



## DTP – BUILDING THE CAPACITY OF ASIA-PACIFIC HUMAN RIGHTS MOVEMENT 1990 – 2018

Continuation of our series on new human rights challenges and developments affecting political, economic, social and environmental challenges and what these mean for human rights and capacity building.

- In this issue we provide a link to a speech delivered by Morten Kjaerum to the Belgrade Centre for Human Rights in 2017 entitled "[The duty to engage – the recipe for trust in a world of angst](#)". In it Kjaerum focuses on the essential need for civil society participation in all aspects of social endeavour in order to combat the increase in populism throughout the world and the fear that leads communities to support populist leaders. Morten Kjaerum is the Director of the Raoul Wallenberg Institute of Human Rights and Humanitarian Law and a former Director of the Danish Centre for Human Rights. He will be delivering a keynote address at the [9th International Conference on Human Rights Education](#) at Western Sydney University in November.

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## CAPACITY BUILDING AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

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

- [2018 – DTP's 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Regional Human Rights & Peoples Diplomacy Training Program](#) Timor Leste – October 15-26. [APPLICATION FORM](#) and [Brochure](#)

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

- [2018 Indonesian Migrant Workers Program](#) – Launch and Module 1
- [DTP UNSW Roundtable Discussions – ASEAN and Human Rights, Kanak Self-Determination and the Vote in New Caledonia](#) – Sydney, Australia
- [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
- [2018 Business, Human Rights and the SDGs in the Pacific](#) – Fiji
- [The 2016 DTP Annual Report is available on line](#)

## FUNDING AVAILABLE

- [The Joke Waller-Hunter \(JWH\) Initiative is currently inviting young people from developing countries to apply for its grant program](#)

## PROFILES AND NEWS OF DTP ALUMNI

- Alumni Profiles:
  - [Iman Prihandono](#) (Indonesia); DTP alumnus of the 2009 Business and Human Rights program in Bangkok. He was recently in Sydney for a DTP-hosted discussion on the Montara oil spill (see below). In
  - [Charles Wea](#) (Kanaky/New Caledonia); DTP alumnus of 1990 Program recently in Sydney for special roundtable on self-determination referendum in Kanaky/new Caledonia
  - [Mosmi Bhin](#) (Fiji); DTP 2008 alumna author of [Does Electoral Authoritarianism Persist? A Comparison of Recent Elections in Fiji, Seychelles, and Maldives](#) – in Governance and Political Adaptation in Fragile States
- From Nihal Chandrasiri DTP alumnus from Sri Lanka sends [news on a youth camp organized by Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka to mark the 70th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights](#) and [letter on the abolition of the death penalty in Sri Lanka](#)
- DTP alumnus and trainer [Surya Deuja](#) has left the Nepal Human Rights Commission and taken up an assignment in Papua New Guinea to provide support in Human Rights Capacity Building activities.
- Imam Prihandono is a
- [Sumita Rabi Das](#) alumna from 2016 DTP Bangladesh program has been appointed Convenor of Indigenous People's Human Rights Defenders Forum in Dhaka.
- [Ranjan Kurian](#) from Sri Lanka, alumnus of the 2015 Migrant Workers Program, has been appointed Senior Programme Officer, Solidarity Centre

## WORKING FOR HUMAN RIGHTS - NGO PROFILES

- [ECREA – Fiji](#)
- [NGO Forum - Cambodia](#)

## EVENTS

- [ACFID Conference 2018, 30-31 October: “Human Rights in the 21st Century. People. Planet. Peace”](#)
- [For a Cause Film Festival, 18-23 November. Submit your film now.](#)
- [9th International Conference on Human Rights Education \(ICHRE\)](#) (26-29 November 2018, Western Sydney University – Parramatta Campus, Sydney)

## JOBS/INTERNSHIPS

- [Call for applications: OHCHR Indigenous Fellowship - 2019 Training Programme \(deadline 30 August\)](#)

## DTP'S THEMATIC PRIORITIES

### Human Rights and Business

- [Iman Prihandono](#), Indonesian legal academic and activist (and DTP alumnus) joined others at a DTP-hosted discussion on the class action resulting from [the Montara oil spill](#). See [film coverage](#).
- [Monsanto lawsuit ruling a ‘significant recognition’ of victims’ human rights, say UN rights experts](#)
- [Global Witness launches tool to fight corruption and tax avoidance in oil, gas and mining industries](#)
- [The Australian NCP’s new rules of procedure: concerns remain despite improvements](#)
- [Report examines community strategies and remedies for land conflicts linked to business activities in India, Indonesia and Myanmar](#)

### Indigenous Peoples’ Rights

- [Secretary-General's Message on the International Day of the World's Indigenous People](#)
- [Conversation: Indigenous Rights Advocacy - With Dr Jackie Huggins First Nations Leader](#)
- IWGIA: [50 years defending Indigenous peoples’ rights](#)

- Interview with Victoria Tauli-Corpuz: [Challenges and opportunities for Indigenous peoples on the move](#)
- [Global Environment Facility conservation project in Myanmar violates Indigenous rights](#)

## Migrant Workers' Rights

**DTP Monthly Migrant Workers Rights e-Bulletin.** [Issue No 9 is available here](#)

- [UAE offers 3-month amnesty to undocumented expatriates](#)
- Southeast Asia: [Migrant social security discussed](#)

## Women's rights

- [UN Special Rapporteur on Violence against Women calls for submissions ahead of visit to Nepal, November 2018](#)
- [In Jakarta, a Women's Movement Leads the Fight Against Water Privatization](#)
- [The Fight to End HIV Is Also a Fight for Women's Rights](#)
- [A Practitioner's Toolkit on Women's Access to Justice Programming](#)
- [Concluding Observations on CEDAW periodic reports by Australia, Cook Islands and New Zealand](#)

## HUMAN RIGHTS – GENERAL NEWS

- ['Defend the people, not the States', says outgoing UN human rights chief](#)
- [Guterres, Zeid welcome confirmation of new human rights chief, Michelle Bachelet from Chile](#)
- [UN mourns death of former Secretary-General Kofi Annan, 'a guiding force for good'](#)
- [Defending Land and Environmental Rights Has Become an Increasingly Deadly Endeavor](#)
- [Human rights chief expresses fear over possible UN 'collapse'](#)

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

- ['The Right to Peace – The Universal Declaration of Human Rights at 70'](#)
- 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 Rapporteur concept note: [Raising the visibility of human rights defenders on the occasion of the anniversary of the Declaration on human rights defenders](#)

## Development

- [Participation, Consultation and Engagement: Critical Elements for an Effective Implementation of the 2030 Agenda](#)
- [Report of the Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights, Philip Alston on the IMF and its impact on social protection](#)

## HUMAN RIGHTS – REGIONAL NEWS

- From DTP alumna and trainer Yuyun Wahyuningrum: [ASEAN's participatory agenda: Nowhere to go](#)
- [Journalists are being crushed in South-East Asia](#)
- [Rights issue placed on ASEAN's back burner](#)
- [Tribute to Asma Jahangir highlights challenges for Human Rights Defenders in South Asia](#)
- From DTP alumna Elisa Dasi from Timor-Leste: [Bid to unite Asia-Pacific press councils takes off in Timor-Leste](#)

## HUMAN RIGHTS – COUNTRY SPECIFIC NEWS

### Australia

- [José Ramos-Horta urges Australia to drop Witness K case](#)
- [Modern slavery bill welcomed, but no penalties for breaching act](#)
- [Former youth prisoner at the UN calls out Turnbull Government for failing Indigenous children](#)
- [Qantas and Virgin pressured to refuse to take part in removal of asylum seekers](#)

- [CEDAW: Concluding observations on the eighth periodic report of Australia](#) with comparison to shadow report recommendations

## Bangladesh

- [BIPF Urged to Continue Resistance Against Enforced Migration and Forcible Eviction of Indigenous Peoples from Their Ancestral Lands](#)
- **Take action:** [Human rights defender Shahidul Alam sent to prison](#)
- [Injustice not acceptable in name of development](#)

## Cambodia

- [162 Civil Society Groups Call for the Release of land activist Tep Vanny](#). Latest news: [Human Rights Defender and Land Activist Tep Vanny and three others given Royal Pardon and released from prison](#)
- **Take action:** [Continued judicial harassment of Mr. Yi Soksan, Mr. Nay Vanda, and Mr. Ny Chakrya](#)

## Indonesia

- **Take action:** [Army Personnel Tortured Indigenous Papuan Man to Death](#)
- [UN High Commissioner for Human Rights visits Indonesia](#)
- [Amnesty International report on Papua: Killing with Impunity in Papua](#)

## India

- **Take action:** [False charges filed against Indigenous people's rights defender Fr. Stan Swami in Jharkhand state](#)

## Malaysia

- [Drop Sedition Charges and Dismiss Investigations Against Activist](#)
- [ASEAN parliamentarians urge Malaysia to repeal Sedition Act and other repressive laws](#)

## Myanmar

- [Tatmadaw leaders must be investigated for genocide, crimes against humanity, war crimes – UN report](#)
- [ACFID calls on Australia to impose limited sanctions](#)

## Philippines

- **Take action:** [Human rights defender Butch Rosales shot and killed in Cebu](#)

## Sri Lanka

- UN Special Rapporteur: [Sri Lanka failing on human rights](#)

## Thailand

- [Fortify Rights Submission to UN: Fulfill Human Rights Obligations Under Treaty Law](#)
- [NGO Assessment of Thailand's follow-up actions for the implementation of the UN Human Rights Committee's recommendations](#)

## Vietnam

- HRW submission to UN: [Clean Up Abysmal Rights Record](#)
- [Vietnam sentences activist to 20 years prison amid dissent crackdown](#)
- **Take action:** Allegations of torture and forced confession concerning wrongly imprisoned [Nguyen Viet Dung](#) and [Nguyen Van Hoa](#)
- [Vietnam Puts 12 People on Trial for Alleged Subversion](#)

## 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](#)
- [Kapaeng Foundation](#) from Bangladesh
- [Mekong Eye News Digest](#)
- [OHCHR UN Human Rights Civil Society Weekly Newsletter](#)
- [SDC Migration Network Newsletter](#)
- [Stop Child Labour Newsletter](#)
- [United Nations Democracy Fund Monthly Newsletter](#)
- [Vietnam Human Rights Defenders Weekly](#)

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