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CAPACITY BUILDING AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

DTP Programs

2013 Draft Schedule

- 1. February: Human Rights of Migrant Workers Special Program for Civil Society Advocates in Nepal 1_{st} session, Kathmandu, Nepal
- 2. **March**: Human Rights Advocacy and Indigenous Peoples in Australia Program Southeast Queensland or South Australia (TBC)
- 3. April: Regional Capacity Building Program on Human Rights, Indigenous Peoples' Rights and Business Cambodia (TBC)
- 4. May: Human Rights Advocacy and Indigenous Peoples in Australia Program Broken Hill/Wilcannia NSW
- 5. **May**: Regional Capacity Building Program on Advocacy and the Human Rights of Migrant Workers in the Middle East Jordan (TBC)
- 6. August: Human Rights Advocacy and Indigenous Peoples in Australia Follow-Up Program Darwin/Katherine
- 7. **September**: Regional Program on the Human Rights of Migrant Workers in the Middle East Kuwait/Oman/UAE (TBC)
- 8. October: DTP's 23rd Annual Regional Human Rights Defenders Program will be held in Timor-Leste (TBC)
- Please check the <u>DTP website</u> for details, program information and application forms. Please send enquiries to <u>dtp@unsw.edu.au</u>

DTP'S THEMATIC PRIORITIES

Human Rights and Business

- Fact sheet: <u>National Human Rights Institutions and UN Global Compact Local Networks</u>
- Fact sheet: Engaging in the Universal Periodic Review process and follow-up on business and human rights
- <u>New institution to ensure that companies respect human rights</u>
- <u>Cambodian villagers file complaint with US National Contact Point alleging land seizure for sugar plantation</u> <u>supplying American Sugar Refining breached OECD guidelines</u>
- Fact sheet on business, women's & children's rights and national human rights institutions
- NGOs and trade unions write to President Obama expressing human rights concerns about relaxing US sanctions on Burmese imports
- Australia: <u>New laws require organizations with more than 100 employees to report on how they are</u> improving the position of women in the workforce
- UN Forum on Business and Human Rights: <u>Keynote statement by Debbie Stothard, Deputy Secretary-</u> <u>General FIDH & Coordinator, Altsean-Burma</u> video
- Guide for civil society organizations on the United Nations Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights
- <u>Global Compact Releases Draft Guide for Business on Indigenous Peoples' Rights, Calls for Comments by 1</u> June 2013

Indigenous Peoples' Rights

DTP publishes a regular Indigenous Peoples' Newsletter. We urge our readers to check out this Newsletter. The latest issue can be accessed by clicking <u>this link</u>

- Follow-up report on indigenous peoples & right to participate in decision-making with focus on <u>extractive industries</u>
- United Nations Voluntary Fund for Indigenous Populations: <u>Call for applications from indigenous</u> peoples to attend April 2013 HRC, UPR, WG and treaty bodies, deadline 10 January 2013
- Australia: Olga Havnen asked government departments what proportion of their budget was taken up by administrative overheads. <u>An answer to her question by Mark Moran and Patrick Dodson.</u>
- UN Secretary-General's video message for Australia's First Free to Air Indigenous TV channel
- <u>Canada rejects UN human rights criticism on the treatment of its Indigenous peoples</u>

Migrant Workers' Rights

- <u>Round Table Discussion and the First Coordination Meeting of the AICHR Thematic Study on Migration</u> <u>and Human Rights</u>
- Migrant Forum Asia new email address: <u>mfa@mfasia.org</u>
- <u>Malaysia frees 105 foreign maids 'held against will'</u>
- Working with Migrant Domestic Workers in Lebanon (1980-2012): A mapping of NGO services
- On International Migrants Day, human rights experts call for end to criminalization of irregular migration

Women's' Rights

- <u>Say NO UNITE to End Violence against Women a global call for action</u>
- <u>Claiming Rights, Claiming Justice: A Guidebook on Women Human Rights Defenders</u>
- Asia Pacific Forum members to focus on rights of women and girls
- Women out loud: How women living with HIV will help the world end AIDS

Rights of Persons with Disabilities

• Indigenous persons with disabilities will present a report to the UNPFII in May 2013

Calls for action

- Petition, Malaysia: Call for the Abolition of the Death Penalty in Malaysia
- Endorsement required: Open letter to Lao govt on Sombath's disappearance
- Petition: Sign a petition and support Burma's Kachin people

Contributions from DTP Alumni

From Pranom Somwong in Thailand: <u>Migrant Deadline Dilemma – Burmese migrants in Thailand</u>

Funding opportunities

- UNDEF invites civil society organizations to apply for funding. The deadline for is 31 December 2012
- <u>Commonwealth Foundation Grants Programme Call for applications now open: deadline 31 January 2013</u>

Where are they now? News of former DTP alumni

- <u>Kez Hall participated in the inaugural DTP Program in 1990</u>: "...I am proud to say I have held onto the teachings, some relationships and many of the foundations taught by DTP ..."
- Morse Caoagas Flores of the Philippines from the 2005 DTP Program: "...The training inspired me to think beyond my own community ..."

New Publications/Web-based resources

- OHCHR: Human Rights Indicators: A Guide to Measurement and Implementation
- Southeast Asian Press Alliance: Impunity Campaign Video <u>"No one dares if no one cares"</u>
- International Law, Human Rights and the Global Economy: Innovations and Expectations for the 21st Century
- <u>The Global Campaign to End Child Detention is launching a new international website that will help connect</u> <u>national campaigns from around the world</u>
- Human Rights Tools for Pacific Island Countries Launched
- Video feature: "Nothing About Us, Without Us: Refugees Voices About Their Return to Burma"
- UNDP: <u>2013 Human Development Report</u>
- New Website on Extraterritorial Obligations: "For Human Rights Beyond Borders"

Awards/appointments

• <u>Nominations called for the Ellen L. Lutz Indigenous Rights Award</u> – closing date 31 January 2013

Jobs/Internships

- Business & Human Rights Resource Centre is recruiting an Executive Director. The deadline for applications is
 <u>8 February 2013</u>
- <u>PEN International: Writers in Prison Committee Programme Director. Deadline 14 January 2013</u>
- International Law Fellowship Programme 24 June-2 August in the Netherlands deadline 31 January

Human Rights - General

- In her report to the UNGA High Commissioner says human rights is treated as the 'Cinderella' of three UN pillars
- <u>Statement by the Secretary-General on the adoption by the General Assembly's Third Committee of the</u> resolution "Moratorium on the use of the death penalty"
- International Service: <u>Historic First Condemnation of Killings Based on Gender Identity</u>
- Messages from the UN Secretary-General and the High Commissioner for Human Rights on Human Rights Day, 10 December 2012
- UN Secretary-General on the human rights of all people regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity
- UN adopts 'momentous' resolution on universal healthcare

UN Human Rights Council

• Council's new President pledges support for human rights defenders at organisational session

UN Treaty Bodies news

Human Rights Committee recognizes Extra-Territorial Obligations under the ICCPR

Universal Periodic Review (UPR)

• Deadlines for NGO submission on China 4 March 2013, Malaysia 11 March 2013

Development

• Human Rights Watch: <u>The World Bank should incorporate human rights in its revised policies as a key</u> <u>component of fulfilling its mission to eradicate poverty</u>

Regional News

ASEAN

- Addressing Sexual and Reproductive Health And Rights Crucial for the region
- UN High Commissioner on Human Rights calls on ASEAN leaders to suspend the adoption of the first-ever human rights declaration and following its adoption is concerned over declaration wording
- <u>"ASEAN Human Rights Declaration should maintain international standards," urge key UN expert group</u>
- Whither women's rights in ASEAN?
- <u>ASEAN Guideline on Accreditation of CSOs</u>
- Forest Peoples Programme: <u>The Phnom Penh Workshop on Human Rights and Agribusiness in Southeast</u> <u>Asia</u>

Country-specific news

Australia

- <u>Migration Act amendments undermine international obligations</u>
- Amnesty International: Nauru camp "cruel, inhumane and degrading"
- Government releases National Human Rights Action Plan

Burma/Myanmar

- <u>Rights groups criticize extent of Burma prisoner releases</u>
- <u>1 million migrant workers from Myanmar face deportation by Thai authorities</u>
- AHRC: Former activist monk and demonstrators among detainees in wave of arrests
- Giant Chinese Industrial Zone threatens Burma's Arakan coast
- International community must act to end atrocities by Thein Sein's government

Cambodia

- FIDH: Victims' Rights before the ECCC: A Mixed Record for Civil Parties
- FIDH: <u>Refusal to release on bail broadcaster Mr. Mam Sonando</u>
- CHRAC Condemns the Unfair Judgment on Boeung Kak Lake Residents

China

• Frontline: Human rights defender and poet Mr. Li Bifeng sentenced to 12 years in prison

Fiji

<u>Amnesty International accuses Fiji military of torture</u>

India

- Forum Asia: Solidarity Message to the National Dalit- Adivasi Sammelan
- Women growing seeds for companies in India discriminated and underpaid

Indonesia/West Papua

• West Papua 2012-Human Rights report

Laos

- Laos kicks out the director of a Swiss development organization
- <u>Award-winning social activist in Laos goes missing</u>

Malaysia

• <u>New program supports action on ESC rights</u> using the four-step Opera Framework

Nepal

- Advocacy Forum-Nepal: <u>Torture being systematically practiced in Nepal</u>
- Landmark Conflict Era Rape Case Filed With UN

Papua New Guinea

 <u>Government investment in LNG Project in Papua New Guinea puts Australian corporate profits before</u> welfare of people in PNG

Philippines

- Amnesty International: <u>A Mockery of Justice after Maguindanao?</u>
- FIDH: Alarm over attacks on human rights defenders in a climate of pervasive impunity
- AHRC: <u>Reprisal on urban poor leader and villagers for cooperating with the UN expert on housing</u>
- Amnesty International: <u>Reproductive rights gains for women in the Philippines</u>

Singapore

• Frontline: <u>Human rights defenders and bus drivers charged for inciting illegal strike</u>

Sri Lanka

- Frontline: Attack on human rights defender Mr. Gunaratne Waninnayaka
- The struggle to go home in post war Sri Lanka: The story of Puthukudiruppu
- Frontline: Arbitrary arrest of human rights defender Mr. Sanjeewa Samarasinghe
- Frontline: Arbitrary detention of human rights defenders and student activists from the University of Jaffna

Thailand

• FIDH: UN Working Group declares detention of Thai human rights defender a violation of international law

Timor Leste

- From the web site of Pat Walsh: Post-conflict justice in Timor-Leste: a long and winding road for victims
- UN launches groundbreaking multimedia website on Timor-Leste

Vietnam

• Government Decree 92 tightens controls on religions in Vietnam