

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

Business, Human Rights, and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in PNG A Capacity Building Program

**11-15 November 2019, PNG
Application deadline- 25 October 2019**

Diplomacy Training Program in partnership with the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), United Nations Development Program, Pacific Islands Association of NGOs (PIANGO) and UNSW Institute for Global Development

SUMMARY

The Diplomacy Training Program (DTP) and partners are calling for applications for a civil society capacity building program on **Business, Human Rights and the SDGs in the Pacific** to be held in PNG 11 – 15 November 2019. The programme will attract 25-30 participants drawn from civil society and relevant government regulatory agencies.

This 5-day program will build the knowledge, skills and capacities to protect and promote human rights and sustainable development in PNG. It will build knowledge of international human rights standards and mechanisms that can be applied and integrated into engagement and operational strategies of CSOs, government and business. It will build knowledge and practical skills for dialogue between governments and business. Participants will learn from leading experts and practitioners, share knowledge with each other, and build practical skills and networks.

Trainers on the program will include Professor Surya Deva, member of the UN Working Group on Business and Human Rights.

WHY THIS TRAINING?

Across PNG, communities are increasingly impacted by business. Foreign direct investment, and the private sector are promoted as key drivers of economic development, along with loans to fund key infrastructure development. Ensuring that economic development benefits communities and is economically and environmentally sustainable are major challenges. Extractive industries, including deep sea mining and forestry as well as infrastructure and tourism are impacting communities. Women, children, and persons living with disabilities are particularly vulnerable to negative impacts of some business activities.

New global frameworks and guidelines on sustainable business practices and human rights are intended to guide and govern governments and the private sector. They can be used by CSOs to ensure community participation and inform dialogue with government and business – and their accountability. The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) provide a framework for partnership on development and human rights. The UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights (UNGPs) apply to both government and businesses and are critical to ensuring business “does no harm” and fulfils its potential to contribute to sustainable development.

Knowledge of rights, and skills in representation and dialogue are vital to CSOs advocating for the right to participate in decisions. Informed participation is critical to sustainable development.

This special training will help bridge the significant knowledge gap in CSOs, government, and business of these new global standards on business and human rights and of the SDGs and their relevance to sustainable, equitable development consistent with the cultures of the Pacific. It is intended to help build national CSO

networks and to link these with wider Pacific networks through PIANGO. PNG will be participating in the Voluntary National Review in 2020 (SDGs) and the UN, Universal Periodic Review (UPR) in 2021.

WHAT WILL PARTICIPANTS LEARN?

The curriculum will be finalised to meet the needs of the selected participants. Program content will include the following:

- International human rights standards and mechanisms
- The 2030 global development agenda – the SDGs
- The UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights/OECD Guidelines on Multinational Enterprises etc
- Skills in dialogue, negotiation and engaging the private and government.
- Opportunity to highlight and engage on current key issues

Participants completing the training will receive a certificate from UNSW Law Faculty.

TRAINERS AND TRAINING METHODOLOGY

Trainers are experienced local, regional and international human rights practitioners, academics, and officials who understand and support DTP's philosophy of participatory training. **Professor Surya Deva, member of the UN Working Group on Business and Human Rights**, will be one of the trainers on the program. DTP recognizes and values the experiences and skills that participants bring to its programs. The training is interactive and sharing experiences and lessons with others is actively encouraged.

WHO SHOULD APPLY?

The program is primarily for CSOs who work for and with NGOs/CSOs/TUs and who have the capacity to apply the training to their work. Consideration is given to ensuring a gender balance within each course. ***Spaces will also be made available for some of the key sessions (2-3 days) of the program to government representatives working in relevant portfolios areas.***

COURSE FEES

The DTP is an independent NGO and course fees are an important source of income for its work. There is no course fee for this program. Scholarships (full or partial including travel) will be offered. DTP will help to ensure funding for successful applicants. **This will cover costs of travel, accommodation and catering 3 meals plus incidentals.**

HOW TO APPLY

Application forms can be downloaded from the UNDP in PNG website or can be requested from alithia.barampataz@unohchr.org and tamalis.akus@undp.org. Deadline for the application is Friday, **October 25, 2019**. Applications will be acknowledged on receipt.

ABOUT THE DIPLOMACY TRAINING PROGRAM AND PARTNERS

The **Diplomacy Training Program (DTP)** is an independent NGO affiliated with the University of New South Wales, providing practical training in human rights and advocacy in the Asia-Pacific region. **The Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR)** aims to ensure that the protection and enjoyment of human rights is a reality in the lives of all people. It provides assistance in the form of technical expertise and capacity-development in order to support the implementation of international human rights standards on the ground. **United Nations Development Program** works in Papua new Guinea to address the diverse and complex development challenges, concentrating its efforts on building capacity to promote inclusive growth, effective governance, sustainable and resilient development, **Pacific Islands Association of Non-Governmental Organisations (PIANGO)** is the major regional NGO with membership in 23 Countries and territories of the Pacific Islands. For over 25 years, PIANGO has served the Pacific through strengthening and building the capacity of the civil society sector. **Business & Human Rights Resource Centre (BHRRC)** is a non-profit organisation that works to advance human rights in business through strengthening corporate accountability, building transparency, and helping empower advocates. This program is supported by the **University of New South Wales' (UNSW) Institute for Global Development (IGD)**. The IGD acts as a catalyst for the UNSW community to

deliver on the UN Sustainable Development Goals, working in partnership to positively transform lives and advance a just society.