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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.

- This issue we publish an article [What to look out for in 2019](#) by Stuart Bell, Director of Ergon Associates, an independent private company, owned by its directors and registered in the UK. Ergon's mission is to help organisations demonstrate their respect for labour standards, human rights and gender equality and list among its clients the European Commission, the ILO, IOM and the World Bank. The article identifies key issues for the year including a major ILO report on the future of work and a possible Convention on gender-based violence, human rights considerations in sport becoming mainstream, and the SDGs becoming a central organising principle for corporate sustainability work.

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CAPACITY BUILDING AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

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

- 2019 – 29th Annual Regional Human Rights and People's Diplomacy Training Program in Timor-Leste – applications are now open: [Application Form](#) and [Brochure](#)
- 2018 Indonesian Migrant Workers Program – [Launch & Module 1](#), [Summary report of Module 2](#) and [Module 3](#)
- 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. The Japanese TV Networkd filmed the [DTP participants](#)
- 2018 Human Rights and Business and the SDGs in the Pacific – Capacity Building for Civil Society – [Draft Report](#)
- 2018 – Migrant Workers Rights in Qatar – [Summary Report](#)
- [2018 Malaysia Migrant Workers Program – Module 5 - Report](#)
- [2018 Nepal - Review & Reflections on Advocating on Migrant Workers' Rights Along Migration Corridors – Program Report](#)
- [2018 Lebanon - MENA Regional Capacity Building Program on the Rights of Migrant Workers](#)
- [2018 Sabah, Malaysia - Indigenous Peoples, Human Rights and Partnerships for Sustainable Development](#) –
- [2018 Fiji - Business, Human Rights and the SDGs in the Pacific](#)
- [The 2017 DTP Annual Report is available on line](#)

PROFILES AND NEWS OF DTP ALUMNI

- Kashmir/India Alumnus [Shafat N. Ahmad](#) is an alumnus of the 16th Annual Program held in Timor Leste. He is the Director and co-Founder of the Centre for Law and Development Policy in India, working as a Law and Developmental Practitioner with a focus on Peacebuilding and Conflict Transformation.
- [K. Arumugam](#) from Tamil Nadu, India is a DTP alumnus from the 2006 Annual Program in Timor Leste. He urges DTP to include in its training programs the issue of Government accountability for World Bank projects with a focus on Tamil Nadu.
- From DTP alumnus Anisur Rahman Khan in Bangladesh: “In Jordan, 15 Bangladeshi garments workers (7 of them are female) went on strike against Rich Door Textile Factory in the Al Hassan free trade zone outside Irbid, Jordan. The Cause of the strike were unpaid wages, unhealthy and unhygienic living accommodation, no proper food etc. They sought help to Sommilito Garments Sramik Federation, (SGSF) in this regards. SGSF has communicated locally and internationally to overcome and solve this issues. Thanks to all of them who supported and cooperated to solve the case.” Finally, Mr. Mohammed Solaman has been free from prison, employer has accepted workers all valid demands and will be implemented gradually. Victimized worker has requested us to convey their gratitude and thanks to you all for your full-hearted support. [Image](#)
- West Papuan DTP Alumnus, [Esra Mandosir, \(Timor Leste 2017\)](#) has been invited by the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) to attend the upcoming 18th Session of United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (UNPFII) in New York from 22 April to 3 May. He is also been selected for Tribal Link Foundation’s: “Project Access Global Capacity Building Training Workshop for Indigenous Peoples” from 16-19 April and the meeting of Indigenous Caucus on 21 April.
- Fiji Alumna [Faranisese Ratu](#) participated in last year’s Business, Human Rights & the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in the Pacific – Fiji, she was selected as one of the second class of SDG Young Leaders. The program, which was set up the Office of the UN Secretary-General’s Envoy on Youth, with the second class launched at the 73rd UN General Assembly. In her speech, Faranisese discussed business and human rights in the Pacific and Fiji. In addition to this honour, Faranisese has also formed the provincial student association at her state university. She currently is its President-Elect.
- N.E. Indian Alumnus, Tirtha Prasad Saikia DTP alumnus (Indigenous Peoples, Human Rights and Partnerships for Sustainable Development, 2018) was selected to participate in this Asia-Pacific People’s Forum on Sustainable Development in Bangkok – and caught up with DTP Trainer, Joshua Cooper. [Image](#)

RESOURCES

- [International Guidelines on Human Rights and Drug Policy](#)

AWARDS

- [Abdul Aziz Muhamat, a refugee and human rights defender, who has spent nearly six years detained by the Australian Government on Manus Island, awarded the prestigious Martin Ennals Award](#)

EVENTS

- [Tackling Corruption Together Conference: Rebuilding Trust in Australian Business and Regulators, Melbourne April 4, 2019](#)
- [Rwanda to Myanmar: the role of media and social media in inciting genocide and violence – Sydney April 10, 2019](#)
- [World Justice Forum, The Hague, Netherlands April 29 - May 2, 2019](#)
- [The 8th Asia Pro Bono Conference is being held in Nepal in September 2019](#)

JOBS AND INTERNSHIPS

- [Gender Equality Program Manager International Rescue Committee](#)

FUNDING

- [Call for proposals: feminist groups \(Mama Cash\) - deadline 31 March 2019](#)

DTP'S THEMATIC PRIORITIES

Human Rights and Business

- Australia: [Tackling modern slavery now a matter of legal compliance](#)
- Cambodia: [CSOs lodge complaint under OECD Guidelines for MNEs against ethical sugar association Bonsucro](#)
- [Human rights in business under scrutiny in Pacific](#)
- [Fish sold in Australia being caught by modern-day slaves who are forced to spend months at sea](#)
- DTP Board member Justine Nolan has been working with ICAR on their joint report with FLEX, [Full Disclosure: Toward Better Modern Slavery Reporting](#)

Indigenous Peoples' Rights

- Australia compensation for damage to culture: [Court orders Ostwald Construction to pay \[AUD\]\\$430,000 for desecrating site sacred to Indigenous people](#)
- [Millions of forest-dwelling Indigenous peoples are facing eviction in India](#)
- [Statement of Ms. Victoria Tauli-Corpuz Special Rapporteur on the rights of Indigenous peoples to the Human Rights Council 39th Session](#)
- [Indigenous peoples hold the key to saving Myanmar's remaining forest](#)
- [The Special Rapporteur on the rights of Indigenous peoples calls for inputs on upcoming country visit to Timor Leste 8 to 16 April 2019](#)

Migrant Workers' Rights

- [Consultation of the UN Network on Migration with Civil Society \(4 April, Geneva\) Invitation, click here](#)
- [Meeting with Civil Society on the Modalities of the International Migration Review Forum \(3 – 4 May, Cox's Bazar\)](#)
- [CMW concept note and call for inputs: Draft General Comment No. 5 on Migrants' Rights to Liberty and Freedom from Arbitrary Detention](#)
- Article on Global Compacts: [The Global Compacts and the Future of Refugee and Migrant Protection in the Asia Pacific Region](#)
- [Final report - Tripartite Meeting of Experts on Defining Recruitment Fees and Related Costs \(ILO\)](#)
- [Briefing: The new global refugee pact](#)

Women's Rights

- [Girls' Rights Platform – Plan International Interactive Database](#)
- UN Women: [Guidance Note on Campus Violence Prevention and Response](#)
- [The IMF is certainly no ally of women](#)
- HRW: [Silencing Women's Voices in Saudi Arabia](#)
- [UN expert highlights 'critical' work of women human rights defenders for social progress](#)

HUMAN RIGHTS – GENERAL NEWS

- [High Commissioner Bachelet calls on States to take strong action against inequalities and secure sustainable development](#)
- [Stifling civil society in the name of national security does not pay off, says UN Special Rapporteur](#)
- [UN human rights office welcomes California moratorium on death penalty](#)
- [UN Human Rights Council denounces New Zealand attacks and 'Stand united against anti-Muslim hatred' urges Guterres, after mosque shootings in New Zealand leave 50 dead](#)
- [Christchurch mosque attack sparks renewed calls for online platforms to curb hate speech](#)
- [High Commissioner briefs States on Colombia, Cyprus, Guatemala, Honduras, Iran, Myanmar, Sri Lanka, Venezuela and Yemen](#)

Development

- [Gender-Just Macroeconomics: The World Bank's Privatisation Push](#)

HUMAN RIGHTS – REGIONAL NEWS

- [Regional lawmakers call on Thailand to ensure an election free from interference](#)

HUMAN RIGHTS – COUNTRY SPECIFIC NEWS

Australia

- [Australia's inaugural National Children's Commissioner addresses UN Committee on the Rights of the Child](#)
- [Queensland Parliament passes the Human Rights Bill - The Human Rights Act 2019 will protect 23 rights](#)
- [Australian Lawyers for Human Rights \(ALHR\) Launches Children's Rights Subcommittee](#)
- HRW: [Harmony in Australia Means Stop Racist Dog-Whistling](#)

Cambodia

- [CSOs call on the Royal Government of Cambodia to address systemic women's rights violations](#)
- [APHR condemns arrest warrant against Board Member Mu Sochua in Cambodia](#)

India

- **Take action:** [Disappearance of human rights defender Mugilan in Tamil Nadu](#)

Indonesia

- Jelena Rudd has been a valued DTP volunteer. [She interviewed the legal counsel in a class action brought on behalf of 15,500 Indonesian seaweed farmers affected by 2009 Montara oil spill](#)

Malaysia

- [Malaysia accedes to Rome Statute of ICC](#)
- Malaysian-based NGOs: [Stop Persecution of Women Human Rights Defenders and LGBT Community](#)

Myanmar

- [Organization of Islamic Cooperation calls for legal action against Myanmar at ICJ](#)
- [Rights Group Urges UN Rights Council Pressure on Myanmar to Protect Freedom of Expression](#)

Pakistan

- **Take action:** [Human rights defender Afzal Kohistani shot dead for seeking justice for "honour killings"](#)

Philippines

- FIDH: [Casualties on the rise in President Duterte's war on human rights defenders](#)
- Amnesty International: [Withdrawal from the ICC must spur UN action](#)

Thailand

- [Thailand passes internet security law decried as 'cyber martial law'](#)

Vietnam

- BPSOS – Religious Freedom Project: [Statelessness as form of punishment against H'Mong and Montagnard Christians in the Socialist Republic of Vietnam](#)
- [VCHR denounces gross Violations of Civil and Political Rights in Vietnam before top UN Human Rights body](#)

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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