



## **DTP – BUILDING THE CAPACITY OF ASIA-PACIFIC HUMAN RIGHTS MOVEMENT 1990 – 2017**

We are continuing with our series of contributions on new human rights challenges and new developments affecting political, economic, social and environmental challenges in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century and what these mean for human rights and capacity building. We invite our readers and alumni to contribute.

- Professor Philip Alston is the UN Special Rapporteur on Poverty and a member of DTP’s International Advisory Council. In this lecture , [The Populist Challenge to Human Rights](#), given at the London School of Economics, he describes the challenges to human rights posed by the rise of populism throughout the world and gives his views on how human rights academics and activists should face up to these challenges.
- Lecture by Zeid Ra'ad Al Hussein, United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights: [The Impossible Diplomacy of Human Rights](#)

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### **CAPACITY BUILDING AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES**

**DTP Programs:** For full draft schedule for 2017 – [click here](#)

February 27 – March 08 2017	Human Rights, Indigenous Peoples and the Private Sector <a href="#">Brochure and Application</a>	Sabah, Malaysia
March 2017 – Feb 2018 – 5 Modules	The Human Rights of Migrant Workers –Malaysia – 1st Module <a href="#">Call for applications</a>	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
Oct (TBC) 2017	DTP’s 27th Annual Regional Human Rights and Peoples Diplomacy Training Program <a href="#">Brochure and Application</a>	Dili, Timor-Leste

Please check the [DTP website](#) for details, program information and application forms. Please send enquiries to [dtp@unsw.edu.au](mailto:dtp@unsw.edu.au)

## Reports

- [26<sup>th</sup> Annual Regional Human Rights and Peoples Diplomacy Training Program, Timor-Leste – Oct 10-26, 2016 – Report](#)
- [25<sup>th</sup> Annual Regional Human Rights and Peoples Diplomacy Training Program, Sri Lanka –Feb 18-March 5, 2016 – Draft Report](#)
- [Capacity building program on Human Rights, Indigenous Peoples, the Private Sector and Development in Indonesia May 28-June 4](#)
- Module [1](#), [2](#), [3](#) and [4](#) of Bangladesh – Capacity Building Program for Advocacy for Migrant Workers and Safe Migration, 2015-2016
- [Civil Society Workshop on Universal Periodic Review, Dhaka, Bangladesh, 26 August 2016](#)
- [Regional Workshop on Ethical Business and Recruitment Practices in Labour Migration, Dubai, UAE April 26-29](#)
- Final report of 2014/15 [Sri Lanka Capacity Building for Advocacy for Migrant Workers and Safe Migration](#) and [Summary Report of Module 5](#) (November 2015)
- [The 2015 DTP Annual Report](#)

## NEWS OF DTP ALUMNI

- [Kundan Gurung](#) is the Cluster Coordinator at Pourakhi Nepal and advocates on the issues of women migrant workers. He attended DTP's 25th Regional Annual Program in Sri Lanka in 2016 and Migrant Workers Program in Nepal in 2013.
- [Viniana Leba Cakau](#) from Fiji attended DTP's 2016 25th Regional Annual Program in Sri Lanka in 2016. Viniana is the Community Education Support Officer at Citizens Constitutional Forum Limited Fiji (CCF), and she advocates and educates communities on human rights, good governance and the constitution in Fiji.
- [Wensislaus Fatubun \(Wensi\)](#) is an alumnus of the 2012 DTP 22<sup>nd</sup> Regional Annual Program in Timor-Leste. Wensi is a human rights advocate from West Papua and specialises in media and video advocacy at the Office for Justice and Peace of Archdiocese of Merauke.

## NGO PROFILES

- [Cambodian Human Rights and Development Association \(ADHOC\)](#)
- [The Judicial System Monitoring Programme \(JSMP\)](#)

## DTP Alumni Survey -

### Priorities for Human Rights Capacity Building - Have Your Say!

- From 10th February – 23rd February 2017, DTP conducted a survey of its alumni through a short questionnaire. The survey sought the input of alumni in identifying key human rights challenges in the Asia-Pacific Region and Middle East, priorities for knowledge and skills building and advice on DTP's work in supporting networks. 135 alumni completed the survey. [See results](#).
- The survey has been extended to 31st March 2017. DTP is encouraging its alumni to fill out the [questionnaire](#).

## JOBS/INTERNSHIPS

- [The Asia Division of Human Rights Watch is seeking a Researcher in Bangladesh](#)
- [Regional Trafficking in Persons Adviser – ASEAN](#), deadline 5 March
- [Business and Human Rights Resources Centre is seeking a Deputy Director, North America](#), deadline 14 March

## Resources and Links

- [RightsApp](#) allows users to quickly and easily search international human rights conventions and declarations by topic and right

- [Frequently Asked Questions on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights](#)
- [Monitoring Economic, Social and Cultural Rights](#)

## DTP'S THEMATIC PRIORITIES

### Human Rights and Business

- Indonesia: [Ministry creates certification mechanism to address human rights abuses in fishing industry](#)
- [Responsible Recruitment Gateway](#) provides access to a range of tools and information to help companies move towards ethical recruitment and abolition of recruitment fees
- CIVIDEP: ["Walk a Mile in Their Shoes: Workers' Rights Violations in the Indian Leather and Footwear Industry](#)
- Philippines: [Indigenous anti-mining activist shot dead on day that tribal members were set to discuss community conflicts linked to large-scale nickel mining](#)
- [New legal case map: 50+ corporate accountability lawsuits and OECD complaints worldwide](#)
- [How businesses can make right their wrongs: the ICJ establishes advisory Panel on company grievance mechanisms](#)
- Myanmar: [Mandalay farmers stage sit-in, demand suspension and investigation of mining activities](#)
- [Garment brands contribute to low wages, long working hours, child labour and school dropouts in Bangladesh](#)

### Indigenous Peoples' Rights

- [A practitioner's guide to including Indigenous peoples' rights in national climate action](#)
- [Indigenous Peoples Human Rights Defenders: Field Handbook on Human Rights](#)
- [Land rights protests met with militarized response and brutality in India and Bangladesh](#)
- [The urgency of securing community land rights in a turbulent world](#)

### Migrant Workers' Rights

**DTP Monthly Migrant Workers Rights e-Bulletin.** [Issue No 4 is now available here](#)

- [Undocumented migrant workers: Hidden and helpless in ASEAN](#)
- [The bleak future of undocumented migrant workers in ASEAN](#)
- [ASEAN treaty on migrant workers: Can Philippines make it happen in 2017?](#)
- [Qatar introduces changes to labour law, but Amnesty International says changes are insufficient](#)

### Women's rights

- [Philippines' NHRI strengthens its work on women's rights](#)
- UN Women: [2016 Year in Review](#)

## HUMAN RIGHTS – GENERAL NEWS

- [The UN Committee on Torture call for submissions on a draft revised general comment on non-refoulement](#)

## HUMAN RIGHTS – REGIONAL NEWS

- [South Asians for Human Rights: Triennial Report 2014-2016](#) and [South Asian Citizens' Voices on Democracy and People's Security](#)

## HUMAN RIGHTS – COUNTRY SPECIFIC NEWS

### Australia

- [Ratify OPCAT immediately to protect kids in detention](#)
- [Human rights lawyers petition International Criminal Court to investigate Australia and companies over alleged abuses in offshore detention centres](#)

## Bangladesh

- From DTP alumnus NGO **Kapaeeng Foundation**: [Shadow report on the state of civil and political rights of indigenous peoples in Bangladesh to the HR Committee](#)
- [Killing of human rights defender Abdul Hakim Shimul](#)
- UN Human Rights Committee considers [Bangladesh](#) report 6-29 March

## Burma/Myanmar

- **Take action:** [Killing of human rights defender U Ko Ni](#)
- HRW: [Don't Prosecute Peaceful Speech](#)
- [UN Special Adviser on the Prevention of Genocide says violence in Myanmar's Rakhine state could amount to crimes against humanity](#)
- HRW: ["Security Forces Raped Rohingya Women, Girls"](#)

## Cambodia

- [Human rights organizations call on the Cambodian authorities to immediately drop the politically motivated criminal investigation of human rights defenders Am Sam-at and Chan Puthisak](#)

## India

- **Take action:** [Threats against human rights defender Bela Bhatia](#)
- UPR Review of [India](#) takes place in May
- From DTP alumnus **Vivek Umrao**: [Nonviolent Action: Why and How it Works](#)

## Indonesia/West Papua

- From DTP alumnus **Wensislaus Fatubun**: [Papuan video advocacy faces regular pressure for permits and Palm oil producers break pledge over clearing of forests](#)
- UPR Review of [Indonesia](#) takes place in May

## Malaysia

- Amnesty International: [Continued persecution of Anwar Ibrahim symbolizes crackdown on human rights](#)

## Pakistan

- **Take action:** [Harassment against human rights defenders Salman Haider, Ahmed Raza Naseer, Waqas Goraya, Asim Saeed and Samar Abbas](#)
- UN Committee Against Torture considers [Pakistan](#) April-May
- From DTP alumnus **Waheed Ahmad**: [Judges, lawyers rap Quetta attack; bars announce week-long mourning](#)

## Philippines

- **Take action:** [Killing of human rights defender Renato Anglao](#)
- **Take action:** [SIGN-ON Statement: Support the Peacetalks in the Philippines](#)
- UPR Review of the [Philippines](#) takes place in May
- UNICEF: [Philippine bid to jail nine-year-olds is 'a great child violation'](#)
- Amnesty International: [The police's murderous war on the poor](#)

## Republic of Korea

- UN Committee Against Torture considers [RoK](#) report April/May

## Sri Lanka

- ["Report of the Taskforce on Reconciliation Mechanisms"](#)

## Thailand

- [The UN Special Rapporteur on the promotion of freedom of opinion and expression concerned by the continued use of lèse-majesté prosecutions](#)
- Amnesty International: ["They Cannot Keep Us Quiet": The Criminalization of Activists, Human Rights Defenders and Others in Thailand](#)
- UN Human Rights Committee considers [Thailand](#) report 6-29 March
- [Embattled Indigenous seafarers win land dispute case](#)

## Vietnam

- **Take action:** [Arbitrary detention of labour and land rights defender Ms. Tran Thi Nga](#)
- **Take action:** [Three Human Rights Defenders Held Incommunicado](#)
- HRW: [New Wave of Arrests of Critics](#)

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