development](#) – Sabah, Malaysia
- [2018 Business, Human Rights and the SDGs in the Pacific](#) – Fiji
- [The 2016 DTP Annual Report is available on line](#)

PROFILES AND NEWS OF DTP ALUMNI

- Profile of [Rahul Choudhary from India](#) DTP alumnus (Philippines 2008) – lawyer, human rights and environment advocate

- DTP alumnus [Agustinus Mahuze](#) from the 2017 Indigenous peoples program in Sabah, Malaysia is now working with Bawaslu, the election supervisory board of Indonesia.
- [DTP participant Maizidah Salas from Indonesia has been chosen for the US State Department Anti-Trafficking Heroes award for 2018](#)
- DTP trainer and alumna [Yuyun Wahyuningrum](#) is on the shortlist to be next Indonesian representative on AICHR
- DTP alumna, Lily Purba, recent Chair of ASEAN Commission on the Promotion and Protection of Women's and Children's Rights sent in [this picture of the 2009 Program on Migrant Workers in Timor Leste](#)
- Esra Mandosir DTP alumnus (Timor Leste 2017) and OHCHR Indigenous Fellow [met with UK Embassy delegation to Byak Customary Council, Papua](#), Indonesia – visiting to discuss human rights, education and development

WORKING FOR HUMAN RIGHTS - NGO PROFILES

- [Wide Bay Conservation Association](#)
- [Pacific Islands Association of Non-governmental Organizations \(PIANGO\)](#)

EVENTS

- [ACFID Conference 2018, 30-31 October: "Human Rights in the 21st Century. People. Planet. Peace"](#) Dr. Jose Ramos Horta: In conversation at ACFID's National Conference – [program released](#)
- [9th International Conference on Human Rights Education \(ICHRE\)](#) (26-29 November 2018, Western Sydney University – Parramatta Campus, Sydney) – [registrations open](#)
- [UN Forum on Business and Human Rights 26-28 November 2018](#)
- [Conference: Indigenous Solutions for Environmental Challenges, November 10-12, Canada](#)

JOBS/INTERNSHIPS

- [Business and Human Rights Resource Centre: Asia Regional Manager - Located in Asia October 19 deadline](#)
- [Fortify Rights Recruitment Notice: Myanmar Human Rights Specialist](#)

DTP'S THEMATIC PRIORITIES

Human Rights and Business

- Andy Hall: [Private Sector Support for Human Rights Defenders - A Personal Experience](#)
- [New Guides Help Communities to Negotiate Fair Contracts with Investors](#)
- [Jubilee releases report on Bougainville: Growing Bougainville's Future 'to mine or not to mine'](#)
- Papua New Guinea: [Deal in sight for PNG landowners protesting Exxon-led gas project](#)
- [Shared Space Under Pressure: Business Support For Civic Freedoms and Human Rights Defenders – Guidance note](#)

Indigenous Peoples' Rights

- [UN Special Rapporteur raises concern over abuse of Indigenous peoples' rights amidst worldwide expansion of development projects](#)
- [Call for protection of rights of Indigenous peoples on the move](#)
- [Indigenous rights groups call on Asian govts to take steps to stop worsening violence against Indigenous women](#)

Migrant Workers' Rights

DTP Monthly Migrant Workers Rights e-Bulletin. [Issue No 9 is available here](#)

- [The Global Compact on Migration expressly recognizes that climate change, disasters and environmental degradation can drive people to leave their homes](#)
- [Qatar lifts exit permit system for migrant workers](#)

Women's rights

- [No Gender Equality, no SDGs](#)
- [The role of inclusive ODA by realizing human rights and gender equality](#)

- Podcast: [Feminist Participatory Action Research](#)
- [CEDAW endorses San Jose Guidelines on Intimidation or Reprisals](#)

HUMAN RIGHTS – GENERAL NEWS

- [UN Report Accuses Myanmar’s Top Generals of Genocide: International Criminal Court to investigate Myanmar’s Rohingya deportations](#)
- [Opening Statement to the Human Rights Council by UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Michelle Bachelet](#)

2018 Anniversaries: UDHR, Vienna Declaration, Declaration on HR Defenders

- [‘The Right to Peace – The Universal Declaration of Human Rights at 70’](#)
- The UN is calling on everyone, individuals as well as governments, companies, the civil society, the UN family and others to join in it making a difference: [Suggested actions](#).
- [Take the pledge](#): I will respect your rights regardless of who you are. I will uphold your rights even when I disagree with you. When anyone’s human rights are denied, everyone's rights are undermined, so I will stand up. I will raise my voice. I will take action. I will use my rights to stand up for your rights.
- UN Rapporteur concept note: [Raising the visibility of human rights defenders on the occasion of the anniversary of the Declaration on human rights defenders](#)

Development

- Human Development Report: [Human Development Indices and Indicators: 2018 Statistical Update](#)

UN Special Procedures

- [UN Special Procedures Communications to ASEAN States](#) (March — May 2018) [Cambodia, Indonesia, Malaysia Myanmar, Philippines, Thailand, Viet Nam]

HUMAN RIGHTS – REGIONAL NEWS

- Yuyun Wahyuningrum: [Human Rights After Seventy Years: The View from the South](#)

HUMAN RIGHTS – COUNTRY SPECIFIC NEWS

Australia

- [Death of Hamid Khazaei exposes politicization of medical care in offshore detention](#)
- [The UN Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women calls for Australia to urgently decriminalize abortion and end offshore detention to improve women’s rights](#)

Bangladesh

- [Acclaimed photographer Shahidul Alam arrested and tortured after taking part in anti-violence protest. Take action now.](#)

Cambodia

- [Drop Fabricated Charges against ‘ADHOC 5’](#)
- [Leader in Koh Kong land dispute jailed for demarcating land for purposes of negotiation](#)
- [Thai court accepts Cambodian farmers' land grabbing lawsuit against sugar producer Mitr Phol, orders mediation](#)

China

- UN: [Concerns mount about repression of Muslim minorities](#)

Indonesia

- [Environmental activists convicted by Semarang Court](#)
- [Ongoing restrictions on freedom of opinion in West Papua - political activists subjected to arbitrary arrest and unfair trial](#)

India

- [Crackdown on Dissent in India](#)
- [India's Supreme Court Decriminalizes Homosexuality in a Historic Ruling for the LGBTQ Community](#)
- **Take action:** [Five human rights defenders arrested and charged in coordinated raids across India](#)

Malaysia

- [Malaysian death sentences commuted for 3 Mexican brothers. Human Rights Commission calls for total abolition.](#)

Myanmar

- [Myanmar authorities must be brought before International Criminal Court, say Southeast Asian lawmakers](#)
- UN Report: [Tatmadaw leaders must be investigated for genocide, crimes against humanity, war crimes](#)
- [Baseless imprisonment of two Reuters journalists decried](#) and from Fortify Rights [Immediately and Unconditionally Release Reuters Journalists](#)
- [Karen Human Rights Group releases report on land confiscations in Southeast Myanmar](#)

Philippines

- Amnesty International: [Restore Respect for Human Rights on the 46th Anniversary of Martial Law](#)

Sri Lanka

- [Sri Lankan reform has 'ground to a halt' with torture used freely; Coalition government has failed on promise to repeal Prevention of Terrorism Act](#)

Vietnam

- [Government report for Universal Periodic Review suppresses grave human rights violations](#)
- [Vietnam denies entry to human rights campaigner Debbie Stothard to attend World Economic Forum](#)
- **Take action:** [Human rights defender sentenced to 12 years in prison](#)

NEWSLETTERS/REGULAR PUBLICATIONS

In this section, we list contributions that appear on a regular basis that may be of interest to our readers

- [Australia Asia Worker Links](#)
- [AWPA Sydney News](#) from the Australian West Papua Association (AWPA)
- [Bangladesh Human Rights Monitoring Report, monthly from Odhikar](#)
- [Burma Human Rights Network Monthly Situation Updates Registration](#)
- [Centre for Migration and International Relations \(CMIR\)](#)
- [Chinese Responsible Investment Overseas Newsletter](#)
- [Forest Peoples Programme Newsletter](#)
- [HREA Upcoming E-Learning Courses](#)
- [Human Rights and Peace for Papua – The International Coalition for Papua](#)
- [Hurights-Osaka: Asia Pacific Human Rights Information Center](#)
- [INDIA NEWS - A publication of the India Committee of the Netherlands](#)
- [Kapaeng Foundation](#) from Bangladesh
- [Mekong Eye News Digest](#)
- [OHCHR UN Human Rights Civil Society Weekly Newsletter](#)
- [SDC Migration Network Newsletter](#)
- [Stop Child Labour Newsletter](#)
- [United Nations Democracy Fund Monthly Newsletter](#)
- [Vietnam Human Rights Defenders Weekly](#)

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