



Indigenous Peoples, Human Rights and Partnerships for Sustainable Development.



A regional capacity building program for Indigenous Peoples

Advocates

April 4-13, 2018

Sabah, Malaysia

In partnership with Jaringan Orang Asal SeMalaysia (JOAS)

OVERVIEW

The Diplomacy Training Program (DTP) and JOAS are calling for applications for a regional capacity building program on **Indigenous Peoples, Human Rights and Partnerships for Sustainable Development** to be held in Malaysia in April 2018.

This program will build the knowledge and skills of human rights defenders and Indigenous Peoples' advocates to promote and protect human rights in the context of rapid economic development and the impact of the private sector on the lands and livelihoods of Indigenous Peoples and others. The program will build knowledge of international human rights standards and mechanisms that can be applied and integrated into effective advocacy strategies. This 10-day regional program will build practical skills for engaging with governments and business. Participants will learn from each other, share knowledge and build practical solidarity networks.

WHY THIS TRAINING?

Rapid economic development, mining, deforestation and mega-dams are impacting on Indigenous Peoples and communities who often become the victims of displacement, environmental degradation and conflict. Women and children and people living with disability are particularly affected. Knowledge of human rights, the rights of Indigenous Peoples and the responsibilities of business can help advocates to promote and protect these rights. The program will build the knowledge, skills and networks of advocates and their organisations.

WHAT WILL PARTICIPANTS LEARN?

Participants will learn about:

- International human rights standards and mechanisms;
- How to engage with the UN system and hold governments accountable;
- The UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, including the right to Free, Prior and Informed Consent;
- The United Nations Framework on Business and Human Rights
- The Sustainable Development Goals
- Skills in strategic advocacy and lobbying, and engaging the media

TRAINERS AND TRAINING METHODOLOGY

Trainers on DTP programs are experienced local, regional and international human rights practitioners, academics, and officials who understand and support DTP's philosophy of participatory training. DTP recognizes and values the experiences and skills that participants bring to its programs. The training is interactive and sharing experiences and lessons with other participants and trainers is actively encouraged.

WHO SHOULD APPLY?

The program is for community advocates from Asia-Pacific countries and Indigenous Australia who work for and with NGOs/CSOs and who are working to defend and promote human rights and who have the capacity to apply the training to their work. Applications from those working with National Human Rights Institutions (NHRIs) will also be considered. Consideration is given to ensuring a gender and geographical balance within each course. The training is conducted in English and an ability to participate in discussions is essential.

COURSE FEES

The DTP is an independent NGO and course fees are an important source of income for its work. The course fee for the program is **US\$2500** and covers tuition, accommodation, food, field trips, and resource materials for the 10-day program. Travel expenses to and from Malaysia are **not** included in this fee. **A limited number of scholarships (full or partial) will be offered. NGOs are invited to enquire about subsidised spaces.**

About the Diplomacy Training Program and Jaringan Orang Asal SeMalaysia

The Diplomacy Training Program (DTP) is an independent NGO providing practical training in human rights and people's diplomacy in the Asia-Pacific region. It seeks to advance human rights and empower civil society in the region through quality education and training and the building of skills and capacity in NGOs. The DTP was founded in 1989 by José Ramos-Horta, the Nobel Peace Laureate. It is affiliated with the Faculty of Law at the University of New South Wales.

The Indigenous Peoples Network of Malaysia or Jaringan Orang Asal SeMalaysia (JOAS) is the umbrella network for 100 community organisations in Malaysia. As the focal point for Indigenous rights and advocacy in Malaysia, JOAS provides a platform for Indigenous representatives to voice their issues nationally, regionally and internationally. JOAS also empowers youth, women, children and elders through programmes, and strengthen rights over lands, territories and resources through various activities such as community mapping, dialogues and alliance-building.

HOW TO APPLY

Application forms can be downloaded from the [DTP website](#) or can be requested from l.savage@unsw.edu.au. All applications must be received by DTP by **February 12, 2018**. Applications will be acknowledged on receipt.