



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.

- This issue we provide a link to a video record of a discussion between DTP International Advisory Board member and UN Special Rapporteur on Extreme Poverty and Human Rights, Philip Alston and Jeffrey Sachs, Special Advisor to the UN Secretary-General on the SDGs. The discussion was titled [Financing the SDGs, Privatization, and Human Rights](#). Both discussants criticize the omission of explicit human rights targets in the SDGs and in economic discourse generally. They also note the negative impacts on human rights of the privatization orthodoxy prevalent in current development policies.

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CAPACITY BUILDING AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

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

- 2018 Indonesian Migrant Workers Program – [Launch & Module 1](#), [Summary report of Module 2](#) and [Module 3](#)
- DTP UNSW UDHR@70 Roundtable Discussions – [ASEAN and Human Rights](#), [Kanak Self-Determination and the Vote in New Caledonia](#)
- 2018 – [28th Annual Regional Human Rights and Peoples Diplomacy Training Program](#) – Timor Leste. The Japanese TV Network World filmed the [DTP participants](#)
- [2018 Human Rights and Business and the SDGs in the Pacific – Capacity Building for Civil Society – Draft 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](#)
- [2018 Lebanon - MENA Regional Capacity Building Program on the Rights of Migrant Workers](#)
- [2018 Sabah, Malaysia - Indigenous Peoples, Human Rights and Partnerships for Sustainable Development –](#)
- [2018 Fiji - Business, Human Rights and the SDGs in the Pacific](#)
- [The 2017 DTP Annual Report is available on line](#)

Other training courses

- [Professional Certificate in the Promotion and Implementation of Human Rights – 3-7 June 2019](#)
- [The 6th Asia Young Leaders for Democracy Program - August 20-26, 2019 Taipei](#)
- [Human Rights Training Program for Nationals of Timor Leste](#)

PROFILES AND NEWS OF DTP ALUMNI

- [Rebecca Smith](#) is an alumna of the 16th Annual Program held in Timor Leste. She is a teacher at Education Queensland working with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and with refugees.
- [DTP Malaysian alumni organize CRC Talks: Orang Asli Children — Rights, Opportunities and Aspirations](#)
- DTP alumna Pefi Kingi from the Pacific Women's Information Network (PACWIN) has sent us the latest update on [the Global Compact on Migration](#)
- From DTP alumnus Anisur Rahman Khan in Bangladesh: [1,113 Bangladeshi migrants died in Saudi Arabia in 2018](#)
- DTP alumnus from Nepal [Dev Chandra Rai](#) has been appointed Program Officer at the Save Migration (SaMi) Project supported by HELVETAS, the Swiss development agency. Dev has sent us [An Analytical Report on Death Cases of Nepalese Migrant Workers in Destination Countries](#)
- Three DTP alumni from the [Citizens Constitutional Forum](#) in Fiji - Louchrisha Hussain, Lusia Lagilevu and Vilisi Gadolo - are attending the Human Rights Council where they will be catching up with DTP trainer [Joshua Cooper](#)
- From DTP alumnus Wensislaus Fatubun, [Indonesia: UN experts condemn racism and police violence against Papuans, and use of snake against arrested boy](#)
- [DTP alumnus from Singapore, Jolovan Wham has been fined over Skype forum with Hong Kong activist](#)

AWARDS

- [Nauru doctor wins global free speech award for speaking out on offshore immigration](#)
- [Manus Island refugee No QNK002: Abdul Aziz Muhamat wins international human rights prize](#)

JOBS AND INTERNSHIPS

- The Raoul Wallenberg Institute is seeking a National Research Consultant for a Regional Research Project on Human Right Cities & SDGs in the Asia and Pacific Region. The successful applicant will be a native of either Gwangju, Sakai, Nagpur, Bucay, Kaohsiung, Lampung Timur, or Bandung. The objective is to develop international principles and standards for the role of local governments in human rights protection. [Click here](#) for the Terms of Reference.

RESOURCES

- [First book on community paralegals: Community Paralegals and the Pursuit of Justice – free download](#)

DTP'S THEMATIC PRIORITIES

Human Rights and Business

- Australia: [Report highlights ten alleged cases of human rights abuses by Australian companies operating abroad](#)
- [ILO launches landmark report on the Future of Work](#)
- [Thailand becomes first Asian nation to ratify ILO Work in Fishing Convention](#)
- [The Australian National Contact Point for the OECD Guidelines for MNEs has published its first Annual Outlook](#)

Indigenous Peoples' Rights

- Professor Megan Davis has been re-appointed as the Pacific member on the [Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous peoples](#) (EMRIP)
- [2019 International Year of Indigenous Languages](#)
- [BHP, Rio urge constitutional recognition of Indigenous Australians](#)
- [UN CERD Committee requests France to secure the consent of affected Indigenous communities on mining project](#)

Migrant Workers' Rights

DTP Migrant Workers Rights e-Bulletin. [Issue No 9 is available here](#)

- [Thai top court orders compensation for Myanmar workers in landmark case](#)
- [400 migrants from Bangladesh detained on Mexico-US border](#)
- [UN General Assembly Endorses First-Ever Global Compact on Migration](#)

- Briefing: [On Shaky Ground: Migrant Workers' Rights in Qatar & UAE Construction](#)
- [Migrant workers in ASEAN need protection that is stronger than bilateral agreements between member countries](#)
- [A supply chain of complicity: Labour exploitation in Qatar and migrant workers' access to justice](#)

Women's Rights

- [Call for Applications: Asia Pacific Regional Feminist Legal Theory and Practice \(FLTP\) Training, Malaysia 17-21 June](#)
- [APWLD Announces Feminist Development Justice Media Fellows](#)
- [How does infrastructure impact women's rights?](#) Interview with Gerifel Cerillo Association of Women Human Rights Defenders in the Philippines
- [Civil society calls for inclusion of gender provisions in the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative Standard](#)

HUMAN RIGHTS – GENERAL NEWS

- [Human Rights Watch 2019 Annual Report - World's Autocrats Face Rising Resistance](#)
- [NHRIs of the Philippines and Qatar have signed a cooperation agreement on human rights protection for citizens in both countries](#)

Development

- [How the IMF is breaching human rights](#)
- [The Reality of Aid 2018: The Changing Faces of Development Aid and Cooperation - Encouraging Global Justice or Buttressing Inequalities?](#)

HUMAN RIGHTS – REGIONAL NEWS

- [Civil Society Declaration for Revitalizing South Asian Regional Cooperation](#)
- [Human rights in ASEAN at 10 by Yuyun Wahyuningrum and Edmund Bon Tai Soon](#)
- [UN publishes human rights communications to ASEAN governments ahead of Human Rights Council session](#)

HUMAN RIGHTS – COUNTRY SPECIFIC NEWS

Australia

- [Class action win opens door for remote communities to sue NT for housing neglect](#)
- [Judge rejects proposed coal mine, citing climate change & the country's commitment to the Paris Agreement](#)
- Bahraini footballer refugee [Hakeem al-Araibi was freed by](#) Thailand and returned to Australia. Former DTP Executive Director [Laksiri Fernando explains how civil society pressure was instrumental in his release](#).
- Former Australian of the Year and DTP Advisory Council member Professor Mick Dodson to be [first Northern Territory treaty commissioner](#)

Cambodia

- [CCHR releases Newsletter on Fair Trial Rights of Juveniles](#)

China

- [Sentencing of lawyer Wang Quanzhang and other defenders ahead of UN meeting 'not a coincidence'](#)

Laos

- [Submission to the UN Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty: Ensure the poor have the right to participate](#)

India

- [They threatened to kill us if we didn't leave India: Rohingya](#)
- **Take action:** [Harassment and intimidation of human rights defender Shila Bewa](#)
- [South Asians for Human Rights condemns the filing of cases and intimidation against Prof. Anand Teltumbde](#)
- **Take action:** [Three human rights defenders charged with sedition in Tripura State](#)

Indonesia

- [The Papuan Archive](#) is a West Papuan initiative promoting peace and human rights in Papua by focusing on justice and accountability of authorities

Myanmar

- [Displaced villagers urge permanent halt to Myitsone hydropower project](#)
- [Jailed Reuters journalists appeal to Myanmar's top court as rights group decries 'fear'](#)

Philippines

- [Peace consultant and human rights defender Randy Felix Malayao killed](#)
- **Take action:** [Maria Ressa arrested on charges of cyber libel, released on bail](#)

Thailand

- Fortify Rights: [Drop Criminal Complaints Against Human Rights Defender Nan Win](#)
- 89 organizations worldwide: [Protect Human Rights Defenders From Spurious Legal Action](#)

Vietnam

- [Vietnam fails to address serious human rights concerns at its UPR at the UN](#)

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: [Centre for Migration and International Relations \(CMIR\)](#)
- 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 \(MCRB\)](#)
- VIETNAM: [Vietnam Human Rights Defenders Weekly](#)
- WEST PAPUA: [AWPA Sydney News](#) from the Australian West Papua Association (AWPA)
- 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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