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## 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.

- The UN's new independent expert on the promotion of a democratic and equitable international order, Livingstone Sewanyana, has said a new world order is possible. "I believe a new world order based on universal respect for human rights, social justice, rule of law and equitable development is possible," said Mr. Sewanyana setting out his vision [in his first report](#) to the Human Rights Council. The expert said he would also examine how the right to participate in public affairs could be better realised, paying due attention to the issues of gender equality and civil society, and how to make such institutions more responsive and inclusive.

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## CAPACITY BUILDING AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

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

- 2018 – 28<sup>th</sup> Regional Human Rights and Peoples Diplomacy Training Program – 15-26 October, Timor Leste – [Summary Report](#)
- 2018 – Migrant Workers in Qatar Program – Sept 23-26, Doha. 30 participants – [Summary Report](#)
- 2018 Indonesian Migrant Workers Program – [Launch and Module 1](#), [Summary report of Module 2](#)
- DTP UNSW UDHR@70 Roundtable Discussions – [ASEAN and Human Rights, Kanak Self-Determination and the Vote in New Caledonia](#)
- [2018 Malaysia Migrant Workers Program – Module 5 - Report](#)
- [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 2017 DTP Annual Report is available on line](#)

## Other training courses

- Oxfam: [New 8-week free online course for activists and changemakers](#)

## PROFILES AND NEWS OF DTP ALUMNI

- Profile of [Patricia Miranda Wattimena](#) alumnus and trainer from Indonesia has left [AIPP](#) and joined the [Asia Pacific Forum on Women, Law and Development](#) (APWLD)
- [Aung Myint Thu](#), alumnus from Myanmar sent this [speech he made at World Peace Summit in Korea](#)
- Bivuti Bhuson Mahato, alumnus from Bangladesh has sent a [report](#) on a protest rally and assembly of Indigenous students to retain the quota for Indigenous students
- Feliciano Guterres (DTP Timor Leste 2012) is now serving as Timor Leste's Ambassador to Cambodia
- Mr Mirzan Jahanzeb Beg (DTP Timor Leste 2017) nominated as Ambassador for Peace by EU based Institute for Peace and Development

## WORKING FOR HUMAN RIGHTS - NGO PROFILES

- [Asia Pacific Forum on Women, Law and Development \(APWLD\)](#)

## EVENTS

- [1st LAWASIA Human Rights Conference: Current Human Rights Issues in the Asia Pacific Region - Feb 2019](#)

## RESOURCES

- [OHCHR Training Package on Reporting to the United Nations Human Rights Treaty Bodies](#)
- [Website: Extreme Poverty and Human Rights](#)
- [Human Rights, Sustainable Development, and Climate Policies: Connecting the Dots](#)

## DTP'S THEMATIC PRIORITIES

### Human Rights and Business

- Bangladesh: [Garment workers protest after minimum wage set at half their demand](#)
- Thailand: [Government publishes list of fishing vessels to combat human rights abuses](#)
- [Protect human rights in trans-boundary investments - the message from the 2018 SEA conference on Human Rights and Business](#)
- [Tackling modern slavery in the supply chain](#)

### Indigenous Peoples' Rights

- [Recommendations from the Defending the Defenders conference](#)
- [The central roles of Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities in achieving global commitments on biodiversity](#)

### Migrant Workers' Rights

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

- [Call for submissions: Thematic report by the UN Special Rapporteur on Trafficking](#) (for the last report check [here](#))
- [UN finds rights violations in irregular migrant being denied essential health services](#)

### Women's rights

- [Stop regression on sexual and reproductive rights of women and girls, UN experts urge](#)
- [A practitioner's toolkit on women's access to justice programming](#)
- [UN head, rights chief hail Nobel Peace Prize winners](#)

## HUMAN RIGHTS – GENERAL NEWS

- New UN Report: [Alarming level of reprisals against activists, human rights defenders, and victims](#)
- UN Labour Agency: ['Stigma and discrimination still persists' against people living with HIV](#)

- [Bullying: Protection for children is a ‘fundamental human right’ says top UN advocate](#)
- [A people’s perspective on the most violated right in the world: the Right to Food](#)

## 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

- [An Open Letter to States and Development Financiers on the need to ensure that development interventions support the realization of human rights, safeguard human rights defenders and guarantee meaningful public participation](#)

## HUMAN RIGHTS – REGIONAL NEWS

- [Malaysia and Cambodia offer two Asian narratives of change at UN](#)

## HUMAN RIGHTS – COUNTRY SPECIFIC NEWS

### Australia

- [Petition for the adoption of an Australian Charter of Human Rights](#)
- [ANZ bank failed to meet human rights standards: government report](#)
- [Lawyer Chin Tan appointed as new Race Discrimination Commissioner](#)
- [Médecins Sans Frontières calls for immediate evacuation of all refugees on Nauru](#)
- [Open letter calls on the Australian Government to act urgently to implement the recommendations of the ALRC report to reduce the incarceration of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island peoples](#)

### Bangladesh

- **Signature campaign:** [Stand with students and activists in Bangladesh](#)
- [24th Anniversary of Odhikar: Continuing to defend human rights and justice amid persecution](#)

### Cambodia

- [The5KH sentenced to 5 years’ imprisonment, sentence suspended](#)
- [Cambodia to Lose Preferential Trade Status with EU Amid Worsening Rights Record](#)

### China

- [Chinese authorities launch ‘anti-hala’ crackdown in Xinjiang](#)

### India

- [MRG & IDSN strongly condemn latest arrests of prominent human rights defenders](#)
- [Violence against India’s Dalit women on the increase](#)
- [Manipur Must Immediately Release Students, Professors Involved in The Manipur University Protest](#)
- From Ravi Nair: [Open Letter to the UN Secretary-General](#)

### Indonesia

- [5 new complaints filed against Indonesia’s largest palm oil company](#)
- [Human Rights Defenders gain increased protection under new RSPO policy](#)
- [Human Rights Update West Papua - 3rd Quarter 2018](#)
- [Civil society condemns mass arrests of West Papuans](#)
- Human Rights Watch: [End Shackling of mentally ill in Indonesia](#)

## Malaysia

- [End of mission statement of the UN Special Rapporteur on the sale and sexual exploitation of children](#)
- [Statement by the UN Secretary-General on the Malaysian Government's decision to abolish the death penalty](#)

## Myanmar

- [Video Provides Evidence of Crimes Against Rohingya in Myanmar](#)
- [Concern rising over fate of Rohingya refugees sent home by India: UNHCR](#)

## Philippines

- [ASEAN lawmakers call for the release of Philippine Senator Antonio Trillanes](#)

## Singapore

- [Human rights activist Seelan Palay jailed over art performance](#)
- [Singapore court convicts activist, politician over Facebook posts](#)
- [DTP Trainer Jolovam Wham convicted of contempt of court](#)

## Thailand

- [New report reveals decade of violations against environmental defenders in Loei Province](#)
- [Activist Groups Launch Network to Monitor Elections](#)

## Vietnam

- HRW: [End Repression Against Activists](#)
- [Five Pro-democracy Campaigners Sentenced to Total 57 Years in Prison](#)

## 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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