



**Indigenous Peoples, Human Rights and Business**  
*A Regional Capacity Building Strengthening Program for Indigenous Peoples  
Human Rights Defenders*

**(To be delivered online, October – December 2020)**

*In partnership with Asia Indigenous Peoples Pact (AIPP)*

#### OVERVIEW

The Diplomacy Training Program (DTP) and AIPP are calling for applications for a regional capacity building program on **Indigenous Peoples, Human Rights and Business** to be delivered online over a period of 4-6 weeks (2 sessions per week) from October – December 2020.

This program will strengthen the knowledge and skills of Indigenous Peoples (IPs) advocates to protect and promote human rights, and the rights of IPs in the context of COVID-19, increasing threats from climate change, rapid economic development and the impact of large-scale development on the lands and livelihoods of IPs. The program will build knowledge of international human rights standards and mechanisms relevant to the impacts of business and develop capacities to apply and integrate this knowledge into advocacy strategies on business and human rights.

#### WHY THIS TRAINING?

Rapid economic development, mining, deforestation and mega-dams were impacting on Indigenous peoples and communities before the COVID-19 pandemic. Now COVID-19 is impacting on business, and on Indigenous peoples and their rights at a time when space for civil society advocacy is shrinking. It is important at this time to strengthen these voices – to strengthen the capacity of human rights defenders and community advocates to claim their rights as Indigenous peoples and to promote implementation of agreed standards. There is a need to build awareness of the standards, and of the specific responsibilities of business, and to explore how these standards can be promoted, and business can be influenced and held accountable. This training will contribute to the building of national and regional movements for human rights and business in Asia.

#### WHAT WILL PARTICIPANTS LEARN?

Participants will learn about:

- International human rights standards and mechanisms, including UNDRIP and FPIC
- Engaging with the UN human rights system and holding governments accountable
- The UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP), including the right to Free, Prior and Informed Consent (FPIC)
- The UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights and the OECD Guidelines on Multinational Enterprises
- The Sustainable Development Goals
- Skills in strategic advocacy and lobbying, and engaging the media

## WHO SHOULD APPLY?

The program is for Indigenous Human Rights advocates from South and Southeast Asian countries who work for and with NGOs and CSOs and who see the value gaining greater practical knowledge of international human rights standards and the UN system. Applications from those working with National Human Rights Institutions (NHRIs) will also be considered. Consideration is given to ensuring a gender and geographical balance within each course. The training is conducted in English and an ability to participate in discussions is essential. Where internet access is a problem, efforts will be made to support participation.

## TRAINERS AND TRAINING METHODOLOGY

Trainers on DTP programs are experienced local, regional and international human rights practitioners, academics, and officials who understand and support DTP's philosophy of participatory training. DTP recognises and values the experiences and skills that participants bring to its programs. DTP has a tradition of delivering all of its previous trainings in person with strongly focused on interactive discussion and sharing experiences. DTP's online learning platform is being designed to create this space and encourage participants to safely interact, share experiences and lessons with other participants and trainers.

## About the Organisers/ Program Partners

**DTP** is an independent NGO providing practical training in human rights and people's diplomacy in the Asia-Pacific region. It seeks to advance human rights and empower civil society in the region through quality education and training and the building of skills and capacity in NGOs. The DTP was founded in 1989 by José Ramos-Horta, the 1996 Nobel Peace Laureate and President of Timor-Leste. It is affiliated with the Faculty of Law at UNSW in Sydney and a member of the Australian Council for International Development (ACFID).

**AIPP** is a regional organization founded in 1988 by indigenous peoples' movements. AIPP is committed to the cause of promoting and defending indigenous peoples' rights and human rights and articulating issues of relevance to indigenous peoples. AIPP strengthens the solidarity, cooperation and capacities of indigenous peoples in Asia to promote and protect their rights, cultures and identities, and their sustainable resource management systems for their development and self-determination.

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## HOW TO APPLY?

Application forms can be completed online or downloaded from the [DTP website](#) or requested from [dtp@unsw.edu.au](mailto:dtp@unsw.edu.au). All applications must be received by DTP by **September 18, 2020**. Applications will be acknowledged on receipt.