CAPACITY BUILDING AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

DTP Programs

2014 Draft Schedule
- Feb 4-6 - Our World our Rights – Human Rights and Advocacy Training with Timorese and Australian Students
- Feb 10-14 – National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Youth Human Rights and Advocacy Summit with Oxfam Australia, UNSW Sydney
- Feb 14-17 – Final Module: Nepal Special Capacity Building Program on Migrant Workers with Migrant Forum Asia, Kathmandu (see below for report on the program)
- March/April – Migrant Workers, Human Rights and Business – Regional Workshop (Dubai – TBC) – please check website for details
- November 4-21 – 24th Annual Regional Human Rights and Peoples’ Diplomacy Training Program, Kathmandu, Nepal in partnership with INSEC. Please check website for details and application form.

- Please check the DTP website for details, program information and application forms. Please send enquiries to dtp@unsw.edu.au

Report on DTP Programs
- The DTP 23rd Annual Program was held in Timor Leste from 18-29 November
- The final module in a series of five of the Nepal Capacity Building Program on the Rights of Migrant Workers was held in Kathmandu from 14-17 February

Other training programs
- HREA Advocacy Institute 2014, USA 5-8 August
- Gender and Human Rights (Foundation Course) 7 May-17 June
- ISHR Human Rights Defenders Advocacy Programme 18-21 June 2014
- Advanced Training on Monitoring Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, Geneva 5-9 May

ACTION OPPORTUNITIES – CALLS FOR SUPPORT – CALLS FOR COMMENTS

- Campaign to Abolish Torture in Vietnam
- Urgent Appeal, Philippines: Extra-judicial killing of Mr. Sixto V. Bagasala Jr.
- Urgent Appeal, Pakistan: Political activist killed by law enforcement agencies after severe torture
- 2014 Global Survey on future of the United Nations: The UN we Want for the World we Want
- Call for endorsements: Gender, Economic, Social and Ecological Justice for Sustainable Development: A Feminist Declaration for Post 2015
CONTRIBUTIONS FROM DTP ALUMNI

- From Photchanat Intaramanon in Thailand: Protection of Refugees and Displaced Persons in the Asia Pacific Region
- From Navoun Hon in Cambodia: “I am now working for Peace and Development with a focus on gender and women right and for social and economic [rights] for the IP community. I will share [the E-Newsletter] with the NGO network in my province.”
- From Viv Sinnamon in Northern Australia: Kowanyama Land Office News
- From Alex Kirihio in Indonesia: Anti-apartheid leader dedicates award to the people of West Papua
- From Amalia Pulungan in Indonesia: Biopiracy of Turkey’s purple carrot

WHERE ARE THEY NOW – NEWS OF DTP ALUMNI

- Evelyn Balais Serrano has been a trainer on five DTP programs. She was appointed Executive Director at the Asian Forum for Human Rights and Development (FORUM-ASIA) in 2013.
- Peter Nathan attended the Capacity Building Program for Young Australian Indigenous Advocates in 2008. Now Oxfam National Youth Program Coordinator, he is also a trainer at DTP’s Indigenous Programs

DTP’S THEMATIC PRIORITIES

**Human Rights and Business**

- UNICEF releases new tools for business on children's rights
- Conectas, Dejusticia & Justiça Global collaborate on Observatory of UN Working Group on business & human rights
- Update on developments in Cambodia since violent government crackdown on garment worker strike
- Foreign Affairs: Article highlights peace and human rights issues affecting ethnic minorities, outlines role of Western companies in helping address abuses and conflict
- New guide to help NGOs file amicus curiae briefs in international investment arbitrations
- New report: "The More Things Change...The World Bank, Tata and Enduring Abuses on India’s Tea Plantations"
- Compliance review panel finds flaws in resettlement plan for Asian Development Bank-funded railway project
- A UN Business and Human Rights Treaty? An Issues Brief by John G. Ruggie
- Papua New Guinea: Court orders Ok Tedi Mining to stop dumping mine waste & tailings into rivers, affecting local communities’ livelihoods

**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_

- The National Congress of Australia’s First Peoples (Congress) appoints Mr Geoff Scott as Chief Executive Officer until June 2014
• International workshop on Deforestation Drivers and the Rights of Forest Peoples, Indonesia March 2014
• Initiative on to save indigenous languages
• Questionnaire to Indigenous Peoples: Attaining the Goals of the Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (Deadline 7 March)
• Human Rights Report 2013 on Indigenous Peoples in Bangladesh

**Migrant Workers’ Rights**

• Migrant Care Condemns Indonesian Workers Shooting in Malaysia
• Qatar Human Rights Committee: Make non-payment of salaries a crime
• More than 500 Indian workers have died in Qatar since 2012
• Global Forum on Migration and Development, Stockholm 12-16 May 2014
• Migrant Workers Should Be Allowed To Renew Their Work Permits Without Having To Return Home
• Burmese Migrants Advised to Return as Thai Work Visas Expire

**Women’s Rights**

• Afghanistan: Violence against women more frequent, brutal in 2013
• The UN Trust Fund to End Violence Against Women is accepting applications for its 18th grant cycle

**JOBS/INTERSHIPS**

• International Service for Human Rights: Human Rights Program and Advocacy Manager (deadline March 7)

**EVENTS**

• Human Rights Law Centre 2014 Annual Human Rights Dinner Friday 13 June in Melbourne and Sydney dinner on Friday 20 June. International guest speaker is Hina Jilani.

**NEW PUBLICATIONS/WEB-BASED RESOURCES**

• Factsheet on Women’s Economic, Social and Cultural Rights in Arabic
• HURIGHTS OSAKA’s Newsletter, FOCUS Asia- Pacific
• New web site: Right to Education Project

**HUMAN RIGHTS GENERAL**

• UN General Assembly Committee reaffirms critical role of NHRIs
• OHCHR: Children’s rights boosted as UN body now able to hear individual complaints
• Human rights abuses in the context of the Sochi Olympics
• UN human rights chief denounces new anti-homosexuality law in Nigeria

**UPR**

• OHCHR has extended the deadline for submissions by civil society for the 20th session of the UPR WG (27 October to 7 November 2014) from 1st February 2014 to 15 March 2014. Fiji is up for review at this session.
• Kiribati, Kuwait and Lao PDR are up for review at session 21. Deadline for CSO submissions 1 June 2014
• NGO submission to UN Human Rights Council details cases of worker rights abuses, state confiscation of lands and other human rights concerns in anticipation of Vietnam’s Universal Periodic Review
• Recommendations at Session 16 of the HRC to Bangladesh and Tuvalu are available on the UPR-Info web site
• The Universal Periodic Review: Do Civil Society Organization-Suggested Recommendations Matter?

Development

• World Bank’s Kim Says Health Care ‘Is a Right for Everyone’
• US Government calls for stricter oversight of World Bank amid concerns about bank-funded projects linked to killing, violence and displacement

Human Rights – Regional News

• AICHR Calendar of events 2014
• New Asia Pacific Forum course for NHRIs builds skills in working with the media
• The Asian Center for the Progress of Peoples (ACPP), a regional human rights NGO founded in 1979 faces closure
• HRWG’s letter on the Guideline of AICHR’s Relations with Civil Society Organizations

HUMAN RIGHTS – COUNTRY SPECIFIC NEWS

Australia
• Australia’s Cruelty to ASIO Refugees Gets Global Response
• The National Congress of Australia’s First Peoples (Congress) appoints Mr Geoff Scott as Chief Executive Officer until June 2014
• Urgent Action: Manus Island Asylum Seekers Still at Risk
• Australia asks Cambodia to take Refugees - Factsheet on Cambodia

Bangladesh
• Frontline: Ongoing judicial harassment and fear of new charges against Messrs Adilur Rahman Khan and Nasirudden Elan and Update
• Indigenous Chakma woman allegedly murdered after gang rape in Khagrachari
• Activities of Bangladesh Institute for Labour Studies Support Centre

Burma/Myanmar
• Myanmar military still uses rape as a weapon of war: rights group
• Fresh charges under draconian anti-protest law
• Pillay calls for killings in northern Rakhine State to be investigated

Cambodia
• UN Special Rapporteur on the human rights situation in Cambodia, said politicians on both sides of the kingdom’s deep political divide should "embrace change"
• FIDH: Harassment, arrest, and detention of human rights defenders continue
• ADHOC Condemns Illegal Detention of Union Leader Sok Chhun Oeung
• A Fact-Finding Report on the General Strike and Violent Crackdown in Cambodia
• UN censures Cambodia rights record as garment worker dissent squashed
China
- Frontline: Human rights defender Mr Xu Zhiyong sentenced to four years in prison
- Serious concern for health of detained human rights defender Ms Cao Shunli

Democratic People’s Republic of Korea
- UN Commission of Inquiry on human rights in the DPRK documents in great detail the “unspeakable atrocities” committed in the country

India
- Tainted Carpets: Slavery and Child Labor in India’s Hand-Made Carpet Sector

Indonesia/West Papua
- Amnesty: Exploited domestic workers urgently need legal protection

Malaysia
- Human Rights Commission: Authorities must respect right to religious freedom
- Malaysia: Conviction of Karpal Singh a setback for the rule of law
- From Charles Hector: Malaysian Airlines Must Respect Trade Union and Worker Rights

Nepal
- From Mandira Sharma, DTP alumna: Nepal is going to be examined under HRC: Key Questions to be Asked

Philippines
- Amnesty: The Philippines must effectively implement its legislation on torture and other ill-treatment
- AHRC: Another peasant leader shot dead in Bukidnon

Papua New Guinea
- Justice Minister says PNG executions will go ahead this year
- PNG Police attempt to arrest PNG opposition Leader fails
- Amnesty: No Justice for woman burned alive in sorcery attack

Sri Lanka
- New evidence of war crimes in Sri Lankan civil war

Vietnam
- Report "Vietnam: Torture and Abuse of Political and Religious Prisoners"
- Establishment of Association of Former Vietnamese Prisoners of Conscience