



## 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.

- In line with the DTP thematic priority on business and human rights, this issue we link to an opinion piece by Shayda Naficy and Ebuata Pholip Jakpor, [Holding Transnational Corporations Accountable for Human Rights Abuses](#) on the progress of the intergovernmental working group on the binding treaty on transnational corporations and human rights and four issues that will need to be addressed for the treaty to be effective.

## 2019 ASIA DEMOCRACY AND HUMAN RIGHTS AWARD

- DTP is to be awarded the [2019 Asia Democracy and Human Rights Award](#) from the [Taiwan Foundation for Democracy](#). The award will be presented in Taiwan next month on 10 December, International Human Rights Day.

## 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](#).

## PLEASE HELP DTP IMPROVE THE DTP NEWSLETTER

- Thank you to everyone who provided feedback on the DTP Newsletter. We will analyse the results over the next month and look to incorporate your comments in future newsletters.

## CAPACITY BUILDING AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

### [For draft schedule for 2019-2020 and reports on completed DTP Training Programs](#)

- November 2019 – Business and Human Rights and SDGs in PNG – Capacity Building Program with PIANGO, OHCHR, UNDP, UNSW Institute for Global Development - [Brochure](#), [OHCHR media release](#), [Participants' message to the UN Global Forum on Business and Human Rights](#)
- August 2019 – 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Regional Human Rights and Peoples' Diplomacy Training Program in Timor-Leste – [Brochure](#) and [Summary Report](#)
- July 2019 – [Capacity Building Program on the Convention of the Rights of the Child, Darwin Australia](#) - [Brochure](#) and [Report](#)
- [June 2019 Lebanon – MENA Regional Capacity Building Program on the Rights of Migrant Workers – Draft Summary Report](#), [Final report for Capacity Building Training Programs in the Middle East and North Africa, 2015 - 2019](#),
- [Final report for Capacity Building Training Programs in South and South-East Asia, 2015-2019](#)

- [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](#)
- [March 2019 Human Rights and Business and the SDGs in the Pacific – Capacity Building for Civil Society – Summary Report](#)
- [DTP 2018 Annual Report](#) and [2017/18 audited financial statements](#) available here

## Other training programs

- [Equitas International Human Rights Training Program: deadline for applications 14 December](#)
- [Forum Asia Global Advocacy Learning Program on Human Rights and Development 2020: deadline for applications 6 December](#)
- [ISHR's June 2020 training for human rights defenders: deadline for applications 1 December](#)

## PROFILES AND NEWS OF DTP ALUMNI

- Papua New Guinea: Participants in the recent program had a [message broadcast](#) during the Pacific session at the [UN Global Forum on Business and Human Rights in Geneva](#)
- Singapore: [Ongoing judicial harassment against DTP alumnus and trainer Jolovan Wham](#)
- DTP would like to congratulate alumna [Abbey Shillingford](#) for starting a new position as General Board Member at Women's Legal Service WA
- Papua New Guinean DTP alumnus [Jonathan Mesulam](#) takes concerns about mining to the international [MiningWatch Canada conference](#) in November. We have received photos of his participation.
- DTP alumna [Khalida Brohi](#) founder of the Sughar Foundation in Pakistan has been selected as one of the members of the [National Youth Council](#), a body advising the government on pro-youth policymaking
- Australian alumna Bernadette Goulding (29<sup>th</sup> Annual Program) is calling on schools, youth groups and communities to participate in the [Pacific Island Storytelling competition](#). Submissions close 31 December 2019.

## ACTIVISM AND CAMPAIGNING

- [Graham Thom Refugee Coordinator for Amnesty International Australia finally meets Behrouz Boochani freed after many years of campaigning since he was detained on Manus Island by the Australian Government](#)

## AWARDS

- [Sakharov Prize 2019](#) and Vaclav Havel Prize 2019 awarded to Uyghur scholar [Ilham Tohti](#)

## JOBS/INTERNSHIPS

- [Human Rights Watch: Researcher, Sri Lanka and Nepal](#)
- [Sughar, a non-profit aimed at ending the negative customs of exchange marriages, child marriages, and honour killings in South Asia seeks a Monitoring and Evaluation \(M&E\) Officer](#). Apply by 1 December.

## EVENTS

- [Mapping Disadvantaged Populations: Ethical Considerations and Human Rights, Sydney 3 December](#)

## DTP'S THEMATIC PRIORITIES

### Human Rights and Business

- [New BHRRC Portal Tool Highlights Pacific Business and Human Rights Issues](#)
- [Cotton On and Target Australia stop buying cotton from Xinjiang over human rights concerns](#)
- [New UN report provides companies with roadmap for tackling online hate according to human rights law](#)
- [Database of attacks on defenders working on businesses-related human rights abuses](#)
- India: [Severe violation of labour rights of Dalit women in leather industry](#)

- Australia: [Traditional owners' native title claim upheld in landmark decision against mining company Fortescue Metals Group](#)
- Thailand: [Government adopts National Action Plan on Business and Human Rights](#)
- Myanmar: [Fears of more conflicts and human rights abuses around French energy giant EDF's Shweli 3 dam project](#)
- [Zero Tolerance Initiative - calling for an end to human rights abuse in global supply chains](#)

## Indigenous Peoples' Rights

- [Loss of Land, Forests Threatens Indigenous Food Security, Conference Told](#)
- [Under threat for resisting an illegal mine in India](#)
- [Renewable Energy, Gender and the Rights of Indigenous Peoples: Bata'an Statement](#)
- [Statement by the Chair of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues on the situation of Maria Eugenia Choque Quispe in Bolivia](#)

## Migrant Workers' Rights

- [Why Are So Many Nepali Workers in Korea Committing Suicide?](#)
- ["AFRAID of the LIGHT: Unmasking the Discourse on Irregular Migration and its Implications for Migration Governance in ASEAN"](#)
- [Executive Committee of the UN Network on Migration statement on UN system-wide assistance to Member States in their implementation of the GCM](#)

## Children's Rights

- [Ceremonies in Geneva and New York underscore the urgency of stronger action to uphold children's rights](#)
- [UN experts urge States to strengthen protections for children](#)
- [Lack of funding leaves millions of children in conflict zones at risk: UNICEF](#)
- [Stop Child Labour presents the final report of the 'Getting down to Business' \(2017-2019\) project](#)
- [ASEAN Declaration on the Rights of Children in the Context of Migration](#) and [Declaration on the Protection of Children from all Forms of Online Exploitation and Abuse in ASEAN](#)

## HUMAN RIGHTS – GENERAL NEWS

- [UN treaty bodies are increasingly scrutinizing States' treatment of LGBTI persons](#)
- HRW: [ASEAN a 'human rights disaster'](#)
- UNGA74: [71 countries make first joint statement on reprisals at the Third Committee](#)
- [30th anniversary of the adoption of the Second Optional Protocol to the ICCPR: meeting to strengthen the international adherence to OP2](#)

## Climate Change and Human Rights

- ['Take the money and shut up': Ex-Tuvalu PM slams Australian Prime Minister Morrison's climate bargaining](#)
- [Former OHCHR chief co-hosts podcast about climate change. Stories of women of color and Indigenous women who are implementing solutions in their own communities.](#)

## Universal Periodic Review (UPR)

- Deadline March 19 2020 for NGO contributions to the stakeholder report for the 37th session: [Australia](#), [Micronesia \(Federated States of\)](#), [Nauru](#), [Nepal](#), [Myanmar](#)
- Fiji UPR: [NGOs call on the Fiji Government to protect defenders and repeal legislation restricting their right to freedom of expression, assembly and association](#)

## HUMAN RIGHTS – PACIFIC ISLANDS NEWS

- [Papua New Guinea's health crises hit home](#)
- [China makes a bold play for the south Pacific's 'Treasure Islands'](#)
- [The Bougainville Referendum and Beyond](#)
- [Papua New Guinea: Detainees Denied Lawyers, Family Access](#)

# HUMAN RIGHTS – COUNTRY SPECIFIC NEWS

## Australia

- [Queensland anti-protest laws pass despite glaring human rights concerns](#)
- [Civil liberties groups and business speak out over PM's proposal to ban protesters boycotting companies](#)
- [Australia's international credibility goes up in flames](#)
- [The use of non-judicial accountability mechanisms by the refugee sector in Australia](#)
- Australia: [Children in the criminal justice system](#)
- Australia: [Working with Children in Residential Care](#)

## Cambodia

- [ASEAN Parliamentarians for Human Rights call for release of Kong Raya, end to crackdown on dissent and the immediate release of Mu Sochua](#)

## China

- NGO statement: [Drop "Subversion" Charge and Release Woman Human Rights Defender Chen Jianfang](#)
- [Hundreds of office workers march across Hong Kong in protest against government and to show support for student who died in car park fall](#)

## India

- [Human Rights Commissioner reiterates call on India to lift restrictions on Kashmir](#)
- From Abdul Wasay in India: [Support the people of Kashmir](#)
- [IFC fails to ensure proper work protection for tea workers in India](#)

## Indonesia

- [Jokowi under fire for failing to address human rights](#)
- ['Dark day for human rights': Subianto named as Indonesia's defence minister](#)
- **Take action:** [Six people detained and charged with 'rebellion' after they peacefully expressed their support for West Papua's right to self-determination](#)
- [Indonesia rights commission calls for probe into Papua deaths](#)
- [Solve human rights abuse before discussing new provinces, Papua local council tells Jakarta](#)
- [Free Peaceful Papua Activists: Dubious Treason Charges for 22 Detainees for August Protests](#)

## Laos

- [Xayaburi Dam begins operations despite villagers arguing that dam will destroy their livelihoods](#)
- [At least seven detained over planned pro-democracy demonstration](#)
- HRW: [Democracy Activists Arrested](#)

## Malaysia

- [Malaysia's secret 'hell': victims of violence, extortion and abuse of power in immigration detention centres tell their stories](#)
- [SUHAKAM calls for security laws to incorporate human rights](#)
- [Repeal Abusive Security Law](#)

## Myanmar

- [Land Grabbing as an Internationally Wrongful Act - crimes and impunity in Myanmar](#)
- [UN mission head says risk of genocide recurring in Myanmar](#)
- [Rights groups want ASEAN to listen to Rohingya refugees as repatriation fails](#)
- [Actors Convicted of Criticizing Army](#)
- [Gambia brings genocide case against Myanmar](#)
- [As a step toward ratification of the ICCPR, UN organizes a workshop on human rights reporting in Myanmar](#)
- [ICC Gives Greenlight for Probe into Violent Crimes Against Rohingya](#)

## North Korea

- [UN Human Rights Committee condemns North Korean violations of rights](#)

## Philippines

- **Take action:** [Human rights defender Honey Mae Suazo reported missing](#)

## Sri Lanka

- From Dr Laksiri Fernando former DTP Director: [Human Right To Quality Education: Eight Demands To All Presidential Candidates](#)
- [Human rights lawyer Kumaravadivel Guruparan barred from practicing law](#)

## Thailand

- [Thailand seeks arrest of ex-national park chief in activist's killing](#)

## Vietnam

- [FIDH condemns Vietnam's escalating repression of civil society and lack of environmental justice](#)
- HRW: [Free Activist Jailed for Facebook Posts](#)
- **Take action:** [Arbitrary detention of woman human rights defender Dinh Thi Phuong Thao](#)

## NEWSLETTERS/REGULAR PUBLICATIONS

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

- BANGLADESH: [Kapaeeng Foundation](#)
- CAMBODIA: [Cambodia Center for Human Rights \(CCHR\) Fair Trial Newsletter](#)
- CHINA: [Chinese Responsible Investment Overseas Newsletter](#)
- 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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