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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.

- In his Anna Lindh Lecture [Global Challenges to Human Rights Today](#), the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, His Royal Highness Prince Zeid bin Ra'ad Al Hussein noted that "... the universality of rights is being contested across much of the world. It is under broad assault from terrorists, authoritarian leaders, populists and those who claim to back "traditional values". In this 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year of the UDHR he concluded "... Our inability over the decades past to communicate to a wider audience, comprehensibly, simply, humbly, the supreme importance of universal human rights, has left the door open to the enemies of rights. The claim from them, that human rights are simply a vehicle for Western values and interests has stifled progress and cut off the formation of a broader popular base for rights world-wide. We are resolved to change this now."
- [Right to Justice](#) – A speech by Chairperson of the Asian Human Rights Commission (and DTP Advisory Council Member), Basil Fernando and delivered on 17 May 2018 at the Gwangju Human Rights Forum. "...I would suggest that there cannot be any true movement towards implementation of true justice systems to protect the rights of all and the personal security of each person until we also work to bring about a cultural awareness and cultural change so that human rights are seen as an integral part of the evolving culture in Asia..."

## 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](#)

- [2018/2019 Indonesia Migrant Workers Program – Module 1, 27-30 June, Indonesia](#) APPLICATIONS OPEN
- [2018 – DTP's 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Regional Human Rights and 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
- [Business, Human Rights & the SDGs in the Pacific](#) – Suva, Fiji

## Other training programs

- [Amnesty International: Human Rights Defenders online course](#)
- [9th International Conference on Human Rights Education, Western Sydney University – Parramatta, Sydney 26-29 November](#) APPLICATIONS OPEN

## PROFILES AND NEWS OF DTP ALUMNI

- Profile and Feedback from [Arshad Mehmood](#), Pakistan (DTP Annual Human Rights Defenders Program 2001)
- Australian DTP alumnus [Justin Mohamed](#) appointed Victorian Commissioner for Aboriginal Children and Young People
- Sri Lanka DTP alumnus *Anton Fernando* appointed Programme Manager of Sustainable Peace & Social Justice Desk of Caritas Sri Lanka. “Recently, with the facilitation of Equitas we organized a Human Rights Training programme namely " Human Rights Based Approach for Conflict Mitigation".”
- DTP alumnus *Esra Mandosir* from West Papua has been selected in the 2018 [OHCHR Indigenous Fellowship Programme](#) in Geneva.
- From *Lucielle Paru* in PNG: [Double or nothing: The broken economic promises of PNG LNG, 2018](#)
- From *Lucille Abeykoon* in Sri Lanka: [Women’s Day 2018 in Kandy](#)

## WORKING FOR HUMAN RIGHTS - NGO PROFILES

- [IMPARSIAL \(The Indonesian Human Rights Monitor\)](#) – Indonesian NGO working for Human Rights
- [AMAN \(Alliance of Indigenous Peoples of the Archipelago\)](#) – Indonesian NGO working for Indigenous Peoples

## RESOURCES

- [DTP Migrant Worker International Law Reference Tool](#)
- [Dilemmas and Hopes for Human Rights Education](#)
- [UN Climate Change launches first-ever annual report](#)

## JOBS/INTERNSHIPS

- [ASEAN Parliamentarians for Human Rights is seeking a new Research and Advocacy Director – Reply by 1 July](#)
- [Fortify Rights is seeking an Operations Associate](#)
- [Multi-Stakeholder Initiative \(MSI\) Research Director – 20 June deadline](#)
- [Women Human Rights Internship, India](#)
- [The Asia Pacific Refugee Rights Network \(APRRN\) is seeking a Secretary-General](#)

## DTP’S THEMATIC PRIORITIES

### Human Rights and Business

- [Philippines: Peasant leader killed for campaigning against mining in Compostela Valley](#)
- [Myanmar: Incidents of sexual abuse rise in areas where military troops protect mining operations](#)
- [Corporate Human Rights Benchmark launches 2018 Progress Report](#)
- [Australian Government will include company reporting requirement in Commonwealth Modern Slavery Act](#)
- [“Taking Stock: Labor Exploitation, Illegal Fishing and Brand Responsibility in the Seafood Industry”](#)
- [The Tyranny Of Distance: Corporate Harm On The Frontline In The Pacific](#)
- [Call for proposals for UN Global Forum on Business and Human Rights 2018 – Deadline May 25](#)

### Indigenous Peoples’ Rights

- [Indigenous leaders are threatened by Duterte in the Philippines](#)
- IWGIA: [The Indigenous World 2018](#)

- [Indigenous peoples are recognized by the world's biggest climate fund](#)
- [2018 Session Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues Adopts Recommendations Including Collective Rights to Lands, Territories, Resources](#)

## Migrant Workers' Rights

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

- The ICFTU launches [Recruitment Advisor](#), a platform to help protect migrant workers
- [Triple Discrimination: Woman, Pregnant, and Migrant: Preventing Pregnancy Discrimination among Temporary Migrant Workers: Lessons from Malaysia, Taiwan, and Thailand](#)
- [CMW-CRC Joint General Comment on the Human Rights of Children in the Context of International Migration](#)

## Women's rights

- [What do we mean by "women's rights within families"? Why are families important to women's rights?](#)
- [Women and the Sustainable Development Goals \(SDGs\)](#)
- [A Guide for NGOs and Women's Human Rights Activists at the UN and CSW 2018](#)

## HUMAN RIGHTS – GENERAL NEWS

- Invitation: ["Giving civil society a voice: Apply for UN ECOSOC consultative status"](#)

## 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](#)

## Human Rights Council

- [The online system to register NGO requests for oral statements will open on Wednesday 13 June 2018](#)

## Development

- [A lost decade for human rights? Assessing austerity and its alternatives 10 years on from the financial crisis](#)
- [How well is development cooperation adjusting to the new demands the 2030 Agenda?](#)
- [World Bank Facing Legal Action for Destroying Fishermen's Livelihoods in Gujarat](#)

## HUMAN RIGHTS – REGIONAL PERSPECTIVES

- [Imprisoned, threatened, silenced: human rights workers across Asia are in danger](#)
- From Amy Sinclair: [The Tyranny Of Distance: Corporate Harm On The Frontline In The Pacific](#)

## HUMAN RIGHTS – COUNTRY SPECIFIC NEWS

### Australia

- [Queensland Government has agreed to apologies and deliver a \\$30 million settlement to residents of Palm Island for racial discrimination linked to riots in 2004](#)
- From Marc Purcell of ACFID: [Aid not Guns to Influence our Region](#)
- [Invitation to make a submission: Inquiry into Australia's aid program](#)
- [Australia at the 37th Session of the Human Rights Council](#)

### Bangladesh

- Fortify Rights: [Encourage ICC Investigation and Prosecution of Crimes Against Rohingya](#)
- [UNPFII urges GoB to implement CHT Accord and to enact Rules of CHT Land Commission](#)

### Cambodia

- [Rights Groups Call on ASEAN Members to Halt Cambodia's Backslide on Democracy](#)
- [UN body declares detention of opposition leader Kem Sokha 'arbitrary', calls for his immediate release](#)
- HRW: [Release Ex-Radio Free Asia Journalists](#)

## India

- Endorse [Citizens' Statement on Police Violence against those Protesting Pollution and Illegalities by Vedanta's Sterlite in Thoothukudi](#)

## Indonesia

- **Take action:** [Villagers shot arbitrarily by West Sumba police in land dispute](#)
- [ASEAN parliamentarians urge Indonesia to tackle rising intolerance and protect freedom of religion or belief](#)
- [UN Special Rapporteur on the right to food closes Indonesia visit with end of mission statement - Situation in West Papua needs the Government's serious attention](#)
- [Institut Perempuan Press Release on Bomb Attack at Churches in East Java Indonesia](#)

## Malaysia

- [Rights groups welcome Anwar Ibrahim's release after more than three years of arbitrary detention](#)
- [Malaysia's Mahathir wins shock election victory, toppling long-ruling regime](#)
- [ASEAN parliamentarians welcome release of Malaysia's Anwar Ibrahim](#)

## Myanmar

- ['Slow genocide': Myanmar's invisible war on the Kachin Christian minority](#)

## Philippines

- Asia Pacific Centre for the Responsibility to Protect: [Very High Risk / Ongoing Atrocity Crimes](#)
- **Take action:** [Arbitrary arrest, harassment, and imminent deportation of Sister Patricia Fox](#)

## Thailand

- [Seven women human rights defenders acquitted of charges resulting from participating in a peaceful gathering](#)
- [UN Working Group on business and human rights undertakes first official visit](#)
- [On coup anniversary, groups demand restoration of democracy, end to human rights violations](#)

## Vietnam

- [Vietnam's Relentless Repression of Montagnard Christians: New report by Campaign to Abolish Torture in Vietnam](#)

## 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](#)