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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.

- [The United Nations Foundation](#) has identified [6 Global Issues to Watch in 2019](#). They are Climate Change, Progressing the SDGs, Financing for the Future, Improving the UN, Inequality/Human Rights and Responses to Humanitarian Crises.

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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](#)
- [2019 Lebanon – MENA Regional Capacity Building Program on the Rights of Migrant Workers – Draft Summary Report](#)
- [2019 Human Rights and Business and the SDGs in the Pacific – Capacity Building for Civil Society – Summary Report](#)
- 2018 Indonesian Migrant Workers Program reports – [Module 1](#), [Module 2](#), [Module 3](#) and [Module 4](#) (New)
- 2018 Human Rights and Business and the SDGs in the Pacific – Capacity Building for Civil Society – [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 Sabah, Malaysia - Indigenous Peoples, Human Rights and Partnerships for Sustainable Development](#)
- [The 2017 DTP Annual Report is available on line](#)

OTHER TRAINING PROGRAMS

- [Call for Participation: Training on the UPR and the UN Human Rights System – deadline 16 September](#)

PROFILES AND NEWS OF DTP ALUMNI

- Fijian alumna [Faranisese Ratu](#) (Human Rights and Business and the SDGs in the Pacific, 2018) profiled here, was selected as one of the UN Secretary-General’s Envoy on Youth’s 2018 Class of Young Leaders for the SDGs.

- Nihal Chandrasiri, Sri Lankan DTP alumna, [sent us this appeal](#) following the attacks on churches and hotels that killed 250 people.
- DTP alumna Cressida Kuala from PNG sent us a link to an [Amnesty International call for transparency of Fiji military and torture cases](#)
- DTP alumna [MD Abdullah Al Mamun](#) from OKUP in Bangladesh sent us a policy brief "[Why the Government should introduce a Social Protection Scheme for Vulnerable Returned Women Migrant Workers](#)".
- From DTP alumna organization [Kapaeeng Foundation](#) in Bangladesh, "[CHT situation can only be improved if CHT Accord implemented fully, says ex-chair of NHRC at book launching program in Dhaka](#)"
- From Indian DTP alumna [Dr Subash Mohapatra](#): National Green Tribunal [Petition](#) and [Order](#)

JOBS/INTERNSHIPS

- [Global Initiative for Economic, Social and Cultural Rights seeks Executive Director – deadline June 7](#)
- St. Andrew's Refugee Services Cairo Egypt: [Policy and Advocacy Officer](#)

DTP'S THEMATIC PRIORITIES

Human Rights and Business

- [Mining and the Right to Water in Porgera, Papua New Guinea](#)
- [John Ruggie highlights positive contribution of environmental, social, and governance investing to advancing human rights](#)
- [21 major brands sourcing from Cambodia urge PM to address labour & human rights situation](#)
- Thailand: Company Thammakaset must end its [judicial harassment of human rights defenders](#) DTP alumna [Ms. Sutharee Wannasiri](#), Mr. Nan Win from Myanmar and others.

Indigenous Peoples' Rights

- Cambodia: [A 75-year-old woman Indigenous rights defender leads collective protest against land-grabbing](#)
- Indigenous groups: [No conservation initiatives that affect us should be undertaken without our Free, Prior and Informed Consent](#)
- Statement to UNPFII: [World Bank's new Environmental and Social Framework \(ESF\) and engagement with the Indigenous Peoples](#)
- [EMRIP12: The provisional agenda for the session has been published and accreditation to observe the meeting is now open.](#)

Migrant Workers' Rights

- [The ILO has approved the publication and dissemination of the definition of recruitment fees and related costs](#)
- [Allegedly trafficked Bangladeshis stranded in Vanuatu](#)
- Malaysia: [Authorities arrest employment agent for beating, scolding, & withholding wages of migrant workers](#)
- [Qatar to abolish exit visas for all foreign workers](#)
- [What do we know about preventing and responding to modern slavery in South Asia?](#)

Women's Rights

- [The Colombo Declaration on the role of the judiciary in advancing women's right to equality in marriage and family relations](#)
- [UN Women announces fresh push for gender equality](#)

HUMAN RIGHTS – GENERAL NEWS

- [UN High Commissioner for Human Rights urges states to adopt "smart mix" of measures to regulate new technologies to address human rights impacts](#)
- [Phone app that makes the world a witness to courtroom injustices across the globe](#)
- [Invitation for NGOs to apply for ECOSOC Consultative Status](#) deadline 1 June

Development

- [Over 50 organizations urge World Bank to prioritize human rights & environmental impacts in "climate-smart" mining](#)

UPR

- Deadline for CSOs and NHRIs for 35th session is July 18. To be reviewed [Lao People's Democratic Republic](#), [Kiribati](#)

HUMAN RIGHTS – REGIONAL NEWS

- [Changing community perceptions on human rights in the Pacific](#)
- [ASEAN urged to expand rights body's role](#)
- The Pacific - [‘Eaten by the sea’: human rights claims for the impacts of climate change upon remote subnational communities](#)

HUMAN RIGHTS – COUNTRY SPECIFIC NEWS

Australia

- [Morrison Government should reverse short-sighted decision to disband Indigenous Legal Assistance Program](#)
- [Nauru former president regrets signing offshore processing of asylum seekers deal with PM Julia Gillard](#)
- [Nominations for the Australian Human Rights Commission 2019 Human Rights Awards now open – nomination deadline 15 July](#)

Bangladesh

- [Sultana Kamal receives death threat from militant group](#)
- **Take action:** [Abdul Kaium held in judicial custody on fabricated charges](#)

Brunei

- [Brunei says it won't enforce gay death penalty after backlash](#)
- [Brunei's de facto moratorium on death penalty will continue under Syariah: HM](#)

Cambodia

- [CCHR releases infographic to highlight the challenges faced by women in the garment sector](#)
- [ASEAN Parliamentarians for Human Rights urge the Cambodian government to stop targeting and attacking members of the opposition](#)

Fiji

- [Trade Unionists detained by police](#)

India

- [2018 was the deadliest year of the last decade in Indian administered Jammu and Kashmir](#)
- [India's Muslims fear for their future under Narendra Modi](#)

Indonesia

- **Petition to Australian Government:** [MakeWestPapuaSafe. Hold the Australian Federal Police accountable](#)
- [Lawyers are challenging Indonesia's incorporation of West Papua into its territory a half-century ago](#)
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Malaysia

- [The Human Rights Commission of Malaysia has found reasonable grounds to believe that a human-trafficking syndicate committed crimes against humanity](#)
- [Call for submissions in advance of country visit by UN Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights – deadline 14 June.](#)
- [Thai Asylum Seeker Praphan Pipithnamporn Forcibly Returned](#)

Myanmar

- [UN says freedom of expression in Myanmar still 'dire'](#)
- [UN Independent International Fact-Finding Mission on Myanmar urges financial isolation of Myanmar military](#)

- [Hope, despair and the new normal in Myanmar](#)

Papua New Guinea

- [Akali Tange Association Position Paper on Barrick's Porgera Mine in West Papua](#)

Philippines

- Amnesty International: [Public Statement on the rising attacks against human rights defenders in the Philippines](#)

Sri Lanka

- [Sri Lankan religious minorities face growing risk of violence](#)
- [Fear Returns to Sri Lanka After Bombings](#)
- ['Hateful attacks' pushing Sri Lanka backwards, UN advisers warn, urging an end to 'discriminatory practices' that feed intolerance](#)

Thailand

- [Outspoken Rights Commissioner Harassed](#)
- [3 Prominent Dissidents Missing After Secret Extradition From Hanoi](#)
- [Judicial harassment of 15 pro-democracy activists](#)
- [Appeals Court orders Andy Hall to pay 10 million baht in damages to Natural Fruit](#)

Vietnam

- Amnesty International: [Surge in number of prisoners of conscience, new research shows](#)

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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