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)
- **May 1-4** – Regional Workshop on Ethical Business and Recruitment Practices in Labour Migration in the Middle-East - A Training Program for Practitioners Workshop (Dubai – TBC) – click here for application form and brochure details
- **May 19-28** - Regional Human Rights Advocacy, Business and Development (Myanmar/Thailand/Indonesia) TBC – click here for application forms
- **November** – 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](mailto:dtp@unsw.edu.au) for details, program information and application forms. Please send enquiries to dtp@unsw.edu.au

Report on DTP Programs

- [2014 Youth Development Forum Macquarie University](#)
- The DTP 23rd Annual Program was held in Timor Leste from 18-29 November

Other training programs

- HREA Courses: [Environment and Human Rights April-May](#); [Children’s Rights May-June](#); [International Human Rights Law May-July](#); [Indigenous Peoples’ Rights June-July](#)
- [Justice Sector Reform: Applying Human Rights Based Approaches](#), Ireland June 2014

ACTION OPPORTUNITIES – CALLS FOR SUPPORT – CALLS FOR COMMENT

- Urgent Action, Sri Lanka: [Siege at the home of human rights defender Ms Balendran Jayakumar](#)
- Petition: [Call on the Hong Kong Labour Ministry to protect workers from domestic slavery](#)
- Urgent Appeal, China: [Detention of human rights defender Ms Ge Zhihui](#)
- Consultation on domestic remedies for corporate involvement in human rights abuses (deadline 1 June)
Call for Endorsement: Malaysian Airlines Must Respect Trade Union and Worker Rights Cease Anti-Union activities against NUFAM and its members

Mick Gooda, the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner, is seeking your feedback on 2013’s combined Social Justice and Native Title Report

Call for Feedback: Draft CEDAW General Recommendation Women's Rights and International Development Policy

Urgent Appeal, Sri Lanka: Mr. Rukshan (Ruki) Fernando and Fr. Praveen OMI, two prominent human rights defenders arrested and detained and online petition GOOD NEWS! Ruki Fernando and Fr Parveen released 19 March

CONTRIBUTIONS FROM DTP ALUMNI

From Agio Pereira, Timor Leste: National workshop discusses policy pertaining to the preparation of the administrative structure for pre-decentralization

From Waheed Ahmad in Pakistan: Strong condemnation of terrorism

From Abdul Jabbar Bhatti in Pakistan: Girl buried alive in village Hakim Khan Mari, Sanghar District

From Dev Chandra Rai in Nepal: Nepal/Saudi Arabia – Forced Labourers Return Home

WHERE ARE THEY NOW – NEWS OF DTP ALUMNI

Tammy Solonec from Western Australia attended the 2009 DTP Annual Program: She has been appointed Manager of the Indigenous Peoples Unit at Amnesty International Australia

Renee Williams, an alumna from the 2010 Oxfam UNPFII Preparatory Program has been appointed Senior Project Officer at Apunipima Cape York Health Council

Sopheap Suong from Cambodia, alumnus of a 2008 DTP Program on migrant workers: He is Regional Manager for CWCC

DTP’S THEMATIC PRIORITIES

Human Rights and Business

Amnesty International: "Injustice Incorporated" - Report highlights obstacles faced by victims of human rights abuses involving companies when they seek to access remedies

UN Working Group on business and human rights issues brief on its work on individual cases of alleged human rights abuses

Cambodia: Families in Boeung Kak will reportedly only receive land rights if they give up half of their land

Amnesty International: “Who does the law protect?” New book calls for radical change to ensure corporate accountability and the right to an effective remedy

Office of UN High Commissioner for Human Rights launches study and consultation on domestic law remedies for corporate involvement in human rights abuses (open until 1 Jun)

Indonesia: National Commission on Human Rights finds Freeport Indonesia could have prevented Big Gossan tunnel collapse that killed 28

Cambodian Center for Human Rights launches business and human rights portal, releases updated data on garment supply chains
Indigenous Peoples’ Rights

- The Future We Want: Indigenous Women of the World Unite: Nothing about us, without us. Everything about us, with us
- A coalition of Aboriginal Services has been established in order to respond to the Royal Commission into sexual abuse against Aboriginal people
- Annual Report International Dalit Solidarity Network 2013

Migrant Workers’ Rights

- Myanmar-Thailand: Migrant Workers Extorted Amid “Policy Chaos”
- Thailand: Employers need to resolve migrant mess
- Migrants Working Group: Public Statement on the Detention of Over 200 Muslim with Unidentified Nationality

Women’s Rights

- Securing Women’s Land and Property Rights: A Critical Step To Address HIV, Violence and Food Security
- UN Women: Progress for women in politics, but glass ceiling remains firm
- Organization of Islamic Cooperation joins women advocates of rights of women and girls all over the world in celebrating the achievements of women in all facets of life
- World March of Women: International Women’s Day Declaration

JOBS/INTERNSHIPS

- UNESCO Apia Office: Research on forced migration experiences in Fiji and Marshall Islands

EVENTS

- Human Rights Arts and Film Festival: Melbourne, Sydney, Alice Springs, Perth, Canberra, Brisbane, Darwin

NEW PUBLICATIONS WEB-BASED RESOURCES

- New Practitioners Guide on Human Rights Based Approach related to the Environment and Climate Change
- Out of Bounds: Accountability for Corporate Human Rights Abuse After Kiobel

HUMAN RIGHTS GENERAL NEWS

- Remarks by the High Commissioner for Human Rights to the opening of the twenty-fifth session of the Human Rights Council
• UN Human Rights Council opens with calls to protect, support civil society activism
• Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights Defenders: “The space for human rights defenders is visibly shrinking”

Human Rights – Regional News

• Human Rights Working Group's letter to AICHR on its work performance to date
• ANGOC: Asian People’s Land Rights Tribunal Report
• Cambodia CSOs’ Joint Submission for the ASEAN Civil Society Conference/ASEAN People Forum and Cambodia CSO Joint Statement Prepared for ACSC/APF in Myanmar

HUMAN RIGHTS – COUNTRY SPECIFIC NEWS

Australia
• Report: Australia’s co-operation with Sri Lanka to intercept asylum seekers is in urgent need of rethink
• UN urged to intervene against Queensland’s youth justice reforms
• High Commissioner for Human Rights puts Australia’s asylum seeker policies in UN’s sights
• Comment by the Race Discrimination Commissioner of the Government’s Proposal to repeal Section 18C of the Racial Discrimination Act
• The Refugee Council of Australia publishes a monthly Bulletin for members and Supporters: March Issue

Bangladesh
• Sexual Violence against women in the Chittagong Hill Tracts continues

Burma/Myanmar
• LGBT peoples still face discrimination and threats
• Statement of the Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in Myanmar
• World Bank’s Burma spending spree criticized for failure to consult and protect human rights
• FIDH: Ongoing human rights violations warrant the renewal of the UN Special Rapporteur’s mandate

China
• ISHR: UN Human Rights Council must demand accountability for death of Cao Shunli

India
• National Forum for Housing Rights: Halt Rampant Evictions in Gujarat Immediately
• IFC’s bitter tea: Investment in Assam receives global condemnation

Indonesia/West Papua
• Vanuatu PM raises West Papua at 25th Session of the UN Human Rights Council
• Indonesia’s domestic workers in legal limbo

Malaysia
• Conviction of Anwar Ibrahim “a new low for Malaysian justice”
• OHCHR: Conviction of prominent Malaysian lawyer and Member of Parliament, Mr. Karpal Singh under the country’s 1948 Sedition Act
• The Malaysian Bar Commends Swift Action by the Government in Stay of Execution of Death Sentence on Osariakhi Ernest Obayangbon

Laos
• The wife of abducted Lao rights advocate Sombath Somphone has called on Australia to help maintain the pressure on Laos to do more to resolve the case

Nepal
• Amnesty International: A Global Campaign Launched from Village

Papua New Guinea
• UN expert on arbitrary executions to assess the protection of the right to life in Papua New Guinea
• Preliminary Observations on the official visit by the Special Rapporteur

Thailand
• 10 years on, find truth and justice for family of Somchai Neelapaijit

Vietnam
• FIDH: Vietnam has the highest number of political prisoners in Southeast Asia
• Blogger Pham Viet Dao sentenced to 15 months in prison
• Another blogger jailed for denouncing human rights violations

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