



## **DTP – BUILDING THE CAPACITY OF ASIA-PACIFIC HUMAN RIGHTS MOVEMENT 1990 – 2019**

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.

- To inaugurate our new section on Climate Change and Human Rights (see below) we are providing a link to an [opinion piece by Eco Matser for Hivos](#), the Dutch development aid organisation. Referring to the report by Philip Alston, the UN Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights we featured in [last month's issue](#), he argues that climate change policies must be human rights policies.

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### **CAPACITY BUILDING AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES**

#### **For [draft schedule for 2019](#) and [reports on completed DTP Training Programs](#)**

- 2019 – [29<sup>th</sup> Annual Regional Human Rights and People's Diplomacy Training Program](#) - Marking 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Popular Consultation and self-determination for Timor-Leste – [Brochure](#), [Draft Schedule](#) and [Summary Report](#)
- 2019 - [Capacity Building Training Programs in the Middle East and North Africa, 2015 – 2019](#) – [Final Report](#)
- 2019 – [Capacity Building Program on the Convention of the Rights of the Child, Darwin Australia](#) - [Brochure](#) and [Summary Report](#)
- [2019 Lebanon – MENA Regional Capacity Building Program on the Rights of Migrant Workers](#) – [Draft Summary Report](#)
- [2019 Indigenous Peoples, Human Rights and Business](#) with Asia Indigenous Peoples Pact and Forum Asia – [Summary Report](#), [Schedule](#) and [Opening Speech](#) by DTP Alumna and AICHR Commissioner, [Yuyun Wahyuningrum](#)
- [2019 Human Rights and Business and the SDGs in the Pacific – Capacity Building for Civil Society](#) – [Summary Report](#)
- [DTP 2018 Annual Report now available](#) – includes financial report for 2017/18 Financial Year

#### **Other training programs**

- [Southeast Asia Digital Rights Camp October 20-26: Call for Applications](#)
- [Training Course on the UPR and the UN Human Rights System, Geneva 30 September-4 October](#)
- [APRRN Short Course on Refugee Rights and Advocacy, Bangkok 25-29 November 2019](#)

# PROFILES AND NEWS OF DTP ALUMNI

- Alumni Profile: [Anisur Rahman Khan](#), Director of the Migration Program at the Awash Foundation in Bangladesh.
- Alumni Profile: [Chonticha Tangworamongkon](#), Program Director with the Human Rights and Development Foundation in Thailand.
- Fiji: DTP alumna [Louchrisha Hussain](#) appointed [Chief Executive Officer of the Citizens' Constitutional Forum](#).
- Nepal: DTP alumnus [Basanta Kumar Karki](#), now National Project Coordinator, Migrant Rights and Decent Work (MIRIDEW) Project with the ILO Country Office for Nepal, organising International Conference on Migration and NHRIs in Kathmandu in October (see below).
- Malaysia: DTP alumni raised concerns over migrant workers and Indigenous peoples rights with UN Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights, [Philip Alston](#) earlier this month [during his country visit to Malaysia](#).
- Six DTP alumni are teaching on DTP's 29th Annual Human Rights and Peoples' Diplomacy Training Program in Timor Leste - Benicia Magno (Timor Leste 2000); [Fernando da Costa](#) (Sri Lanka 2001); [Yuyun Wahyuningrum](#) (Timor Leste 2005), [Sayeed Ahmed](#) (Timor Leste 2006); [Juvinal Dias](#) (Timor Leste 2012).

## JOBS

- Article 19: [Malaysia Communications and Administration Assistant, apply by 15 September](#)

## EVENTS

- High Commissioner for Human Rights visits Australia for [Free and Equal Conference, Australia 8 October](#)

## RESOURCES

- [Scott Leckie from Displacement Solutions commentates in this short film on the impacts of climate change](#)

## DTP'S THEMATIC PRIORITIES

### Human Rights and Business

- [Study ranks 100 Indonesian listed companies on their implementation of the UN Guiding Principles on business and human rights](#)
- [Open-ended Intergovernment Working Group publishes revised draft of proposed binding treaty on business and human rights](#)
- [How governments and businesses silence land and environmental defenders](#)
- [Labour Rights Violations in the Thai Poultry Industry within the Supply Chains of Japanese Companies](#)
- [Australia to help ASEAN firms tackle slavery in supply chains](#)
- [New Zealand will adopt a national action plan to implement the UN Guiding Principles as recommended at the 2019 UPR](#)

### Indigenous Peoples' Rights

- Australia: [Coroner to ask whether racism played a role in Yorta Yorta woman Tanya Day's death](#)
- [Four in 10 Indigenous languages at risk of disappearing, warn UN human rights experts](#)
- Laos: [Manushya Foundation and Asia Indigenous Peoples Pact \(AIPP\) submission for Lao PDR 3<sup>rd</sup> cycle](#)

### Migrant Workers' Rights

- [Nearly 20,000 illegal Nepali workers in Malaysia can return home as local authorities announce general amnesty](#)
- [International Conference on the Rights of Migrant Workers – Nepal 12-14 November](#)
- [Malaysian court sides with forced labour victims over unpaid wages](#)

### Children's Rights

- Malaysia: [SUHAKAM urges alternatives for children in immigration detention](#)
- [ASEAN voice concern over children's plight in armed conflicts](#)

- [Shortfall in education opportunities deepens the despair of Rohingya youths](#)

## HUMAN RIGHTS – GENERAL NEWS

### Climate Change and Human Rights

- [Announcing the first ever global summit on human rights and climate change: 13-19 September](#)
- [Australia faces 'world-first' climate change human rights case](#)
- [States' Human Rights Obligations in the Context of Climate Change](#)
- [UNHRC adopts Viet Nam's resolution on climate change and human rights](#)
- [UN steps up commitment to protect environmental rights defenders](#)
- [Human Rights and Climate Change Conference Nadi, Fiji: Nadi Bay Declaration on the Climate Change Crisis in the Pacific](#)

## HUMAN RIGHTS – PACIFIC ISLANDS NEWS

- [ILO calls on the Pacific to give attention to international labour standards](#)
- [NHRIs in the Pacific have shared how they make human rights relevant for local communities](#)
- ['Fight for our lives!': Fiji calls world leaders 'selfish' as it lays out climate crisis blueprint](#)
- [Pacific islands stand ground on West Papua push](#)
- [Pacific Forum Fisheries Agency enacts new crew welfare regulations](#)

## HUMAN RIGHTS – COUNTRY SPECIFIC NEWS

### Australia

- [UN anti-torture experts to visit Australia and shine a light on abuse in places of detention](#)
- [Former Manus detainee Abdul Aziz Muhamat addresses the UN to call for freedom](#)
- [Australia warned 'discriminatory migration policies' may be driving slavery](#)

### Cambodia

- [Drop Case Against Journalists: Bogus Espionage Charges to Silence Independent Voices](#)

### China

- [UN: Credible Evidence Hong Kong Police Use Banned Tactics to Suppress Protesters](#)

### India

- **Take action:** [Threats and harassment against woman human rights defender Sobita Mangsatabam](#)
- **Front Line Defenders:** [India must ensure the safety of human rights defenders in Jammu and Kashmir](#)
- [Tensions Continue High over Kashmir, with 500 Arrests and a Communications Blackout](#)
- [UN presses India to let rights experts into Kashmir](#)

### Indonesia

- [Commemorations of Papuan independence Proclamation – Protesters face intimidation and restrictions on freedom of assembly](#)
- [Racial abuse sparks riots in Papua](#)

### Malaysia

- [Malaysian NGO Tenaganita tells FGV to ensure plantations free of forced labour](#)

### Myanmar

- [Internet Cutoff in Myanmar's Rakhine Enters Fifth Week](#)
- [New study raises fresh concern over Rohingya repatriation plans](#)
- ['Not without our rights': Rohingya refugees refuse to return to Myanmar](#)
- [ASEAN Parliamentarians call for targeted sanctions against Myanmar military and affiliated companies](#)

### Philippines

- [Drop Sedition Cases Against Duterte Critics](#)

### Sri Lanka

- [UN criticizes promotion of Sri Lankan general accused of war crimes](#)

## Thailand

- Human Rights Watch: [New Government Disregards Rights](#)
- [Sad day for human rights: Two human rights commissioners resign from the independent agency](#)
- HRW: [Investigate Activist's Abduction in Phatthalung](#)

## Timor Leste

- **Take action:** [Support Justice for Timor - Sign ETAN's petition calling on governments including the United States, Australia, Great Britain, and Indonesia to implement Chega!'s recommendations](#)

## NEWSLETTERS/REGULAR PUBLICATIONS

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

- BANGLADESH: [Bangladesh Human Rights Monitoring Report, monthly from Odhikar](#)
- BANGLADESH: [Kapaeng Foundation](#)
- CAMBODIA: [Cambodia Center for Human Rights \(CCHR\) Fair Trial Newsletter](#)
- CHINA: [Chinese Responsible Investment Overseas Newsletter](#)
- INDIA: [INDIA NEWS - A publication of the India Committee of the Netherlands](#)
- MYANMAR/BURMA: [Burma Human Rights Network Monthly Situation Updates Registration](#)
- MYANMAR/BURMA: [Myanmar Centre for Responsible Business \(MCRB\)](#)
- NEPAL: [Centre for Migration and International Relations \(CMIR\)](#)
- VIETNAM: [Vietnam Human Rights Defenders Weekly](#)
- WEST PAPUA: [Human Rights and Peace for Papua – The International Coalition for Papua](#)
- [Forest Peoples Programme Newsletter](#)
- [HREA Upcoming E-Learning Courses](#)
- [Hurights-Osaka: Asia Pacific Human Rights Information Center](#)
- [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](#)

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