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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.

- A credible, accessible and effective Human Rights Council is vital to promote and protect human rights and to hold perpetrators to account for violations, wherever they occur. [The International Service for Human Rights presents a blueprint for States with recommendations to some of the key issues the Human Rights Council will and should address in 2019.](#)
- DTP alumna [Yuyun Wahyuningrum](#), Representative of Indonesia to the ASEAN Intergovernmental Commission on Human Rights gives. In her [keynote address](#) at DTP's Indigenous Peoples, Human Rights and Business program in Thailand, stressing the importance of civil society's role in business and human rights in ASEAN and AICHR.

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CAPACITY BUILDING AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

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- 2019 – 29th Annual Regional Human Rights and People's Diplomacy Training Program in Timor-Leste – applications are now open: [Application Form](#) and [Brochure](#)
- 2019 – [Capacity Building Program on the Convention of the Rights of the Child, Darwin Australia](#) – registration is now open: [Registration Form](#) and [Brochure](#) (applications from Australia only).
- [2019 Lebanon – MENA Regional Capacity Building Program on the Rights of Migrant Workers](#) – [Draft Summary Report](#)
- [2019 Thailand – Regional Program on Business and Human Rights and Indigenous Peoples](#) with Asia Indigenous Peoples Pact and Forum Asia – [Summary Report](#), [Schedule](#) and [Opening Speech](#) by DTP Alumna and AICHR Commissioner, [Yuyun Wahyuningrum](#)
- 2019 Human Rights and Business and the SDGs in the Pacific – Capacity Building for Civil Society – [Summary Report](#)
- 2018 Indonesian Migrant Workers Program reports – [Module 1](#), [Module 2](#), [Module 3](#) and [Module 4](#)
- 2018 Human Rights and Business and the SDGs in the Pacific – Capacity Building for Civil Society – [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 – Program Report](#)
- [2018 Sabah, Malaysia - Indigenous Peoples, Human Rights and Partnerships for Sustainable Development](#)
- [The 2017 DTP Annual Report is available on line](#)

OTHER TRAINING PROGRAMS

- [Environment, Development, and Human Rights \(11 September – 22 October, 2019\)](#)
- [8th Asia Pro Bono Conference, Kathmandu, Nepal](#)
- [The Universal Periodic Review and the UN Human Rights System: Raising the Bar on Accountability, October 2019](#)

PROFILES AND NEWS OF DTP ALUMNI

- DTP alumna (and trainer), [Professor Sandra Creamer](#) has been awarded the Order of Australia. She is a Waanyi/Kalkadoon Indigenous woman, and CEO of the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Women's Alliance. Her son, [Joshua Creamer](#), a barrister in Queensland, is also a DTP alumnus/trainer
- [DTP alumni](#) from Cambodia, Thailand, India/N.E India, Malaysia, Philippines and Indonesia were among the civil society representatives at the OECD Global Forum on Responsible Business and Human Rights in Bangkok in June
- DTP Alumna and Thai Human Rights Defender, [Ms. Sutharee Wannasiri](#), among those targeted and harassed for exposing labour rights violations by Thammakaset (see under Human Rights and Business below)
- PNG alumnus Emmanuel Peni reports that following launch of [Jubilee Australia report](#) and [Guardian Australia coverage on proposed Australian/Chinese gold mine in Sepik region](#) of PNG, the Provincial Governor has said the mine will not be approved
- DTP alumna from Thailand, Bee Pranom Somwong spoke on the Human Rights Defenders panel at the OECD Global Forum. Bee now works with [Protection International](#) and her main work is to ensure that human rights defenders especially women human rights defenders are able to continue their work safely
- DTP alumna/trainer [Dina Nuriyati from Indonesia](#) is co-author of [FISH FOR EXPORT: Working in the wild capture seafood industry in Indonesia](#), published in May documenting labour and recruitment issues in the seafood supply chain with recommendations for government and the private sector
- DTP alumnus Nihal Chandrasiri, Acting Director Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka: [HRCSL writes to Commissioners of Local Government on the need to ensure non-discrimination](#)
- Indonesian alumna DTP Alumna Dela Feby Situmorang participated (with DTP Board member, [Professor Andrew Byrnes](#)) in the regional workshop that agreed [The Colombo Declaration on the role of the judiciary in advancing women's right to equality in marriage and family relations](#). Dela is now Assistant Coordinator of Monitoring Division at National Commission on Violence Against Women (Komnas Perempuan)

JOBS/INTERNSHIPS

- [Progressive Voice is seeking an Acting Research Director](#)

DTP'S THEMATIC PRIORITIES

Human Rights and Business

- UNSW Australian Human Rights Institute - [Human Rights Defender Special Issue: Human Rights and Business](#)
- [Working Group on Business and Human Rights releases report on gender dimensions of the Guiding Principles](#) with recommendations and guidance for business and government
- Thailand: [Thammakaset must stop legal harassment of human rights defenders & workers who exposed labour rights abuses at its poultry farm, says NGO](#)
- [New BHRRC briefing on Modern Slavery in Pacific Canned Tuna Supply Chains](#)
- Forum-Asia Report: [Threats against human rights defenders by agribusiness & mining companies becoming more common across region](#)
- [Report finds only two OECD National Contact Point cases brought by NGOs resulted in remedy in 2018](#)

- [Use with caution: The role of the OECD National Contact Points in protecting human rights defenders](#)
- [Engendering Business and Human Rights: Applying a Gender Lens to the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights and Binding Treaty Negotiations](#)
- [Cambodian farmers take Thai sugar giant to court](#)

Indigenous Peoples' Rights

- [As Indonesia mulls moving the capital, Indigenous groups fear another land grab](#)
- [Do Indigenous peoples hold the key to saving Myanmar's remaining forest?](#)
- [Landmark ruling provides compensation to Indigenous peoples in Australia](#)
- [Australia: 21 CEOs from finance sector back Uluru statement for constitutionally-enshrined Indigenous voice to parliament](#)

Migrant Workers' Rights

- [5,272 undocumented Bangladeshis held in Malaysia in 5 months](#)
- [Warnings over new law to protect workers in Thai fishing industry](#)
- [Nepal confirms 'many deaths' in Qatar as show says figure as high as 1,400](#)
- [Qatar 2022: FIFA admits violation of workers' standards](#)
- [Understanding The Status Of Female Migrant Labour From Odisha In The Tamil Nadu Garment Industry](#)
- [UN Human Rights Office: Leave Behind Prejudice and Fear to Change Narrative on Migration](#)
- [Nepal and UAE pact ensuring UAE-based employers will bear all the costs related to recruitment, employment](#)

Women's Rights

- [Women, Peace and Security](#)
- [Celebrating Women in Fisheries](#)
- ILO "Blue" report: [Ending violence and harassment in the world of work](#)
- Press Release: [On May Day Feminist Groups Reiterated Call for a Women's Strike 8th March 2020](#)

HUMAN RIGHTS – GENERAL NEWS

- [Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism calls for input for her thematic report to the seventy-fourth session of the General Assembly](#)
- [Treaty bodies: UN human rights bodies facing unprecedented and unacceptable cuts to their work](#)
- [Lack of funds prompts cancellation of six UN human rights treaty bodies sessions](#)
- [UN Secretary-General's remarks at launch of United Nations Strategy and Plan of Action on Hate Speech](#)

Human Rights Council

- [HR Council OHCHR: Voluntary Yearly Calendar of Resolutions](#)

SDGs and Development

- [Delivering human rights and the SDGs: Does IMF Conditionality pass muster?](#)
- [SDG Good Practices and Success Stories on SDG Implementation](#)

HUMAN RIGHTS – REGIONAL NEWS

- [Putting Business on the Agenda of the ASEAN Intergovernmental Commission on Human Rights: PowerPoint Presentation](#) by [Yuyun Wahyuningrum](#) (AICHR Commissioner and DTP alumna and trainer)
- [Application Form: Young Leaders Dialogue on Human Rights and Good Governance Fiji October](#) (only Pacific Island Youths, who are of nationality of any of the Pacific Island Countries are eligible to apply)
- [Pacific Human Rights Law Digest - includes summaries of human rights cases, from the Pacific and around the world, also focuses on cases related to sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, and sex characteristics](#)
- [Time to rethink ASEAN's rights body](#)
- Report: [Meeting of South Asian Regional Networks to Develop a Regional Agenda for Collective Advocacy on Human Rights, Peace and Democracy](#)

HUMAN RIGHTS – COUNTRY SPECIFIC NEWS

Australia

- ['A lot of wrongs to repair': DTP Advisory Council member Justice Michael Kirby calls for national bill of rights](#)
- Australian Federal Police raid News Corp journalist and ABC media building: [The AFP media raids aim to suppress the truth. Without it we head into the darkness of oppression](#)
- Bernard Collaery is one of many whistleblowers facing prosecution, in his case for helping expose Australia's illegal spying on Timor-Leste: [Witness K lawyer says raids on media show Australia becoming 'oppressive democracy'](#)
- Release of [The Kaldor Centre Principles for Australian Refugee Policy](#) to ensure Australia's compliance with its obligations under international law
- [Australian Human Rights Commission Report: Risk management in immigration detention \(2019\)](#)
- [UN experts urge immediate medical attention to migrants in its offshore facilities](#)

Bangladesh

- [Bangladesh informs UN of Myanmar's non-cooperation on Rohingya repatriation](#)

Cambodia

- [Report: Cambodia Children's Rights Still at Risk](#)
- [Human Rights Watch - Cambodia: Over 145 Opposition Members Summoned](#)

Democratic People's Republic of Korea

- [OHCHR warns of widespread human rights violations in N. Korea](#)

Laos

- [Lao Villager Dies After 8 Years in Jail Over Land Grab Protest](#)

Myanmar

- [Amnesty accuses Myanmar military of fresh 'war crimes' in Rakhine](#)
- Fortify Rights: [Protect Civilians Trapped in Armed Conflict in Rakhine State, Ensure Humanitarian Access](#)
- [UN finds 'systemic failures' in its Rohingya response](#)

Papua New Guinea

- [Duty-bearers' role is critical in promoting and protecting human rights - Bougainville](#)

Pakistan

- **Take action:** [Police file First Information Report charging Gulalai Ismail under Anti-Terrorism Act](#)

Philippines

- [NGOs call for accountability for violations against human rights defenders](#)
- [Groups condemn the murder of labour organizer, Dennis Sequena; senator calls for investigation](#)
- FIDH: [Senate must adopt Human Rights Defenders Bill, after landmark adoption by House of Representatives](#)
- [UN rights experts seek inquiry into Philippines killings](#)

Sri Lanka

- [Tides of violence: mapping the Sri Lankan conflict from 1983 to 2009](#)
- [En masse Muslim resignations from parliament a setback for healing in Sri Lanka](#)
- **Take action:** [Male Prisoner needing urgent medical treatment for heart ailment severely tortured by Police](#)

Thailand

- [Regional MPs urge end to judicial harassment of opposition politician](#)
- [UN body urges release of long-time lèse-majesté detainee Siraphop Kornaroot](#)

Timor Leste

- **Sign the petition:** [Support Justice for Timor Leste - Implement the recommendations of the Reception, Truth and Reconciliation Commission \(CAVR\)](#)

Vietnam

- [HRW: Dissident Targeted for Facebook Posts](#)

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: [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 \(MCRB\)](#)
- NEPAL: [Centre for Migration and International Relations \(CMIR\)](#)
- VIETNAM: [Vietnam Human Rights Defenders Weekly](#)
- 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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