



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 this issue we provide a link to [a podcast](#) with DTP International Advisory Council member Professor [Philip Alston](#), the UN Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights, about whether the human rights community is doing enough to tackle climate change, his controversial report into poverty in the UK, and how it feels to have world leaders and the media criticise you and your work.

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CAPACITY BUILDING AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

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

- 2019 – Business and Human Rights and SDGs in PNG – November 11- 15 – Capacity Building Program with PIANGO, OHCHR, UNDP, UNSW Institute for Global Development – [Brochure](#)
- August 2019 – 29th Annual Regional Human Rights and People’s 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](#)
- [June 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

PROFILES AND NEWS OF DTP ALUMNI

- Profile of DTP alumna [Sharmin Subrina](#) from Bangladesh - (29th DTP Annual Program in Timor-Leste)

- DTP alumni in [Kapaeng](#) – sent us this update on the killings of 3 Santal Indigenous men in Gaibandha Bangladesh. [90 people have been charged but according to the Santal community those really responsible have not been charged](#)
- DTP trainer and alumnus Surya Deuja from Nepal has sent us his reflections, [Building Human Rights Capacity of Duty-bearers and Civil Society: Case of the Autonomous Region of Bougainville](#)
- [Four Pacific DTP Alumni \(PNG, Solomon Islands, Fiji\)](#) including [Selwyn Aharo](#) at [Frontline Defenders 2019 Dublin Platform](#) and [briefed Irish Ministry of Foreign Affairs Officials on human rights issues in the Pacific](#)
- DTP PNG Alumnus, Emmanuel “Manu” Peni raises concerns re Australian-Chinese Gold Mine for Sepik River and PNG communities at [Australian Annual Dialogue on Business and Human Rights](#)
- [DTP’s Timorese alumni, H.E. Abel Guterres, Ambassador to Australia and FONGTIL Board Member, Elisabeth Lino de Araujo](#) keynote speakers at [ACFID Dinner to mark 20 year anniversary of Timor-Leste’s vote for independence](#)
- DTP alumnus Nihal Chandrasiri from Sri Lanka has drawn attention to this statement from the Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka: [HRCSL Writes to Chairman, Election Commission of Sri Lanka ‘Leave No Voter Behind at Elections’](#) and to the HRCSL [Guidelines on Application of Hate Speech Law](#)

ACTIVISM AND CAMPAIGNING

- [India: Report finds community-based interventions addressing systemic causes of bonded labour reduces its prevalence in villages](#)
- [States at UN Human Rights Council call on Saudi Arabia to improve its human rights record](#)

DTP’S THEMATIC PRIORITIES

Human Rights and Business

- [IMF: Firms that ignore social issues risk going out of business](#)
- Indonesia: [Government announces publication of business & human rights National Action Plan in 2020, says focus will be on plantations, mining & tourism](#)
- [22 CSOs call on Principles for Responsible Banking signatories to end financing for fossil fuel expansion & activities that violate human rights](#)
- [Legal Case Map: Displays geographic spread of key business and human rights lawsuits, summaries of proceedings](#)
- [DTP Board Member Justine Nolan has co-authored with Martijn Boersma a new book on modern slavery](#)
- Australia: [Academics, led by DTP Board member and trainer Justine Nolan, press Coles & Woolworths to address labour exploitation and the risk of modern slavery](#)

Indigenous Peoples’ Rights

- Video from APF: [What is the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples?](#)
- [Indigenous peoples commit to climate action at UNSG Climate Action Summit](#)
- [Indigenous peoples protest in West Papua](#)
- [Status of Indigenous Peoples’ lands, territories and resources in Asia](#)
- [Indigenous Heroines: a saga of tribal women of India](#)
- Funding available from the [UN Voluntary Fund for Indigenous Peoples](#) for Indigenous peoples’ attendance at sessions of the Treaty Bodies: CRC Jan-Feb 2020 on [Micronesia, Tuvalu](#); CRPD March 2020 on [Bangladesh, Laos](#); HRC March 2020 on [Japan, Philippines, Sri Lanka](#)

Migrant Workers’ Rights

- Malaysia: [Agency frees foreign domestic workers of hiring fee burden through an ethical business model](#)
- [Nestlé criticised over migrant palm oil workers in Malaysia](#)
- [Report of the Independent Expert on human rights and international solidarity calling on States to introduce solidarity exemptions in human smuggling legislation to avoid the criminalisation of humanitarian acts](#)
- [Guardian Report highlights deaths of migrant workers in Qatar ahead of FIFA 2022 World Cup](#)
- [IOM Guide to key terminology in international migration](#)
- [IOM Report on global migration indicators in 2018](#)

- [Increased labour inspection impacting on slavery in Thai Fishing Fleet](#)
- [Young Vietnamese workers risking life and death 'on the line' to Europe](#)
- [The Essex 39 Tragedy speaks of horrors of human trafficking and forced migration](#)

Children's Rights

- [The CRC Committee has issued new General Comment 24 on children's rights in juvenile justice](#)
- [Fundamental Rights Agency Publishes Paper on Returns of Unaccompanied Children](#)
- [Tipping the Balance: Tackling unequal access to healthcare to drive progress on child survival](#)
- [Myanmar ratifies UN Convention on the Rights of the Child](#)
- [UN Committee launches guidelines on combating child sexual exploitation and the sale of children in the digital age](#)

HUMAN RIGHTS – GENERAL NEWS

- [UN's Bachelet addresses progress and setbacks in human rights worldwide](#)
- [World stumbling zombie-like into a digital welfare dystopia, warns UN human rights expert](#)
- [Anti-Death Penalty Asia Network \(ADPAN\) Statement on World Day Against the Death Penalty](#)
- [NGOs are encouraged to make recommendations to their governments on nomination of new members of the UN Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights](#)
- [UN disability rights experts issue findings on Australia, India and Myanmar](#)
- [No more tinkering: real reform needed to UN human rights treaty monitoring, former High Commissioner](#)

Climate Change and Human Rights

- [A Brief Guide to the Impacts of Climate Change on Food Production](#)
- [Myanmar must improve community forestry plan to fight climate change](#)
- [Greta Thunberg and 15 other children filed a complaint against five countries over the climate crisis](#)
- [Five UN human rights treaty bodies issue a joint statement on human rights and climate change](#)
- [200 environmental and human rights leaders pledge to tackle climate emergency together](#)
- [Summit delivers major step up in national ambition and private sector action on pathway to key 2020 climate deadline](#)

SDGs

- [Salvaging the SDGs: New Thinking to Spur Action Takes Shape](#)
- [30 Business Titans Join UN Push to Scale Up Private Sector Investment for Sustainable Development](#)

Universal Periodic Review (UPR)

- [Micronesia \(Federated States of\), Lebanon, Nauru, Nepal, Oman, Myanmar, Australia. Deadline of March 19, 2020 for NGO contributions to the stakeholder report for the 37th session](#)

HUMAN RIGHTS – PACIFIC ISLANDS NEWS

- [Papua New Guinea: Reports of violence at Barrick-operated Porgera mine](#)
- [LAWASIA Environmental Law Conference in the Pacific, Fiji April 2020](#)
- [Tuvalu cultural survival at risk from climate change, says UN human rights expert](#)

HUMAN RIGHTS – COUNTRY SPECIFIC NEWS

Australia

- [CRC Committee issues Concluding Observation on Australia's record](#)
- ['The Australian government is not listening': how our country is failing to protect its children](#) – by DTP trainer Noam Peleg and Faith Gordon in response to the UN Committee's Concluding Observations on Australia's report
- Whitlam Oration by UN's Michelle Bachelet, [Australia's Role in Human Rights in a Changing World](#)
- UN's Michelle Bachelet: [Free and Equal: An Australian Conversation on Human Rights](#)
- [Proposed laws likely to result in clampdown on environmental & anti-mining protests](#)
- Government's [Centrelink robo-debt scheme focused on welfare recipients slammed by United Nations](#)

- [United Nations calls on Australia to release Tamil family in detention](#)
- **Take action:** [Petition, Stop locking up 10-year olds in prison](#)
- HRW: [Older People in Aged Care Drugged Up](#)

Bangladesh

- HRW: [Halt Plans to Fence-In Rohingya Refugees](#)

Cambodia

- HRW: [Wave of Opposition Arrests](#)

China

- HRW: [Hong Kong: Face Mask Ban Violates Assembly Rights](#)
- [UN's Michelle Bachelet says troubled by Hong Kong violence](#)
- [Seven months incommunicado detention of woman human rights defender Chen Jianfang](#)

India

- [Attacks and harassment of human rights defenders working on Indigenous and marginalized people's rights](#)

Indonesia

- [Veronica Koman wins Australian human rights award for Papua activism](#)
- HRW: [Investigate Environmental Lawyer's Death](#)
- [7 Desakan: The 7 Demands of Protesters in Indonesia](#)
- [On Recent Internet Blocking and Throttling in West Papua](#)
- West Papua: [Civil liberty on the line](#); [More violence in West Papua](#); and from Pat Walsh [Australia's illogic over Timor and West Papua](#)
- [Academics say that Indonesian democracy is at lowest point](#)
- [MPs call for an immediate end to violence in Papua](#)

Laos

- [Where is Lao's missing human rights activist?](#)

Malaysia

- [Statement by Professor Philip Alston, United Nations Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights, on his visit to Malaysia, 13-23 August 2019](#)
- From Charles Hector: [Abolition of Mandatory Death Penalty should happen in current Parliamentary Session](#)
- [Human Rights Commission of Malaysia \(SUHAKAM\) criticises raids targeting Shia Muslims](#)
- [Malaysia's secret 'hell': victims of violence, extortion and abuse of power in immigration detention centres tell their stories](#)

Philippines

- [Murders of land activists spike under Philippines' Duterte](#)

Republic of Korea (South Korea)

- [CRC: Concluding Observations on the Republic of Korea](#)

Sri Lanka

- [U.N. suspends Sri Lankan troops from peacekeeping over army chief appointment](#)

Thailand

- [Pro-Democracy Activists Acquitted](#)

Vietnam

- [Vietnamese environmental activist beaten in prison for refusing to confess his crimes](#)
- [UNICEF frets over underage domestic workers in Vietnam](#)
- [New Arrest for Facebook Postings](#)
- [Defend the Defenders' Latest Statistics: Vietnam Holds 234 Prisoners of Conscience](#)

NEWSLETTERS/REGULAR PUBLICATIONS

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

- BANGLADESH: [Kapaeng 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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