



## **DTP – BUILDING THE CAPACITY OF ASIA-PACIFIC HUMAN RIGHTS MOVEMENT 1990 – 2018**

2018 marks the [70th Anniversary of the adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights](#), and the 25th Anniversary of the [Bangkok NGO Declaration](#) and [Vienna Declaration from the 1993 World Conference on Human Rights](#). We are continuing with our series of contributions reflecting on contemporary human rights challenges.

- UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, Mr. Zeid Ra’ad Al Hussein recently gave a speech, [“Do Not Dare To Tell Me Human Rights Are Not Universal”](#), in Sweden. In it he deplores the attempt to bring back cultural relativism in debates over human rights. He contests the accusation that the universal human rights community is failing. In the 70<sup>th</sup> year of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights he urges mobilization of a much larger community to defend their collective rights.

*“On 10 December, we will kick off in Paris a year-long campaign of celebration of the Universal Declaration, leading up to its seventieth anniversary in 2018. It will be a campaign of defiance. We want it to be your campaign too.”*

### **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](#)

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

- [Schedule of DTP’s 2018 Capacity Building Program’s, Brochure and Application Forms](#)
- [2018 Indigenous Peoples, Human Rights and Partnerships for Sustainable Development](#)
- [2018 Business, Human Rights and the SDGs in the Pacific](#)
- [Reports on DTP Training Programs - 2017 Human Rights, Indigenous Peoples, The Private Sector and Development](#)
- [Indigenous Peoples Program – Post-Training Survey Report](#)
- [2016 DTP Annual Report is now available online](#)

### **PROFILES AND NEWS OF DTP ALUMNI**

- Profile: [Sooryakumary Kanapathipillai](#), Coordinator at EHED Caritas Trincomalee (2016 DTP Alumna)
- Profile: [Basanta Karki](#), Programme Coordinator – Safer Migration Project at HELVETAS Swiss Intercooperation (2013 DTP Alumnus)
- [Agustinus Mahuze](#) of the [Merauke Languages Project](#), and participant in the [2017 Indigenous Regional Program in Sabah, Malaysia](#), emailed to share news of the successful advocacy he initiated to promote the use of his Marori

Indigenous language following the DTP training. The [report of the post training survey](#) shows how others have implemented the training.

- DTP Alumnus Nahidul Hasan Nayan from Awaj Foundation presented at the [6th UN Global Forum on Business and Human Rights, 27-29 November 2017](#)
- DTP Alumnus [Ram Chandra Nepal](#) was awarded “The Best Social Worker in Malaysia” by [Non-Resident Nepali Association Malaysia](#)
- From and by [John Tripura](#): [20 years of the elusive CHT Accord](#)
- From DTP alumnus [Khon Ja](#): [Women & Resettlement - A case study on gender aspects at the Upper Paunglaung Hydropower Dam](#)
- From DTP alumnus [Dr. Subash Mohapatra](#): [NHRC directs Odisha Government to pay compensation to 161 girl students](#)

## WORKING FOR HUMAN RIGHTS - NGO PROFILES

- [People’s Watch Tamil Nadu](#) – dedicated to promoting and defending human rights in India
- [KontraS \(Indonesian Commission for the Disappeared & Victims of Violence\)](#) - KontraS is an Indonesian human rights NGO focusing on victims of discrimination and violence, and the abolition of the death penalty.

## RESOURCES

- [New website and updated toolkit on National Action Plans on Business and Human Rights](#)
- [Health and Human Rights Teaching Pack](#) and [Health and Human Rights teaching videos](#)
- [Capacity-building videos and other resources on economic and social rights](#)
- [A Guide for Defenders Working on Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity and Expression and Sex Characteristics](#)

## AWARDS

- [2018 Front Line Defenders Award - Secure Online Nomination Form](#)

## JOBS, INTERNSHIPS

- [Intern to assist the Permanent Representation of FIAN at the UN Human Rights System](#)
- [Right to Education \(RTE\) is hiring a new communications officer](#)

## DTP’S THEMATIC PRIORITIES

### Human Rights and Business

- [Civil society watchdog challenges Australian government’s handling of complaint under the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises about human rights abuses at Manus Island asylum centre](#)
- Australia: [UN Working Group on Business & Human Rights expresses disappointment about decision not to proceed with a National Action Plan](#)
- Cambodia: [Government returns land to 137 families who have long been involved in land conflicts with a private company](#)
- Australia: [Report summarising findings of OECD National Contact Point Independent Review](#)

### Indigenous Peoples’ Rights

- [Closing plenary statement of Indigenous Peoples Caucus at the 2017 UN Forum on Business and Human Rights](#)
- [AIPP Statement on Human Rights Day 2017: Stand up for Human Rights of Indigenous Peoples](#)
- [Call for submissions: Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples](#)

### Migrant Workers’ Rights

**DTP Monthly Migrant Workers Rights e-Bulletin.** [Issue No 7 is available here](#)

- [The problem with ASEAN's new migrant workers pact](#) and [ASEAN Consensus on Migrant Workers does not provide adequate protections](#)
- [US withdraws from Global Compact on Migration](#)
- [Nepal-Jordan sign labour agreement](#)
- UN Secretary-General: [Migration can benefit the world. This is how we at the UN plan to help](#)
- [Antonio Guterres: Toward a new global compact on migration](#)

## Women's rights

- [UN urges global action so women and girls everywhere can live free from all forms of violence](#)
- [NGO report highlights disproportionate impact of land intensive industries on women's rights](#)
- [Joint Statement - 'Freedom from fear': Ending violence against women](#)
- [Timeline: Gender Equality, 2017 Year in Review](#)
- [Women migrant workers still working under unclear, unfair contracts, study finds, despite availability of best-practice templates](#)

## HUMAN RIGHTS – GENERAL NEWS

- [Yogyakarta Principles: Experts release authoritative new guidelines on LGBTI rights](#)
- Human Rights Day message from Sri Lanka NHRC: [Reflections on the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and our collective future](#)
- [Multistakeholder coalition on mega-sporting events & human rights to launch independent Centre for Sports and Human Rights in 2018](#)
- [An Analysis of the Findings of the UN Human Rights Committee in 2016](#)

## 2018 Anniversaries: UDHR, Vienna Declaration, Declaration on HR Defenders

- Human Rights Day: [UN launches campaign for 70th anniversary of Universal Declaration](#)
- [The Third Committee of the General Assembly adopts resolution marking the 20th anniversary of the Declaration on Human Rights Defenders](#)

## SDGs

- [Global preparatory meeting in support of the review of SDG7 at the 2018 UN High-level Political Forum from 21-23 February 2018 in Bangkok](#)
- [The role of UN human rights mechanisms in monitoring the Sustainable Development Goals](#)

## UPR

- March 22 2018 deadline for stakeholder submission for 31<sup>st</sup> session of the third UPR cycle: [China](#), [Malaysia](#); 21 June 2018 for 32<sup>nd</sup> session: [Cambodia](#), [New Zealand](#), [Vanuatu](#), [Viet Nam](#)
- Recommendations and status of recommendations at the November 2017 review of [South Korea](#) and [Japan](#)
- [OHCHR issues Guidelines for Contributions to UPR documentation by "Other Stakeholders", including civil society and national human rights institutions](#)
- [Background information on the Universal Periodic Review 2017-2021](#)

## Development

- [How the World Bank's push for microcredit failed the poor](#)
- [Open letter to the International Monetary Fund on social protection](#)
- [Indonesia sets up aid agency for international assistance](#)

## HUMAN RIGHTS – REGIONAL NEWS

- [South Asians for Human Rights \(SAHR\) appoints New Chairperson, Co-chairperson and Spokesperson](#)

# HUMAN RIGHTS – COUNTRY SPECIFIC NEWS

## Australia

- CERD: [Concluding observations on the eighteenth to twentieth periodic reports of Australia](#)
- [UN slams Australia's human rights record](#)
- [Australia ratifies Optional Protocol to the Convention Against Torture](#)
- [UN condemns Australia's forced return of asylum seeker to Sri Lanka](#)
- [Australia's human rights record attacked in global report for 'serious shortcomings'](#)

## Bangladesh

- [Seven years since the killing of Felani by India's Border Security Force](#)
- [Langadu: A case of ethnic cleansing in Bangladesh](#)
- [CHT Issue: Government of Bangladesh for economic solution to the political crisis](#)
- SAHR: [Fact Finding Mission on the Situation of Rohingya Refugees in Bangladesh](#)
- [Fabricated cases against 81 villagers & PCJS members, 20 arrested, 19 intimidated in Rangamati](#)

## Burma/Myanmar

- Debbie Stothard: [Myanmar Human Rights and Democracy: Progress and Deadlocks](#)
- [Myanmar bans UN rights envoy from country](#)
- [Statement to the Special Session of the Human Rights Council on the "Situation of human rights of the minority Rohingya Muslim population and other minorities in Rakhine State of Myanmar"](#)
- [Reuters journalists covering Rohingya crisis charged under Official Secrets Act](#)
- [Independent International Fact Finding Mission on Myanmar concludes visit to Malaysia](#)
- [Two human rights journalists arrested under Official Secrets Act](#)

## Cambodia

- [Chea Mony summoned by court, attacked and receiving death threats](#)
- [Australian film-maker accused of spying in Cambodia says journalism 'not a crime'](#)
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## India

- Amnesty International: [Dalit human rights defenders face serious risk](#)

## Indonesia/West Papua

- [Letter from High Commissioner for Human Rights to Indonesia on UPR Indonesia Cycle 3](#)
- Amnesty International: [Independently investigate the torture and unlawful killing of man in Papua](#)

## Pakistan

- [Human rights defender Raza Mahmood Khan missing](#)

## Philippines

- [U.N. rebukes Duterte over attacks on Special Rapporteur](#)
- **Take action:** [Killing of human rights defenders Elisa Badayos and Eleuterio Moises](#)
- AIPP: [Stop harassment of human rights defender and their organization in Mindanao](#)
- **Take action:** [Human rights defender Father Marcelito Paez assassinated](#)
- **Take action:** [Human rights defender arrested in rebellion case](#)

## Singapore

- **Take action:** [Human rights defender Jolovan Wham \(DTP Trainer\) charged on seven counts](#)
- ["Kill the Chicken to Scare the Monkeys: Suppression of Free Expression and Association in Singapore"](#)

## Thailand

- [Human rights lawyer facing charges of contempt of court over social media post](#)

## Vietnam

- [Vietnamese Blogger Gets 7 Years in Jail for Reporting Toxic Spill](#)
- [Appeal Court upholds sentence on Nguyễn Ngọc Như Quỳnh amidst a growing climate of fear](#)
- [Human rights defender Vu Hung arrested](#)
- [Vietnam's Human Rights Report 2017: Government Intensifies Crackdown on Local Activists](#)

## NEWSLETTERS/REGULAR PUBLICATIONS

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

- [Australia Asia Worker Links](#)
- [AWPA Sydney News](#) from the Australian West Papua Association (AWPA)
- [Bangladesh Human Rights Monitoring Report, monthly from Odhikar](#)
- [Burma Human Rights Network Monthly Situation Updates Registration](#)
- [Chinese Responsible Investment Overseas Newsletter](#)
- [Forest Peoples Programme Newsletter](#)
- [HREA Upcoming E-Learning Courses](#)
- [Hurights-Osaka: Asia Pacific Human Rights Information Center](#)
- [INDIA NEWS - A publication of the India Committee of the Netherlands](#)
- [Kapaeng Watch](#) from Bangladesh
- [Stop Child Labour Newsletter](#)
- [United Nations Democracy Fund Monthly Newsletter](#)
- [Vietnam Human Rights Defenders Weekly](#)



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