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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.

- [“Vienna + 25: Building trust: making human rights a reality for all”](#) - Statement by UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Zeid Ra’ad Al Hussein

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CAPACITY BUILDING AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

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

- [2018/2019 Indonesia Migrant Workers Program – Module 1, 28 June – 1 July, Indonesia](#) COMMENCES SOON
- [2018 – DTP’s 28th Annual Regional Human Rights & Peoples Diplomacy Training Program](#) APPLICATIONS OPEN

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

- [The 2016 DTP Annual Report is now available on line](#)
- [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

Other training programs

- [DTP & AHRI UDHR70 Discussion Series – Dr Jess Melvin: 1960’s Indonesian Genocide, 27th June, UNSW Sydney](#)
- [Human Rights Fact-Finding and Reporting E-learning course September 12](#)

PROFILES AND NEWS OF DTP ALUMNI

- Profile of [Bijaya Kumari Rai Shrestha](#), **Nepal** (2013 MW Nepal Module 1-5)
- Profile and activity report from [K. Arumugam](#), **India** (2006 – 16th Annual Human Rights and Peoples Diplomacy Training Program Timor Leste)
- [Renuka Balasubramaniam](#) DTP alumna (2005 MW Program Bangladesh & 2008 MW Program Philippines) from **Malaysia** awarded the [Melbourne University Human Rights Scholarship \(2018-2021\)](#). Her thesis will focus on the Malaysian palm oil industry.

- DTP Alumnus Shohel Chandra Hajang (DTP Fellows Program, Australian 2015) in **Bangladesh** part of team from Indigenous peoples awarded an [Australian Government grant as Champions of Environment and Climate Action](#).
- [Nirmal Upreti](#) alumnus (2013- 23rd Annual Human Rights and Peoples Diplomacy Training Program Timor Leste) from **Nepal** advises his organization, [Forum for Nation Building Nepal](#), was a finalist for the Achmed Dean Sesay Memorial Prize for Innovation in the 2017 Grassroots Justice Prize competition

WORKING FOR HUMAN RIGHTS - NGO PROFILES

- [Forum for Nation Building Nepal \(FNB Nepal\)](#) – Nepalese NGO working for Human Rights

AWARDS

- Australian Human Rights Commission: [Nominations open for the 2018 Human Rights Awards](#)

JOBS/INTERNSHIPS

- Manushya Foundation a women-led organization committed to achieving workforce diversity in terms of gender, nationality, and culture is recruiting: [Research & Advocacy Coordinator](#), [Media & Communications Officer](#), [Human Rights Research Volunteer](#), [Thai Human Rights Researcher](#), [Monitoring, Evaluation & Learning Officer](#)

DTP'S THEMATIC PRIORITIES

Human Rights and Business

- Indonesia: [Company confiscated customary land belonging to a local indigenous tribe in West Papua](#)
- [FIFA launches complaints mechanism for human rights defenders and journalists](#)
- [Cambodia: Govt. grants disputed land under Chinese company concession to Koh Kong villagers](#)
- [Database of attacks on defenders working on businesses-related human rights abuses](#)
- [The Tyranny Of Distance: Corporate Harm On The Frontline In The Pacific](#)
- [The State of Remedy under the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises](#)
- Papua New Guinea: [Armed protesters block access, burn equipment at PNG's biggest resources project](#)

Indigenous Peoples' Rights

- [Increasing violence against Indigenous girls and women](#)
- [When economic development destroys Indigenous peoples' livelihood](#)
- [Alarm raised over huge number of Indigenous children in Queensland without birth certificates](#)
- [Statement of Solidarity with the Indigenous Karen of the Kaeng Krachan Forest](#)
- [The Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples calls for submissions of inputs to inform her report to the General Assembly 2018](#)
- [Interview with Joan Carling – when a human rights defender becomes an enemy of the state](#)

Migrant Workers' Rights

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

- [Thailand's Migrant Workers in a Changing Legal System](#)
- [Government to scrap fees unfairly levied on Malaysia-bound Nepali workers](#)
- [Qatar NHRC workshop discusses the rights of workers](#)
- Nepal: [Ministry of Labour, Employment and Social Security announces free legal services to Nepalis facing hardships in jails of foreign countries](#)
- [Nepal Government sets new rule to protect Nepalis working abroad](#)
- UNSW Human Rights Law Clinic launches new [International Guide to Protect Migrant Workers](#)
- [Negotiations on Global Compact on Safe Migration](#), revised negotiated text released

Women's rights

- [The SDGs and gender equality: empty promises or beacon of hope?](#)

- [Women Enabled International questionnaire to the candidates for the CRPD Committee to gauge their interest in and knowledge about the rights of women and girls with disabilities](#)

HUMAN RIGHTS – GENERAL NEWS

- [Landmark report documents barriers to civil society at UN and lays out roadmap for reform](#)
- [World Social Forum October 1-3 will focus on “the possibilities of using sport and the Olympic ideal to promote human rights for all and to strengthen universal respect for them.”](#)

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 Rapporteur concept note: [Raising the visibility of human rights defenders on the occasion of the anniversary of the Declaration on human rights defenders](#)

UN Treaty bodies/Special Procedures

- [UN Special Procedures' communications to Southeast Asian states during Dec 2017 and Feb 2018](#)
- [All communications sent by the Special Procedures individually or jointly are now available through a dedicated website](#)
- [Threats and Assaults on Human Rights Defenders Incompatible with Core International Human Rights Treaties](#)
- [UN experts welcome FIFA commitment to stand up for human rights defenders](#)
- [Joint Statement by UN Environment and Special Rapporteur on human rights and the environment](#)

Development

- Ignacio Saiz of CESR: [Human rights must rise to the challenge of growing inequality, not retreat in defeat](#)
- [US Supreme Court agrees to hear Indian fishing communities' case challenging World Bank Group immunity](#)

HUMAN RIGHTS – REGIONAL PERSPECTIVES

- [UN FAO and partners warn that secure access to land is critical to achieve an end to hunger and poverty in Asia and the Pacific by 2030](#)
- Basil Fernando: [Asian Human Rights Charter represents the spirit of the Gwangju uprising](#)

HUMAN RIGHTS – COUNTRY SPECIFIC NEWS

Australia

- [Australia's Government must guard against foreign interference, but not by curbing our rights](#)
- [Australian NGO Coalition Shadow Report for CEDAW review](#)
- [ACFID Conference 2018: ‘Human Rights in the 21st Century’ – Call for Sessions](#)
- [Secret NSW Government report says out-of-home care fails to help vulnerable children](#)
- [NT signs historic Barunga agreement to begin Indigenous treaty talks](#)

Bangladesh

- [Universal Periodic Review highlights deteriorating situation faced by human rights defenders](#)
- [Concluding Observation of the Committee on Bangladesh report to the CESCR](#)

Cambodia

- [ANFREL releases findings of pre-election assessment for the 2018 Cambodia Elections](#)
- [Civil Society Rejects Government Attack on Freedom of Expression](#)

Indonesia

- [Elected as non-permanent member of the United Nations Security Council, Indonesia needs to perform its duties to uphold and protect human rights](#)
- [ALRC concerned about extra-judicial executions and ongoing impunity](#)
- [Right to Health in West Papua – report on UN Special Rapporteur mission to Indonesia](#)
- [Indonesia’s new counterterrorism law imperils rights](#)

India

- [Five human rights defenders arrested in a coordinated crackdown](#)
- [Kashmiri Journalist Shujaat Bukhari, a Voice for Peace, Is Killed](#)

Laos

- FIDH: [Serious human rights violations under scrutiny in landmark UN review](#)

Malaysia

- Fortify Rights: [Repeal Sodomy Law that Led to Anwar Ibrahim’s Imprisonment](#)
- [Fulfill Manifesto Promises on Human Rights Reforms](#)

Myanmar

- [Submission to CEDAW regarding Myanmar’s Exceptional Report on the Situation of Women and Girls from Northern Rakhine State](#)

Philippines

- **Take action:** [Two women activists killed in separate incidents while urban poor office harassed](#)
- [Gabriela Women’s Party welcomes Government approval of Occupational Safety Health bill](#)
- **Take action:** [Civilians tagged as rebels and killed in two separate alleged encounters](#)

Sri Lanka

- From DTP alumnus [Nihal Chandrasiri](#): [Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka receives ‘A’ Status Accreditation](#)

Thailand

- [Arbitrary arrest, release, and judicial harassment of 15 pro-democracy activists](#)
- Fortify Rights: [Ensure Refugee Rights and Protections Through Refugee Regulation](#)
- [Regional lawmakers call for immediate release of Thai pro-democracy activists](#)
- [Shocking resumption of the death penalty condemned](#)

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 Watch](#) from Bangladesh
- [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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