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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.

- [The UN High Commissioner for Human Rights in a speech to the Jacob Blaustein Institute](#) drew a bleak picture of the state of human rights in the world today. But he went on

“Now it is up to us. It is up to me; to you, in this room; to every kind of audience we can reach, in every country where there is still space to express thoughts, participate in decisions, raise one's voice. We need to stand up for the human rights system, and act to promote peace. We need to fight back against discrimination, and uphold justice, even at this most difficult time”.

- [In her first report to the General Assembly, the Special Rapporteur on rights to freedom of peaceful assembly and association](#), Annalisa Ciampi reflects upon the mandate and other key factors that will guide her work, with the promotion and protection of civic space both nationally and globally being central and emphasizes her role in alerting the world to emerging crises.

‘A State becomes stronger when it nurtures a strong civil society. The relationship between a strong State and a strong civil society is directly, not inversely, proportional. There is no trade-off between the two’

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CAPACITY BUILDING AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

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

- Pacific Regional Civil Society Consultation on the UN Global Compact on Safe Migration, Nadi, Fiji
- UN Convention on the Rights of the Child - Building Capacity on Implementation and Reporting, Australia (Nov 9-10, 2017) [Brochure and Application Form](#) – Only for Australia

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

Other training programs

- [Monitoring Women's Rights, November](#)

PROFILES AND NEWS OF DTP ALUMNI

- [Nilani Manthrinayake](#), 2016 DTP Alumna, Executive Committee Member at Sarvodaya Women's Movement and Attorney-at-Law at Lawyers for Human Rights and Development
- [Surya Deuja](#), DTP Alumnus & Trainer, Regional Director at National Human Rights Commission
- Alumnus [Pervez Siddiqui](#) who is the co-founder of [Films 4 Peace Foundation](#) - the first South Asian organization based in Bangladesh dedicated to promote a peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development through films - informs us that the Foundation has finally obtained registration as a non-profit organization.
- Alumnus Harry Sandy Ame from [Aliansi Gerakan Reforma Agraria \(CC-AGRA\)](#) in Indonesia invites expressions of [solidarity to Support the Peasants and People of Jurang Koak, Bebidas Village against Land Grabbing](#)
- DTP Alumnus [Mojibul Huq](#) from Bangladesh advises us that his NGO [BRAC](#) has installed 1200 latrines, tube wells and opened mobile treatment centres in the camps housing the more than 600,000 people fleeing from the Rakhine state of Myanmar.

JOBS

- ISHR: [Human Rights Advocate \(Human Rights Council and UPR\)](#) deadline 30 October
- ISHR: [Human Rights Defenders Fellowship](#) deadline – applications will be considered on a rolling basis
- [Asia Catalyst is seeking a Deputy Director located in the Bangkok office](#) – deadline 29 October

WORKING FOR HUMAN RIGHTS - NGO PROFILES

- [La'o Hamutuk](#) - dedicated to promoting and defending human rights in Timor-Leste
- [Unlad Kabayan Migrant Services Foundation](#) - dedicated to promoting migrant workers' rights in Philippines

RESOURCES AND LINKS

- [Whistler: A toolkit for front line activists, human rights defenders and citizen journalists facing surveillance and repression](#)

AWARDS

- [Daniel Webb of the Human Rights Law Centre awarded 2017 Global Centre for Pluralism Award](#)
- [Human Rights Awards: New online digest and database](#)

EVENTS

- [ASEAN Civil Society Conference/ASEAN Peoples' Forum 2017](#) November 10-14

DTP'S THEMATIC PRIORITIES

Human Rights and Business

- [Benchmark report examines human rights performance of Australian listed companies ahead of annual general meeting season](#)
- [UN rapporteur describes role of business enterprises and investors in ensuring an 'enabling environment' for human rights defenders](#)
- ESCR-Net: [Human Rights and Business Treaty: new webpage](#)
- [2017 Business and Human Rights Forum 27-29 November](#)

- Australia: [Government ignores advice of expert group on business and human rights](#)

Indigenous Peoples' Rights

- [Youth involvement key to Indigenous peoples' human rights](#)
- [Land grabbing, investments and Indigenous peoples' rights to land and natural resources: Legal analysis and case studies](#)
- [Open call to Innovation Lab for Indigenous youth](#), deadline November 13

Migrant Workers' Rights

DTP Monthly Migrant Workers Rights e-Bulletin. [Issue No 7 is now available here](#)

- [More Nepalis going abroad for employment](#)
- [Global compact for safe, orderly and regular migration: Summary of meeting 4-6 September](#)
- [Human Rights Council – Intersessional panel discussion on human rights, climate change, migrants and persons displaced across international borders](#)

Women's rights

- [ASEAN and women: empower movements, not just individuals](#)
- [UN report outlines path towards closing gender gap, realizing reproductive health rights](#)

HUMAN RIGHTS – GENERAL NEWS

- [NGOs call on Council Members to take a stand against intimidation and reprisals](#)
- [UN Secretary-General on “Transparency and the death penalty”](#)
- [General Assembly elects new members to UN Human Rights Council including Australia, Nepal, Pakistan, Qatar](#)

SDGs

- [Greater links between the UPR and SDGs needed in the 3rd cycle of UPR](#)
- Danish Institute for Human Rights: [The Human Rights Guide to the Sustainable Development Goals](#)
- [The following countries have volunteered for review in 2018](#): Australia, Kiribati, Laos, Singapore, Sri Lanka. [Check the site for completed reviews.](#)

UPR

- Reminders: [28th session UPR Working Group 6-17 November Republic of Korea, Pakistan, Japan, Sri Lanka](#)
- [Application Form for UPR Pre-session 29 \(12-15 December 2017\)](#)

Development

- [UN Independent Expert reports on World Bank and IMF human rights performance](#)
- [UN expert urges World Bank to amend its constitution to effectively advance human rights](#)
- [The gendered costs of austerity: assessing the IMF's role in budget cuts which threaten women's rights](#)

HUMAN RIGHTS – REGIONAL NEWS

- From Vitit Muntarbhorn: [Child protection can unite ASEAN](#)
- From Basil Fernando: [How should the work on the Asian Charter for Human Rights be carried forward?](#)

HUMAN RIGHTS – COUNTRY SPECIFIC NEWS

Australia

- [UN finds that Australia breaches right to equality in same-sex divorce](#)
- [Hope for a handful, but fear, despair and limbo for 2,000 left behind on Manus/Nauru](#)
- [Australia must abandon racially discriminatory remote work for the dole program UN told](#)
- [NGO coalition submission to the UN Human Rights Committee review of Australia, October 2017](#)
- [UNHCR: Australia Must Prevent Looming Humanitarian Emergency in Papua New Guinea](#)
- [Australia elected to UN Human Rights Council amid concerns of refugee rights abuses](#)
- [Government ignores advice of expert group on business and human rights](#)

Burma/Myanmar

- [Humanitarian Organizations call for immediate humanitarian access to those in need](#)
- [New report warns of potential land conflict epidemic](#)
- [UN experts condemn ongoing persecution of Rohingya in Rakhine State](#)
- [Human Rights Council adopts conclusions](#)
- Amnesty International: ["My World is Finished". Rohingya Targeted in Crimes Against Humanity in Myanmar](#)

Cambodia

- [Opposition Party Threatened with Dissolution](#)
- [Oral statement for the Interactive Dialogue with the UN Special Rapporteur on human rights in Cambodia](#)

Indonesia

- [Nine years on, still no progress on human rights commitments at UN review](#)

Malaysia

- [ASEAN Parliamentarian for Human Rights member jailed amidst regional trend of attacks on opposition](#)

Nepal

- [Nepal elected to UN Human Rights Council](#)

Philippines

- [UN Human Rights Council scores killings, climate of impunity in Philippines](#)
- [Government's outrageous defence of human rights onslaught slammed by NGOs](#)
- [Amnesty International condemns the Philippine government's negative response to key recommendations it received during the country's third UPR](#)

Sri Lanka

- From DTP alumnus [Nihal Chandrasiri](#): Human Rights Commission news: [Abortion laws should not be looked at by religious lobbyists](#)

Thailand

- [UN expert calls for end to lèse-majesté prosecutions amid more arbitrary detentions](#)
- [Thailand Needs to Stop Inhumane Navy 'Push-Backs' of Rohingya seeking to escape](#)

Vietnam

- **Take action:** [Arrest warrant issued against human rights defender Tran Minh Nhat](#)
- [Activist Nguyen Viet Dung Kidnapped](#) and Subsequently [Charged with Anti-state Propaganda](#)

NEWSLETTERS/REGULAR PUBLICATIONS

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

- [Burma Human Rights Network Monthly Situation Updates Registration](#)
- [Vietnam Human Rights Defenders Weekly](#)
- [Bangladesh Human Rights Monitoring Report, monthly from Odhikar](#)
- [AWPA Sydney News](#) from the Australian West Papua Association (AWPA)
- [Australia Asia Worker Links](#)
- [United Nations Democracy Fund Monthly Newsletter](#)
- [Kapaeeng Watch](#) from Bangladesh
- [Hurights-Osaka: Asia Pacific Human Rights Information Center](#)
- [INDIA NEWS - A publication of the India Committee of the Netherlands](#)
- [HREA Upcoming E-Learning Courses](#)

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