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CAPACITY BUILDING AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

DTP Programs

2013 Draft Schedule
- **Nov 10-14:** DTP’s 2nd Annual Qatar Training Program on the Rights of Migrant Workers in the Middle-East and North Africa (Nov 10-14), Completed.
- **Nov 18-29:** DTP’s 23rd Annual Human Rights and Peoples’ Diplomacy Training for Human Rights Defenders from the Asia-Pacific Region is taking place now Timor Leste as we go to press

2014 Draft Schedule
- **Feb 3 – 5:** Our World, Our Rights – 3 Day Training for Youth Leaders from Timor Leste and Macquarie Students (Diaspora Youth Reps) - Sydney
- **Feb 10 -14** Indigenous Youth Summit, Australia (Oxfam) – Sydney
- **Feb 11 -13** Human Rights and Business – OECD Guidelines Training for Migrant Workers in Nepal (TBC)
- **Feb 14-17** Human Rights of Migrant Workers – Special Program for Civil Society Advocates in Nepal – 5th Session, Kathmandu, Nepal
- **March** - Human Rights and Business – Regional Symposium with Australian Human Rights Centre on Challenges and Future Directions
- **April** – Special Program on the Rights of Sri Lankan Migrant Workers – Module 1 (TBC)
- **May** - Human Rights Advocacy and Indigenous Peoples in Australia TBC (Sydney)
- **June** - Regional Human Rights, Indigenous Peoples’ Rights and Business (Myanmar/Thailand/Indonesia) TBC
- **November** – 24th Annual Regional Human Rights and Peoples’ Diplomacy Training Program

- Please check the [DTP website](http://www.dtp.unsw.edu.au) for details, program information and application forms. Please send enquiries to [dtp@unsw.edu.au](mailto:dtp@unsw.edu.au)

Other Training Programs

- Call for Participants: [Training on Peace and Conflict Resolution, MGPS, Kuala Lumpur 14 Feb-1 March 2014](mailto:)

CONTRIBUTIONS FROM DTP ALUMNI

- From DTP alumnus Peo Say: [Karen Human Rights Group Wins the 2013 Asia Democracy and Human Rights Award](http://)
- From Yuyun Wahyuningrum, Indonesia: [Updated PowerPoint on AICHR’s TOR Review presented in the ASEAN Civil Society Conference/ASEAN Peoples Forum in 2012](http://)
- From Mevarkumar Jamatia : [Plight of the Indigenous People of Tippra(Tripura)](http://)
- From Jabbar Bhatti, Pakistan: [Human Rights abuses continue in the town Sobho Dero, taluka Gambat, district Khair pur Mirs](http://)
20th ANNIVERSARY OF THE VIENNA CONFERENCE ON HUMAN RIGHTS

- OHCHR: Background on the 1993 World Conference on Human Rights
- OHCHR: An interactive timeline of milestones over the past 20 years
- OHCHR: 3-minute video, "20 Years of Human Rights -- The Road Ahead"
- UN Deputy Secretary-General, Celebrating Vienna Declaration’s Twentieth Anniversary, Urges Renewed Efforts in Fight for Human Rights

WER ARE THEY NOW: NEWS OF DTP ALUMNI

Vivek Trivedi from India is an alumnus of a 2004 DTP Program on Indigenous Rights. He includes photos he took of DTP staff and trainers.

PHILIPPINES HAIWAN TYPHOON APPEAL

- APPEAL FOR SUPPORT FOR THE INDIGENOUS PEOPLES AFFECTED BY TYPHOON YOLANDA (HAIYAN) IN THE PHILIPPINES

NEW PUBLICATIONS/WEB-BASED RESOURCES

- UNDP: Compendium/Judicial Dialogue on HIV, Human Rights and the LAW in ASIA AND the Pacific
- ESCR-Net: Factsheet on Women's Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

JOBS/INTERNSHIPS

- Frontline Defenders Job Advert: Protection Coordinator (Asia)
Human Rights and Business

- UN Working Group on business and human rights urges governments and businesses to do more to tackle business-related abuse of indigenous peoples’ rights
- Statement by 4 UN special rapporteurs and UN Working Group to Thai Government raising concerns about the lawsuit against Andy Hall who reported poor working conditions and forced labour
- IDWN, the ITUC, and Human Rights Watch report charts ratification of the International Labour Organization Domestic Workers Convention, national labor law reforms, and the growing influence of emerging domestic workers’ rights movements
- Mongolia: Landmark judgment against Rio Tinto in Mongolian Court
- Companies involved in 2022 World Cup Preparations in Qatar come under the spotlight
- UK first country to launch comprehensive national action plan implementing the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights
- India: 8 UN human rights experts call for suspension of POSCO’s proposed steel plant in Odisha citing human rights concerns including forced evictions & disruption of locals’ livelihoods
- States and corporations must protect human rights defenders advocating on large-scale development projects

Indigenous Peoples’ Rights

DTP publishes a regular Indigenous Peoples’ Newsletter. We urge our readers to check out this Newsletter. The latest issue can be accessed by clicking this link

- Declaration of the Indigenous Peoples Human Rights Defenders (IPHRD) Network in Asia: “Advancing our collective rights, defending our communities!”

Migrant Workers Rights

- Cambodian migrant workers jailed in Malaysia
- Moving Migration into the Post-2015 Development Agenda
- Asia Pacific Mission for Migrants: “Saudization” is red light for migrant-sending governments
- UN Special Rapporteur on the human rights of migrants concludes country visit to Qatar
- Qatar: The dark side of migration: Spotlight on Qatar’s construction sector ahead of the World Cup

Women’s Rights

- A new General Recommendation of CEDAW on women and conflict prevention, conflict and post conflict
- 100 Asian peace champions honor women leaders at N-Peace Awards Ceremony
- Rapporteur on Freedom of Religion: Harmful practices against women and girls can never be justified by religion
Petition, Malaysia: Immediately and unconditionally drop the criminal charges against Lena Hendry
OHCHR: Suggested themes for Human Rights Day activities
Call for Submissions for a journal on Health and Human Rights
Petition, Indonesia: Implement the Court’s decision to stop classifying customary forests as State Forests; adopt the Bill on Indigenous peoples

Forthcoming visits of Special Procedures: Vietnam 18-29 November Special Rapporteur on Cultural Rights, Malaysia 9-18 December Special Rapporteur on the Right to Food
The national human rights institutions (NHRIs) of Oman and Samoa admitted as members of the Asia Pacific Forum

Universal Periodic Review (UPR)

Vietnam, Vanuatu and Cambodia will be reviewed in the second cycle of the UPR in Session 18 in 2014
Click here if you want to check the recommendations made by governments during the first cycle of the UPR

Development

Chairpersons of the UN Human Rights Treaty Bodies Joint Statement on the Post-2015 Development Agenda

Human Rights – Regional News

UNHCR, civil society warn of growing detention problem in Asia-Pacific
Shaping Human Rights Policy In ASEAN
AICHR: Building a Torture-Free ASEAN Community
2013 Asian NGO Network on National Human Rights Institution Network Report on the Performance and Establishment of NHRIs in Asia
Fourth Anniversary of the AICHR: Highlight of the Association’s efforts to institutionalize human rights in the region
AICHR: Presentation and discussion on human rights obligations and commitments of Lao PDR with civil society organizations
Asia Pacific Governments adopt New Delhi Declaration on cooperation for children’s rights
Regional network of LGBT rights organizations video in response to the exclusion of Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity/Expression from the language of two recently adopted declarations protecting women and children from violence
Australia
- UN rights experts call for end to secrecy around armed drones and Australia’s involvement
- United Nations urged to investigate arbitrary public housing evictions
- Queensland’s new bikie laws seriously limit freedom of association

Bangladesh
- FIDH: The release on bail of Odhikar Secretary Adilur Rahman Khan must be the first step to respect and protect human rights defenders!
- Watershed legislation criminalizing torture and custodial violence enacted in Bangladesh

Burma/Myanmar
- Frontline: Imprisoned human rights defender, Naw Ohn Hla, faces additional charges related to campaigns for land rights

Cambodia
- ADHOC: Chhouk Bandith Sentence Highlights Bias of Cambodia’s Courts
- NGOs condemn the brutal intimidations against three families involved in a land dispute with the Khun Sear Import Export Company, in the Boeung Kak
- Frontline: Human rights defender Tep Vanny, assaulted by security forces during peaceful protest

China
- HRIC Urges China to Release Rights Activists to Show Human Rights Commitment

India
- Frontline: Detention of human rights defenders Rohit Prajapati, Trupti Shah, Amrish Brahmbhatta and Sudhir Binniwale
- Gujarat Government cracks down on right to freedom of expression
- Human Rights Commission to assess rights violations in Manipur

Indonesia/West Papua
- Australian supplied helicopters used in attacks on West Papuan civilians in 1970s

Laos
- Laos facing possible aid review over missing activist, says Euro MP

Malaysia
- Amnesty International: Mass arrest of peaceful protesters shows shrinking space for human rights defenders
- Amnesty International: Prevention of Crime Act undermines fundamental fair trial rights and due process

Nepal
- ACHR: “Nepal’s Constituent Assembly Elections: A Lesson for the Convicted Politicians?”
Sri Lanka

- Canada’s PM to boycott a Commonwealth summit over Sri Lanka human rights concerns

Thailand

- Continuing attacks and intimidation of Southern Peasants' Federation members

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