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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.

- On the 20th anniversary of the Declaration on Human Rights Defenders, the UN Expert on Defenders [Reflects on 20 Years of Struggle, Progress and Remaining Challenges](#). 'The past 20 years have been an era of struggle for human rights. Victories have been hard fought and challenges have proliferated,' the Special Rapporteur said in his report. 'The celebration of this milestone must be tempered by a recognition of the sacrifices of human rights defenders, their families and their communities.' He makes recommendations addressed to all stakeholders, to states and to regional organizations.

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CAPACITY BUILDING AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

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

- 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 – [28th Annual Regional Human Rights and Peoples Diplomacy Training Program](#) – Timor Leste
- 2018 – Migrant Workers Rights in Qatar – [Summary Report](#)
- 2018 – Capacity Building Program on Advocacy for the Rights of Indonesia's Migrant Workers – [Module Reports 1 & 2](#)
- [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

- [International Human Rights Training Program, Canada June 2019](#)
- [ISHR's 2019 training for human rights defenders, June 2019](#)
- [Online Certificate Course on Gender Mainstreaming 16 November-15 December](#)

PROFILES AND NEWS OF DTP ALUMNI

- DTP alumna [Pratima Gurung](#), Chair, [National Indigenous Disabled Women Association Nepal \(NIDWAN\)](#) has sent information and updates after engaging in the CEDAW review of Nepal: 15 Recommendations on Indigenous women and women with disabilities (up from 3 in 2011).
- DTP and [Australia Awards alumnus Shohel Chandra's dedication to protecting the human rights of Indigenous peoples in Bangladesh culminated in him recently addressing the United Nations Human Rights Council in Switzerland](#)
- Profile of DTP alumnus [Fayez Ahmed](#) (Bangladesh) – from the 2014 Annual Program in Nepal now working for youth and human rights with UNDP Bangladesh
- DTP alumni from PNG (Lucielle Paru) and West Papua ([Wensi Fatabun](#)) head to Geneva for [UN Global Forum on Business and Human Rights](#)
- DTP alumnus Allan Moggarema presents on PNG [Paga Hill Evictions](#) at [Australian Corporate Accountability Network](#)
- DTP alumnus [Agustinus Mahuze](#) a member of Bawaslu Merauke in Papua [arrested during President Jokowi's visit](#)
- DTP alumni [Dina Nuriyati](#), Lily Purba, Savitri Wisnuwardhani and [Iman Prihandono](#) train on DTP/MFA program in Indonesia

WORKING FOR HUMAN RIGHTS - NGO PROFILES

- Frontline Defenders appoints new Protection Coordinator for South Asia - Deanne Uyangoda deanne@frontlinedefenders.org - please contact if you are a human rights defender at risk in South Asia and need assistance <https://www.frontlinedefenders.org/>

AWARDS

- DTP has been shortlisted for the [2019 Thomas J. Dodd Prize in International Justice and Human Rights](#)

EVENTS

- ICHRE: [Western Sydney University hosts global leaders in human rights education](#)
- [People's Global Action on Migration, Development & Human Rights, Marrakech, Morocco on December 8 & 9](#)

JOBS/INTERNSHIPS

- [Fortify Rights Recruitment Notice - 4 New Positions Available](#)

RESOURCES

- [The right to access information held by public bodies under international human rights law](#)
- [Integrating a Gender Perspective into Human Rights Investigations](#)

DTP'S THEMATIC PRIORITIES

Human Rights and Business

- [Thailand: Number of land grabbing victims increasing due to Eastern Economic Corridor project](#)
- [Vietnam: Indigenous Cambodians coerced to sell lands to timber traders; EU urged to postpone timber trade deal](#)
- [Australia: Shareholder resolutions on human rights at upcoming AGMs of Woolworths, Qantas and Origin](#)
- [Bangladesh: Fashion brands failing to ensure workers paid living wage, according to Fair Action report](#)
- [World Human Rights Defenders Summit underscores risks to defenders that struggle for protection of rights over profits](#)

- [Human Rights Law Centre publishes new report detailing cases of Australian corporate complicity and responsibility for human rights harms](#)
- [Australian Treasury Response to a review of the National Contact Point under the OECD Guidelines](#)
- [Philippines: New report alleges human rights & environmental abuses by Australian-Canadian miner OceanaGold](#)

Indigenous Peoples' Rights

- [Videographers Tell Stories of Struggle of the Indigenous Communities in Mindanao](#)
- [Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights on the rights of Indigenous peoples](#)
- [Call for applications for members of the Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples \(18 Dec close\)](#)

Migrant Workers' Rights

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

- [Report on the impact of slavery on marginalized migrant women workers in the global domestic economy](#)
- From DTP alumnus Anisur Rahman Khan: [12 Asian nations adopt Kathmandu Declaration](#)
- [Global Compact on Safe Migration to be adopted by world in December in Morocco](#)
- Linking Global Compact on Safe Migration objectives to human rights standards – UNSW law students and DTP [draft tool under construction](#)
- [Transformative Technology for Migrant Workers, Opportunities, Challenges and Risks – new Walk Free Newsletter](#)
- [Launch of the Pacific Freedom Network: Religious Leaders' Joint Declaration Against Modern Slavery](#)
- [Australia refuses to sign UN Global Compact for Migration citing risks to turnbacks and detention](#)

Women's rights

- [Gender Equality and the Sustainable Development Goals in Asia and the Pacific](#)
- [Secretary-General's remarks to the Security Council Open Debate on Women, Peace and Security](#)
- APWLD: [Seven Reasons Why Feminists Say No to World Bank-IMF Neoliberalism](#)
- [Short-Changed: How the IMF's Tax Policies are Failing Women](#)

HUMAN RIGHTS – GENERAL NEWS

- [UN Human Rights Committee adopts new General Comment on the right to life](#)
- Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights, Philip Alston: [Privatization of Government Services Undermines Human Rights Protections](#)

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

- UNDP releases the [Human Development Index](#) and the [Multidimensional Poverty Index](#)
- [International Finance Corporation \(IFC\) Position Statement on Retaliation Against Civil Society and Project Stakeholders](#)
- The ACFID Annual Conference theme for 2018 was “Human Rights in the 21st Century”. [Here are the main outcomes of the conference](#).
- [Violence against women, a cause and consequence of inequality](#)

SDGs

- [Declaration of Astana: From Alma-Ata towards universal health coverage and the Sustainable Development Goals](#)
- [Call for Submissions: Good Practices, Success Stories and Lessons Learned in SDG Implementation](#)

- Danish Centre for Human Rights: [More than 90 % of SDGs targets are linked to international human rights and labour standards](#)
- [Australia 2018 SDGs Summit Outcomes Report](#)

HUMAN RIGHTS – REGIONAL NEWS

- [Southeast Asian lawmakers urge regional governments to bring journalists' killers to justice](#)

HUMAN RIGHTS – COUNTRY SPECIFIC NEWS

Australia

- [Complaint against Australian ANZ Bank by Cambodian landholders upheld in OECD case on Phnom Penh Sugar case](#)
- [UN human rights expert warns proposed cybersecurity bill is too extreme](#)
- [Queensland Government introduces Human Rights Act to Parliament](#)
- [The Children's Report - Australia's NGO coalition report to the United Nations Committee on the Rights of the Child](#)

Bangladesh

- Fortify Rights: [Protect Rohingya Refugees, End Threats and Intimidation](#)
- FIDH: [UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Bachelet urged to visit Bangladesh](#)
- [Slandorous accusations against Odhikar](#)

Cambodia

- [CCHR, ADHOC and SC publish the Second Annual Report of the Cambodia Fundamental Freedoms Monitor](#)
- [Cambodia's Special Economic Zones and Human Rights](#)
- [UN researcher calls for Cambodia to speed up trials](#)
- [People's Coalition on Food Sovereignty Calls on UN Expert to Investigate Claims of State-Backed Land Grabs](#)

China

- [The Australian Government raised Tibet at UN Human Rights Council during China's UPR](#)

India

- **Take action:** Human rights defenders [Sudha Bhardwaj](#), [Vernon Gonsalves](#), [Arun Ferreira](#), [Gautam Navlakha](#) and [Varavara Rao](#) remanded in police custody
- [Indian Government treating human rights organizations like criminal enterprises](#)
- [Amnesty urges investigation into attack on activists in coal mining district](#)

Laos

- [Lao Workers Jailed For Criticizing Government Are Separated in Prison](#)

Malaysia

- [Malaysia's Anwar Ibrahim wins parliamentary by-election](#)
- [Malaysia will not ratify the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination](#)

Myanmar

- Fortify Rights: [Drop Charges Against Eleven Media Journalists](#)
- [Accountability a key pillar for reconciliation in Myanmar: UN Envoy](#)
- [Mass atrocities and human trafficking: Rohingya Muslims on the move](#)
- [UN Human Rights Chief to Bangladesh: Halt Rohingya Repatriation](#)
- Myanmar Centre for Responsible Business: [Briefing Paper on Biodiversity, Human Rights and Business](#)

Nepal

- **Take action:** [Police illegally arrested and tortured innocent man](#)

New Caledonia

- From Nic Maclellan: [New Caledonians decide to stay with France – for now](#)

Philippines

- [Commission on Human Rights: Findings on the National Survey on Public Perceptions on the Death Penalty](#)
- **Take action:** [Killing of human rights lawyer Benjamin Ramos](#)

Singapore

- [Singaporean Artist and DTP trainer Seelan Palay Convicted for Art Performance](#)
- [New wave of executions condemned](#)

Thailand

- [More than 200 refugees arrested in two months, Deputy Prime Minister orders deportation of migrants](#)
- Fortify Rights: [End Child Detention, Protect All Children](#)
- [UN body petitioned over the longest ongoing detention of a lèse-majesté defendant](#)

Vietnam

- [Human rights defender Nguyen Ngoc Nhu Quynh \(popularly known as Me Nam or Mother Mushroom\) was released from prison after two years, on the condition of exile, and sent to the USA](#)

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](#)
- [Cambodia Center for Human Rights \(CCHR\) Fair Trial Newsletter](#)
- [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](#)
- [Myanmar Centre for Responsible Business \(MCRB\)](#)
- [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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