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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 21<sup>st</sup> Century and what these mean for human rights and capacity building. We invite our readers and alumni to contribute.

- This month we link to an article for the World Economic Forum on ASEAN by Salil Shetty, Secretary General of Amnesty International. In the article "[Human rights are under attack – it's time for the business world to do more](#)" Shetty points to the "myths in the region that human rights stand in the way of law and order" and argues that it is in the interests of the business community to "push for states that respect rule of law and protect and promote human rights, creating a virtuous circle of more investment that leaves no one behind."

## PLEASE DONATE

- 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

**Schedule of DTP Program's, Brochure and Application Forms** [click here](#)

**For reports on completed DTP Training Programs** [click here](#)

- [2018 Malaysia Migrant Workers Program – Module 5](#) - Malaysia
- [2018 Review & Reflections on Advocating on Migrant Workers' Rights Along Migration Corridors](#) - Nepal
- [2018 MENA Regional Capacity Building Program on the Rights of Migrant Workers](#) - Lebanon
- [Indigenous Peoples, Human Rights and Partnerships for Sustainable Development](#) – Sabah, Malaysia
- [The 2016 DTP Annual Report is now available on line](#)

## Other training programs/conferences

- HREA: [Child Rights Situation Analysis](#) June-July
- [Application Open for 9<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Human Rights Education, Western Sydney University – Parramatta, Sydney 26-29 November](#)
- [Applications Open for Young Diplomats Forum 2018 Editions Kuala Lumpur 3-7 September](#)

## PROFILES AND NEWS OF DTP ALUMNI

- Profile & Interview: [Adrian Pereira](#), Executive Director at North South Initiative - (2006, 2007 & 2017/2018)

- DTP alumna and trainer, [Philippines Human Rights Commissioner Karen Gomez-Dumpit](#) was a guest of DTP and spoke at UNSW DTP's UDHR70 Discussion Series, held in partnership with the Australian Human Rights Institute

## RESOURCES

- *DTP Migrant Workers Rights – Look it Up Tool* moved to new site: <https://applications-au.neotalogic.com/a/dtptool>
- [How to Follow Up on United Nations Human Rights Recommendations](#)
- Training Guide on Reporting to the UN Treaty Bodies, [Part One](#) [Part Two](#)

## JOBS/INTERNSHIPS

- [Front Line Defenders invites applications for a Research & Training Fellowship to support its work in Asia](#)
- [Inclusive Development International is seeking an experienced advocate for the role of Legal Coordinator](#)

## FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

- [A.J. Muste Memorial Institute Social Justice Fund](#)
- [Internet Freedom Fund \(May 1 Deadline\)](#)

## DTP'S THEMATIC PRIORITIES

### Human Rights and Business

- [Thai court finds human rights defender Andy Hall liable for defamation against Natural Fruit company](#)
- [Forcibly Displaced Cambodians File Historic Lawsuit against Asia's Largest Sugar Producer](#)
- [SAGE Fund request for Proposals 2018: Enforcing Remedies in Corporate Accountability Cases](#) May 11 deadline

### Indigenous Peoples' Rights

- [Protecting the rights and well-being of Indigenous Peoples](#)
- Victoria Tauli-Corpuz, UN special rapporteur on the rights of Indigenous peoples: [A silent war is being waged on Philippine Indigenous communities](#)
- [UN Forum on Indigenous Issues declares: Protect Indigenous people's land rights and the whole world will benefit](#)

### Migrant Workers' Rights

**DTP Monthly Migrant Workers Rights e-Bulletin.** [Issue No 8 is available here](#)

- [UN forum examines role partnerships play in tackling global migration challenge](#)
- [Fair Labor Association reports pregnancy discrimination and deportation of migrant women workers in Asia](#)
- [ITUC launches Migrant Recruitment Advisor Project website](#)
- [A Human Rights Primer for Business: Understanding Risks to Construction Workers in the Middle East](#)
- From DTP alumnus Buddha Singh Kepchhaki in Nepal: [Significant Milestone of the Cases Handled by PNCC](#)
- *DTP Migrant Workers Rights – Look it Up Tool* moved to new site: <https://applications-au.neotalogic.com/a/dtptool>

### Women's rights

- Thailand: [Six prominent human rights defenders and organizations recognized at a ceremony held on International Women's Day](#)
- [Turning Promises into Action: Gender Equality in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development](#)

## HUMAN RIGHTS – GENERAL NEWS

- [Report of the High Commissioner for Human Rights on Civil Society](#)

- [Framework Principles on Human Rights and the Environment](#)

## 2018 Anniversaries: UDHR, Vienna Declaration, Declaration on HR Defenders

- The UN is calling on everyone, individuals as well as governments, companies, the civil society, the UN family and others to join in it making a difference: [Suggested actions](#).
- [Take the pledge](#): I will respect your rights regardless of who you are. I will uphold your rights even when I disagree with you. When anyone's human rights are denied, everyone's rights are undermined, so I will stand up. I will raise my voice. I will take action. I will use my rights to stand up for your rights.
- UN Special Rapporteur on Human Rights Defenders concept note: [Raising the visibility of human rights defenders on the occasion of the anniversary of the Declaration on Human Rights Defenders](#)

## Human Rights Council

- [Civil society groups welcome significant outcomes of the Human Rights Council's 37th session, but regret the Council's continued failure to address serious human rights violations in a number of countries](#)
- [Human Rights Council must be strengthened from ground](#)

## Development

- [CSOs call on IFC to ensure new Anticipated Impact Measurement and Monitoring \(AIMM\) development impact framework includes human rights-based methodology](#).

## HUMAN RIGHTS – REGIONAL NEWS

- [Is Promoting Human Rights in ASEAN an Impossible Task?](#)

## HUMAN RIGHTS – COUNTRY SPECIFIC NEWS

### Australia

- [Report highlights needs of young parents and their children](#)
- [Inquiry into Australia's aid program: Invitation to make a submission, deadline 15 June](#)
- [Australia-bound asylum seekers left mentally scarred by years of detention on Pacific islands, warns UN refugee official](#)
- [9th International Conference on Human Rights Education, Sydney November 2018](#)

### Bangladesh

- From Alumnus: [Kapaeng Foundation launches Human Rights Report 2017 on Indigenous Peoples in Bangladesh](#)

### Burma/Myanmar

- ['Hallmarks of genocide': ICC prosecutor seeks justice for Rohingya](#)
- [Presidential amnesty frees 8,490 prisoners, political prisoners remain behind bars](#)
- [Rape Puts Myanmar Army on UN 'List of Shame'](#)
- [Myanmar authorities should immediately account for the killings of 2 ethnic-Kachin civilians](#)
- **Take action:** [Killing of Karen human rights defender Saw O Moo](#)

### Cambodia

- [End of mission statement by Professor Rhona Smith, UN Special Rapporteur on the human rights situation in Cambodia on 14 March 2018](#)
- HRW: [Legislating New Tools of Repression](#)

### Indonesia

- [Human Rights Organizations Strongly Condemn the Passing of Amendments to Law on Legislative Bodies](#)

## Malaysia

- [Malaysia Suspends Opposition Party Ahead of Elections](#)
- The Special Rapporteur on Extreme Poverty will visit 12-22 August. [To support the visit contact the Rapporteur](#)
- [30 NGOs demand action to resolve land issues of Indigenous communities](#)

## Pakistan

- [Take action: Land rights Defender and chairman of AMP, Younis Iqbal arrested](#)

## Philippines

- [Philippines Human Rights Commission Begins Climate Hearings vs. Fossil Fuel Giants](#)
- Amnesty International: [Report on human rights violations 2017-2018](#)

## Republic of Korea

- The Special Rapporteur on Adequate Housing to visit 14-23 May. [To support the visit contact the Rapporteur](#)

## Sri Lanka

- From Nihal Chandrasiri: [HRCSL inquiry on violent incidents based on religious hatred in Kandy District](#)

## Vietnam

- **Take action:** [Eight members of Brotherhood for Democracy found guilty and handed down lengthy sentences](#)

## NEWSLETTERS/REGULAR PUBLICATIONS

In this section, we list contributions that appear on a regular basis that may be of interest to our readers

- [Australia Asia Worker Links](#)
- [AWPA Sydney News](#) from the Australian West Papua Association (AWPA)
- [Bangladesh Human Rights Monitoring Report, monthly from Odhikar](#)
- [Burma Human Rights Network Monthly Situation Updates Registration](#)
- [Centre for Migration and International Relations \(CMIR\)](#)
- [Chinese Responsible Investment Overseas Newsletter](#)
- [Forest Peoples Programme Newsletter](#)
- [HREA Upcoming E-Learning Courses](#)
- [Human Rights and Peace for Papua – The International Coalition for Papua](#)
- [Hurights-Osaka: Asia Pacific Human Rights Information Center](#)
- [INDIA NEWS - A publication of the India Committee of the Netherlands](#)
- [Kapaeeng Watch](#) from Bangladesh
- [SDC Migration Network Newsletter](#)
- [Stop Child Labour Newsletter](#)
- [United Nations Democracy Fund Monthly Newsletter](#)
- [Vietnam Human Rights Defenders Weekly](#)

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