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CAPACITY BUILDING AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

DTP Programs

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** National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Youth Human Rights and Advocacy Summit (Oxfam) – Sydney
- **Feb 11 -13** Human Rights and Business – OECD Guidelines Training for Migrant Workers in Nepal (TBC)
- **Feb 14-17** Special Program: Nepal Capacity Building Program on Human Rights for Migrant Workers for Civil Society Advocates – 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 for details, program information and application forms. Please send enquiries to dtp@unsw.edu.au

Other training programs

- Advanced Training on Monitoring Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, May 2014

NELSON MANDELA, 1918-2013

Nelson Mandela, the man who freed South Africa from apartheid, died on December 5th, aged 95. We include a selection of reactions from around the world – The Chicago Tribune: 'He achieved more than could be expected of any man', UN honours Mandela for his 'glorious life', Paris names a main garden after Mandela, Desmond Tutu mourns Mandela, Pope Francis hopes Nelson Mandela "will inspire generations", China's Xi pays tribute to Mandela
CONTRIBUTIONS FROM DTP ALUMNI

- From Viv Sinnamon in North Queensland: Latest Kowanyama Land Office news magazine
- From Prodita Sabarini, former intern at DTP: “Rights should be part of US ‘pivot’ to Asia”
- From Vivek Trivedi in India: Human Rights Day activities, Hindustan – Press briefing, media reports

ACTION OPPORTUNITIES – CALLS FOR SUPPORT – CALLS FOR COMMENTS

- Calling on the Malaysian Government to Drop Criminal Charges against Human Rights Defender Lena Hendry for Screening “No Fire Zone” Film
- Urgent appeal, India: Imminent threat of arrest and harassment to Ms. Sheeba Aslam Fahmi
- Urgent appeal, Thailand: Human rights defenders and journalists, Mr. Alan Morrison and Ms Chutima Sidasathian, charged under Computer Crime Act
- Petition, Myanmar: Dr Tun Aung, a community leader, doctor and family man, has been sentenced to 17 years’ imprisonment after an unfair trial
- Petition, Indonesia/Papua: Free West Papua Political Prisoners - A Plea from the Daughter of Filep Karma
- Petition to Indonesian Government: Constitutional Court Ruling on Customary Forests Must be Implemented
- Urgent appeal India: Violent Attack, Arbitrary Detention, Death Threats to activists of Meyor Community, Arunachal Pradesh
- Petition: Stop the Brutal Suppression of Workers and Trade Unions in Cambodia

WHERE ARE THEY NOW: NEWS OF DTP ALUMNI

- Poe Say from Myanmar attended the DTP Indigenous Program in Phnom Penh

DTP’S THEMATIC PRIORITIES

Human Rights and Business

- New guide for responsible business engagement in climate change debates
- More than 100 groups publicly call on UN to develop new binding instrument to address corporate human rights abuses
- OECD Watch launches online tool to help victims assess whether OECD Guidelines can be used in their cases to address corporate misconduct
- Call for legally binding international instrument on human rights & business - open for signatures
- Protesters call for end to child labour, union intimidation, other serious abuses involving palm oil firms at Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil (RSPO) meeting
- ACCESS Facility - a new global non-profit organization established to support effective problem solving between companies and communities
- Global review first 2.5 years of UN Working Group on business & human rights' work
- New Protocol developed on Monitoring and Management of High Conservation Values 5 and 6
- Australia: Documentary on mining exposes lack of benefits for indigenous communities & analyses efforts by industry to bridge socio-economic gap
- Myanmar: Mekong Watch claims government and private developers failed to comply with Japanese Government guidelines for resettling farmers in Thilawa special economic zone

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ILO Better Factories Cambodia Program Extended

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.

- "Indigenous Rights Risk Report" highlights financial & shareholder risks of failure to respect indigenous rights by extractive companies
- Philippines: Indigenous people falsely charged, threatened for planting crops on their ancestral land
- Indigenous peoples severely affected by typhoon Yolanda in the Philippines

Migrant Workers’ Rights

- Migrant Care: Indonesian President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono has failed to implement sufficient measures to protect the country’s migrant workers
- Thousands of Indonesian women trafficked to Hong Kong face exploitation and risk domestic “slavery”
- Following a catalogue of condemnation, a real chance for change in Qatar
- The Asia Pacific Mission for Migrants expresses concern at the heavy-handed reaction of the Singapore government on the spontaneous protest of South Asian migrant workers on December 8
- OHCHR Expert Meeting on the Human Rights of Migrants at International Borders
- UN expert panel’s development of new guiding principles on the right to challenge the legality of arbitrary detention

Women’s Rights

- New Handbook: Realizing women’s rights to land and other productive resources
- Oxfam campaign: Violence against women in emergencies
- Indigenous women call on the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women to recognize indigenous peoples’ collective rights
- UN adopts landmark resolution on Protecting Women Human Rights Defenders

NEW PUBLICATIONS/WEB-BASED RESOURCES

- OHCHR: Guide for civil society on How to Follow Up on United Nations Human Rights Recommendations
- The Mapping and Analysis of Human Rights and Peace Education in Southeast Asia
- Human Rights Obligations of Business - Beyond the Corporate Responsibility to Respect?
- Business and Human Rights: A Guidebook for National Human Rights Institutions
- UNDP-OHCHR Toolkit for collaboration with National Human Rights Institutions (326 pages)

FUNDING

- Indigo foundation is a small independent Australian community development organization which works in areas of health, education and human rights. It is particularly interested in assisting establishment and/or sustainable development of new and existing community based non profit organizations. Details of funding guidelines can be found at www.indigofoundation.org
JOBS/INTERNSHIPS

- The Human Rights Resource Centre (for ASEAN) is currently recruiting researchers to join the team which will undertake our forthcoming study on Freedom of Religion throughout ASEAN
- Applications for Program Director, Center for International Environmental Law

EVENTS

- Nomination Process for the Tenth Front Line Defenders Award For Human Rights Defenders at Risk (2014) is Now Open
- Pakistani activist Malala Yousafzai among winners of 2013 UN human rights prize
- The 2013 Thomas J. Dodd Prize in International Justice & Human Rights awarded to Business and Human Rights Resource Centre
- From Amanda Leonie, SALT Movement: SUARAM awards the prestigious SUARAM Human Rights Award 2013 to the Task Force on Anti Kaiduan Dam

AWARDS

- UN General Assembly Affirms the Right to Privacy in the Context of Surveillance
- UNHCR Global Appeal: In 2014-2015, the Office is calling for an increase in resettlement intakes, and will increase advocacy efforts to help the Australian public to gain a more balanced and informed understanding of asylum and refugee issues, hopefully leading to more support for people of concern
- Adoption of Strong Resolution on Reprisals against Human Rights Defenders who Expose Torture
- Joint Statement: Human Rights for All Post 2015

Human Rights Council/Universal Periodic Review

- Universal Rights Group invites input on its survey on the growth, effectiveness and impact of Human Rights Council resolutions

Development

- “Mainstreaming Human Rights in Development: “Stories from the field”
- Human rights in the post-2015 agenda: crosscutting or crossed out?
- Realizing the Right to Development: Essays in Commemoration of 25 Years of the United Nations Declaration on the Right to Development

Human Rights – Regional News
- Yuyun Wahyuningrum shares her PowerPoint presentations and documents on the ASEAN human rights mechanisms
- ASEAN Commission on the Promotion and Protection of the Rights of Women and Children maps out plan of action
- Southeast Asian Press Alliance: Philippines, Vietnam worst countries for impunity in the region in 2013

### HUMAN RIGHTS – COUNTRY SPECIFIC NEWS

#### Australia
- UNHCR reports harsh conditions and legal shortcomings at Pacific Island asylum centres
- Attorney-General appoints new Human Rights Commissioner who in the past called for abolition of the Commission
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner, Mick Gooda: “Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander programs at risk”
- Amnesty International report accuses Manus Island detention centre of humiliating asylum seekers

#### Burma/Myanmar
- Amnesty: Release of prisoners of conscience positive but many still locked up
- Myanmar still uses rape as weapon of war, says women’s group
- Frontline: Human rights defenders Messrs Moe Thway and D Nyein Lin receive prison sentence along with four other peaceful protesters
- Secret Camps Holding Rohingya Refugees Must Be Closed Immediately
- Frontline: Arrest of human rights defender, Mr Tin Htut Pai
- Latest releases a step towards freedom for all prisoners of conscience by year’s end – UN rights expert

#### Cambodia
- CHRAC Demands Investigation into Violent Crackdown Against SL-Garment Factory Workers
- At least three dead in crackdown on Cambodian garment workers’ strike and Denunciation of government deadly crackdown on Phnom Penh demonstration
- Joint NGO statement: Stop the Violence: A Call for Release, Investigation and Reparation
- Prisoner of conscience released: Welcoming Yorm Bopha in the rain

#### China
- Detention of Uyghur academic and human rights defender Mr Ilham Tohti

#### Indonesia/West Papua
- “A sweetness like unto death”: Voices of the indigenous Malind of Merauke, Papua
- AHRC: Indonesia interferes in the investigation in the death of a West Papuan activist
- On Our Land chronicles the experiences of rural communities in Papua New Guinea who are being dispossessed of their land and natural resources through illegal logging operations and exposes the resulting destruction to local communities and the environment
- Aceh parliament passes truth commission bylaw to address past human rights abuses
- West Papua 2013 Year Review
- At the end of November 2013, there were at least 71 political prisoners in Papuan jails

#### Korea
- Report on migrant workers highlights serious protection gaps
Malaysia

- Move to outlaw human rights groups is an assault on freedom
- Coalition of Malaysian NGOs in the UPR Process (COMANGO) strongly denounces the continuing harassment and reprisals against it

Philippines

- Killing of human rights defender, Mr. Rolen Langala, Indigenous activist fighting land grabs

Sri Lanka

- Continued harassment and defamation of human rights defender, Ms. Nimalka Fernando

Vietnam

- From bad to worse: Reform of Vietnam’s Constitution threatens international standards of human rights
- Special Rapporteur in the field of cultural rights, visit 18 - 29 November, 2013 Preliminary conclusions and recommendations
- Joint Statement of Campaign to Abolish Torture in Vietnam
- Vietnam reviews human rights laws
- Buddhist youth leader Lê Công Câu under house arrest in Hue