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DTP – BUILDING THE CAPACITY OF ASIA-PACIFIC HUMAN RIGHTS MOVEMENT 1990 – 2017

We are continuing with our series of contributions on new human rights challenges and new developments affecting political, economic, social and environmental challenges in the 21st Century and what these mean for human rights and capacity building. We invite our readers and alumni to contribute.

- [“A New Vision for Multilateral Cooperation”](#): Former UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Mary Robinson calls on private sector to respect human rights in actions on sustainable development and climate change:

Our future security and prosperity depends not on the strength of our borders or the size of our armies, but on the depth of our education systems and the extent of global access to water, food and electricity.

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- DTP relies on donations to provide quality training to human rights defenders so that they can promote and protect human rights effectively in their societies. Please help if you can. Donations over \$2 are tax-deductible. Please send your donation to DTP now [online](#), or by credit card or EFT with this [donation form](#)

CAPACITY BUILDING AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

DTP Programs: For full draft schedule for 2017 – [click here](#)

February 27 – March 08 2017	Human Rights, Indigenous Peoples and the Private Sector	Sabah, Malaysia
March 31 – April 03 2017	The Human Rights of Migrant Workers –Malaysia – 1st Module	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
May 21 – May 25 2017	The Human Rights of Migrant Workers – MENA Region	Doha, Qatar
June 2 – June 5 2017	The Human Rights of Migrant Workers –Malaysia – 2nd Module	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
5 days - June/July (Dates to be Finalized)	“Leaving No One Behind” A Capacity Building Program On The United Nations Declaration On The Rights Of Indigenous Peoples And Agenda 2030	Thailand (TBC)
Oct (TBC) 2017	DTP’s 27th Annual Regional Human Rights and Peoples Diplomacy Training Program	Dili, Timor-Leste

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

Reports

- [Advocating for the Rights of Migrant Workers in Malaysia](#) – 1st Module (the Malaysian Bar Council)
- [26th Annual Regional Human Rights and Peoples Diplomacy Training Program, Timor Leste Oct, 2016](#)
- [Civil Society Workshop on Universal Periodic Review, Dhaka, Bangladesh, 26 August 2016](#)
- [Capacity building program on Human Rights, Indigenous Peoples, the Private Sector and Development in Indonesia May 28-June 4](#)
- [25th Annual Regional Human Rights and Peoples Diplomacy Training Program, Sri Lanka – Feb-March, 2016 –](#)
- Module [1](#), [2](#), [3](#) and [4](#) of Bangladesh – Capacity Building Program for Advocacy for Migrant Workers and Safe Migration
- Final report of 2015/16 [Bangladesh – Capacity Building Program for Advocacy for Migrant Workers and Safe Migration](#)
- Final report of 2014/15 [Sri Lanka Capacity Building for Advocacy for Migrant Workers and Safe Migration](#) and [Summary Report of Module 5](#) (November 2015)
- [Regional Workshop on Ethical Business and Recruitment Practices in Labour Migration, Dubai, UAE April 26-29, 2016](#)

Other training programs

- [Access to Remedy through non-judicial grievance mechanisms](#) – on line course 15 May-3 July

PROFILES AND NEWS OF DTP ALUMNI

- [Shreeram Chaudhary from Nepal](#) is an alumnus of the 2013-2014 Nepal Migrant Workers Program
- [Feby Let Fanny M Boseran from Indonesia/West Papua](#) - alumna of 2014 Indigenous Peoples Program Myanmar

DTP ALUMNI SURVEY

Priorities for Human Rights Capacity Building

- From 10th February – 23rd February 2017, DTP conducted a survey of its alumni through a short questionnaire. The survey sought the input of alumni in identifying key human rights challenges in the Asia-Pacific Region and Middle East, priorities for knowledge and skills building and advice on DTP's work in supporting networks. 135 alumni completed the survey. [See results.](#)

NGO PROFILES

- [International Working Group for Indigenous Affairs](#) - IWGIA supports Indigenous peoples' struggle for human rights, self-determination, right to territory, control of land and resources, cultural integrity, and the right to development
- [ESCR-Net](#) - The International Network for Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (ESCR-Net) is a collaborative initiative of groups and individuals from around the world working to secure economic and social justice through human rights

FUNDRAISING

- The Sage Fund is calling for applications from Southern NGOs for grants for projects to make economic actors responsible for human rights – [two page submissions should be addressed to Jerusa McCulloch](#) by 7 May
- [New Guide: Funding the Rights of Women with Disabilities](#)

RESOURCES AND LINKS

- [Resource portal for environmental human rights defenders](#)
- [Manual on international law on the right to protest and dissent](#)
- [Protective Fellowship Scheme for Human Rights Defenders](#)

AWARDS

- [Vietnamese blogger named as finalist for 2017 Front Line Defenders Award for Human Rights Defenders at Risk](#)

DTP'S THEMATIC PRIORITIES

Human Rights and Business

- ILO: [Thailand accused of failing to stamp out murder and slavery in fishing industry](#)
- [Checklist supports community-led documentation of human rights impacts by corporations](#)
- [The impact of the OECD Guidelines on Multinational Enterprises](#)
- [Checklist to improve respect for children's rights in extractives' security arrangements](#)
- [Monsanto Violates Basic Human Rights to a Healthy Environment](#)
- Indonesia: [Protests escalate in support of government move to nationalise Freeport-McMoran mine](#)
- [Applying the documentation checklist documenting human rights abuses involving business](#)

Indigenous Peoples' Rights

- Nepal: [Government's hydropower plans may result in widespread human rights abuses including escalating conflicts and irreversible losses to Indigenous peoples](#)
- [End of Mission Press Conference & Statement by UN Special Rapporteur on the rights of Indigenous peoples on her visit to Australia \(audio\)](#)
- [Revised ILO MNE Declaration will help promote Indigenous peoples' rights](#)

Migrant Workers' Rights

DTP Migrant Workers Rights e-Bulletin. [Issue No 5 is now available here](#)

- [Making Workers Pay: Recruitment of the Migrant Labor Force in the Gulf Construction Industry](#)
- [Campaign for the Rights of Migrant Workers in Qatar](#)
- [ILO Policy Brief on anti trafficking laws, policies and practices](#)
- [UN sets November deadline for Qatar to end abuse of migrants](#)

Women's rights

- [In new UN role, Malala Yousafzai seeks to inspire girls to stand up, speak out for rights](#)
- [UN disability rights committee opens with a call to spotlight gender issues](#)
- [Recommendations for addressing women's human rights in the global compact for safe, orderly and regular migration](#)
- [Asia-Pacific calls for decisive measures to promote women's economic empowerment in the changing world of work](#)

HUMAN RIGHTS – GENERAL NEWS

- Survey: [The United Nations Human Rights Office is defining its strategic direction for the next four years and would appreciate your input](#)
- [Special Procedures response to acts of intimidation and reprisal for cooperation with the special procedures](#)
- Input requested by the Special Rapporteur in the fields of cultural rights: [The impact of fundamentalism and extremism on women’s human rights](#)
- Call for submissions on Non-State Actors and Extra-judicial, Summary or Arbitrary Killing: [Normative framework and specific case studies](#)
- Committee Against Torture: [Guidelines for follow-up to concluding observations](#)
- [UN Human Rights Council unites to stand with human rights defenders](#)

UPR

- [States and NGOs call for strengthened Universal Periodic Review](#)

Development

- [Appointment of New Special Rapporteur to Monitor the Right to Development](#)
- Focus on the Global South: [An Overview of Large-Scale Investments in the Mekong Region](#)
- [UN report exposes detrimental rights impacts of IMF and World Bank policies](#)
- [World Bank undermines right to universal healthcare](#)

Sustainable Development Goals

- [Monitoring Corruption and Anti-Corruption in the Sustainable Development Goals](#)

HUMAN RIGHTS – COUNTRY SPECIFIC NEWS

Australia

- [End of Mission Statement by the United Nations Special Rapporteur on the rights of Indigenous peoples, Victoria Tauli-Corpuz on her visit to Australia](#)
- [Australia must legislate to prevent modern slavery in our supply chains](#)
- From DTP alumni [David Ross and Barbara Shaw](#): [Indigenous Australians know removing race from constitution is pretend change](#)

Bangladesh

- From Tapan Dey: [Twenty years of legal struggle to obtain ownership of public ‘khas’ land successful](#)

Burma/Myanmar

- **Take action:** [Death threats against human rights lawyer Mr. Robert Sann Aung](#)
- José Ramos-Horta and Janelle Saffin: [Ending Myanmar’s Blame Game](#)

China

- **Take action:** [Prison sentences announced for three human rights defenders](#)
- [Taiwanese human rights defender Lee Ming-cheh detained by Chinese authorities](#)
- [China to Prosecute Ethnic Mongolian Over Tweet About Land Dispute](#)

India

- **Take action:** [Brutal murder of human rights defender Suhas Halkandar](#)
- **Take action:** [Human rights journalist Poonam Agarwal charged after exposing military abuse](#)

- [Assam: Activist Threatened With Rape, Acid Attacks For Condemning Beef Arrests](#)

Japan

- [Joint Submission on the situation of indigenous peoples in Japan for 3rd Cycle UPR](#)

Malaysia

- [Regional parliamentarians concerned about reported deaths in Malaysian immigration detention facilities](#)
- [A missing pastor and the disappearances chilling Malaysia](#)
- AIPP: [Ensure Sabah Forestry Department respect the rights of Indigenous Dusun Kiulu in Sungai Forest Reserve](#)

Thailand

- [UN body slams ongoing violations of civil and political rights](#)

Vietnam

- [Land Grabbing in Hanoi Outskirt Turns Violent](#)

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