

Diplomacy Training Program

Teaching Program - Jan 94

The teaching program is divided evenly between presentations (which also involve discussion) and workshops (role plays and group activities). The program attempts to ensure variety by having different forms of teaching in any one day.

The first week has been set up as an introductory week. This means introducing a number of concepts used later on - basic concepts about human rights, international relations and the UN system as well as basic ideas about the skills of writing and oral presentation.

Week 1. Introduction to International Human Rights

Day 1. Mon Jan 10

9.00 am - 11.00 am Registration, admin arrangements.
John Scott-Murphy

11.00 am - 1.00 pm Opening Ceremony. University Council Chamber.

1.00 pm - 2.00 pm Lunch

2.00 pm - 3.00 pm Introducing ourselves (group activity)
John Scott-Murphy

3.00 pm - 3.30 pm Afternoon tea

3.30 pm - 4.30 pm Introducing ourselves (cont.)
John Scott-Murphy

4.30 pm - 5.30 pm Human rights 1. - What are human rights? Basic concepts, history (presentation). Reading Manual Ch 1.
Garth Nettheim

Day 2. Tues 11 Jan

8.00 am - 8.30 am Administrative details
John Scott-Murphy

8.30 am - 9.30 am Human Rights 2. - Social movements, political change through human rights (presentation). Reading Manual Ch 1.
John Scott-Murphy

9.30 am - 10.00 am Morning tea

10.00 am - 12.00 am Writing workshop (individual activity)
John Scott-Murphy

12.00 pm - 1.00 pm Human rights 3. Human rights law. standard setting since 1945 (presentation). reading Manual Chapter 3
Garth Nettheim

1.00 pm - 2.00 pm lunch

2.00 pm - 3.30 pm UN system 1. History, the Charter, peace-making, humanitarian intervention (presentation). reading Manual Chapter 7 pages 1-7.
Jose Campino

3.30 pm - 4.00 pm Afternoon tea

4.00 pm - 4.30 pm Writing workshop (feedback from previous day exercise)
John Scott-Murphy

4.30 pm - 5.30 pm Human rights 4. Economic, social and cultural rights
(presentation) Reading Chapter 3 pages 4-5
Laksiri Fernando

Day 3. Wednesday 12 Jan

8.00 am - 9.30 am Recap on human rights - Class discussion on previous two days.

Laksiri Fernando

9.30 am - 10.00 am morning tea

10.00 am - 11.00 am UN System 2. The role of the UN in decolonisation.
(presentation). Reading Chapter 7 pages 8-12
Jose Ramos-Horta, Jose Campino

11.00 am - 12.00 pm Public speaking. (Presentation and group activity)
Jose Ramos-Horta

12.30 pm - 1.30 pm lunch

1.30 pm - 2.30 pm Public speaking cont. (Groups prepare their country reports)
Jose Ramos-Horta

2.30 pm - 5.30 pm Negotiations (presentation and group activity) (afternoon tea
3.30 pm - 4.00 pm)

Brian Brooks

Day 4. Thurs 13 Jan

8.00 am - 9.00 am Human rights 6. The UN human rights system (outline only).
Reading Chapter 8 page 1.

Garth Nettheim

9.00 am - 9.30 am Country reports - participants present their own country's
human rights situation. (group activity)
John Scott-Murphy

9.30 - 10.00 am morning tea

10.00 am - 12.00 am Women and human rights, CEDAW, Beijing Conference
(presentation)

Eileen Pittaway

12.00 pm - 1.00 pm International Law (presentation). reading Chapter 2.
David Weisbrot

1.00 pm - 2.00 pm lunch

2.00 pm - 3.00 pm Human rights 7. The right of self-determination
(presentation).

Garth Nettheim

3.00 pm - 3.30 pm Country reports (cont.)
John Scott-Murphy

3.30 pm - 4.00 pm afternoon tea

4.00 pm - 5.30 pm Country reports (cont.)
John Scott-Murphy

Day 5. Fri 14 Jan

8.00 am - 9.30 am Country reports (cont.)
John Scott-Murphy

9.30 am - 10.00 am morning tea

10.00 am - 11.00 am Indigenous peoples at the UN (presentation)

11.00 am - 12.00 pm Country reports (cont.)
John Scott-Murphy

12.00 pm - 1.00 pm Country reports (cont.)
John Scott-Murphy

1.00 pm - 2.00 pm lunch

2.00 pm - 3.00 pm Human rights, governments and the UN. The inside story of government actions at UN human rights forums.
Jose Ramos-Horta

3.00 pm - 3.30 pm Asian Human Rights Charter (role play). Participants play the part of governments - briefing.
John Scott-Murphy

3.30 pm - 4.00 pm afternoon tea

4.00 pm - 6.00 pm Asian Human Rights Charter (role play)
John Scott-Murphy

Week 2. UN human rights procedures

Day 1. Mon Jan 17

8.00 am - 8.30 Introducing the Participants' Journal
John Scott-Murphy

8.30 am - 9.30 am Recap on human rights, UN system. What lies ahead - next three weeks (presentation)
Jose Ramos-Horta

9.30 - 10.00 am morning tea

10.00 am - 12.00 pm The Charter based bodies of the UN. reading Chapter 8 pages 1-12
Cecilia Jimenez

12.00 pm - 1.00 pm Treaty ratification exercise. Participants make a chart of CHR members and their ratifications

Cecilia Jimenez

1.00 pm - 2.00 pm lunch

2.00 pm - 3.00 pm Personal experiences of the CHR, discussion of CHR members (presentation)

Jose Ramos-Horta

3.00pm - 3.30 pm Treaty ratification exercise feedback

Cecilia Jimenez

3.30 pm - 4.00 pm afternoon tea

4.00 pm - 5.00 pm Recap on the Charter based bodies

Cecilia Jimenez

Day 2. Tues 18 Jan

8.00 am - 9.30 am The Sub-Commission (presentation)

Jose Ramos-Horta, Mike Forster

9.30 - 10:00 am morning tea

10.00 am - 1.00 pm Writing an intervention (presentation and group exercise)

Cecilia Jimenez

1.00 pm - 2.00 pm lunch

2.00 pm - 3.30 pm Presenting an intervention, DTP video (Presentation and continued Sub-Commission exercise)

Jose Ramos-Horta

3.30 pm - 4.00 pm afternoon tea

4.00 pm - 5.30 pm The Treaty bodies (presentation). reading Chapter 8 pages 16-21

Cecilia Jimenez

Day 3. Wed 19 Jan

8.00 am - 9.30 am Working Groups of the Commission and Sub-Commission

Cecilia Jimenez

9.30 - 10.00 am morning tea

10.00 am - 11.00 am Working Group on Indigenous Peoples - history, issues, current situation (presentation)

11.00 - 12.00 pm WGIP cont. Discussion

12.00 pm - 1.00 pm The confidential procedure (presentation)

Cecilia Jimenez

1.00 pm - 2.00 pm lunch

2.00 pm - 3.00 pm Special Rapporteurs (presentation)
Cecilia Jimenez

3.00 pm - 5.30 pm Negotiations exercise (3.30 pm - 4.00 pm afternoon tea) (group activity)

Brian Brooks

Day 4. Thurs 20 Jan

8.00 am - 9.30 am Making a report under a Special Procedure, obtaining a country visit from a Special Rapporteur - group exercise and report back
Cecilia Jimenez

9.30 am - 10.00 am morning tea

10.00 am - 1.00 pm group exercise continues
Cecilia Jimenez

1.00 pm - 2.00 pm lunch

2.00 pm - 3.30 pm International Law 2. (presentation). Reading Chapter 2.
David Weisbrot

3.30 pm - 4.00 pm afternoon tea

4.00 pm - 5.00 pm Treaty bodies (presentation).
Cecilia Jimenez

5.00 pm - 5.30 pm Preparation for Sub-Commission role play tomorrow
Jose Ramos-Horta

Day 5. Fri 21 Jan

8.00 am - 9.30 am Recap on UN human rights system. Wider implication for human rights - peace making, humanitarian intervention. (presentation)
Jose Ramos-Horta

9.30 am - 10.00 am morning tea

10.00 am - 11.00 am The international community and human rights - the politics of human rights at the UN. (presentation)
Andre Frankovits

11.00 am - 12.00 pm Journal time
John Scott-Murphy

12.00 pm - 1.00 pm Preparation for Sub-Commission role play
Jose Ramos-Horta

1.00 pm - 2.00 pm lunch

2.00 pm - 5.30 pm (afternoon tea 3.30 pm - 4.00 pm) Sub-Commission role play
Jose Ramos-Horta, Cecilia Jimenez

Week 3. NGOs, utilising the media. lobbying

Day 1. Mon 24 Jan

8.00 am - 9.30 am NGOs, POs, GOs - different types of NGO engaged in human rights work.

Evelyn Balais-Serrano

9.30 am - 10.00 am morning tea

10.00 am - 12.00 pm - utilising the media. Speaking to the media, giving interviews, press conferences, (group and individual exercises)

Maguerita Tracanelli

12.00 pm - 1.00 pm - International campaigning - Amnesty International

Andre Frankovits

1.00 pm - 2.00 pm lunch

2.00 pm - 3.30 The role of NGOs in human rights education (presentation)

Evelyn Balais-Serrano

3.30 pm - 4.00 pm afternoon tea

4.00 pm - 5.30 pm Preparation for press conference role play

Jose Ramos-Horta

Day 2 Tues 25 Jan

8.00 am - 9.30 am Grass roots organising - stories from the field; national networks (presentation)

Evelyn Balais-Serrano

9.30 am - 10.00 am morning tea

10.00 am - 1.00 pm Writing a press release (group exercise)

Maguerita Tracanelli

1.00 pm - 2.00 pm lunch

2.00 pm - 3.30 pm Press conference role play preparation (group exercise)

Jose Ramos-Horta, Marguerita Tracanelli

3.30 pm - 4.00 pm afternoon tea

4.00 pm - 5.30 pm Press conference role play

Jose Ramos-Horta, Marguerita Tracanelli

Wed 26 Jan Free day

Thurs 27 Jan

8.00 am - 9.30 am NGOs and the funding networks - submissions, accounting, reporting (presentation)

Evelyn Balais-Serrano

9.30 am - 10.00 am morning tea

10.00 am - 12.00 pm The Beijing Women's Conference - Asia-Pacific preparations, networks, issues

Eilleen Pittaway

12.00 pm - 1.00 pm Social movements - case study the American civil rights movement (video)

John Scott-Murphy

1.00 pm - 2.00 pm lunch

2.00 pm - 3.00 pm Social movements cont. Case study the Philippines

Evelyn Balais-Serrano

3.00 pm - 5.30 pm Negotiations (group exercises)

Brian Brooks

(3.30 pm - 4.00 pm afternoon tea)

Friday 28 Jan

8.00 am - 9.30 am Strategies for NGOs in the Asia-Pacific region - utilising international forums, local and regional networks, current activities (presentation)

Evelyn Balais-Serrano

9.30 am - 10.00 am morning tea

10.00 am - 12.00 pm International news and current affairs reporting (presentation) Getting our story told.

Maguerita Tracanelli

12.00 - 1.00 pm Journal time

John Scott-Murphy

1.00 pm - 2.00 pm lunch

2.00 pm - 3.30 pm Consultation on NGO strategies - participants present their own NGOs and the issues they encounter (discussion)

Evelyn Balais-Serrano

3.30 pm - 4.00 pm afternoon tea

4.00 pm - 5.30 pm Case study Philippines Alliance of Human Rights Advocates (PAHRA)

Evelyn Balais-Serrano

Week 4. Environment, The UN

Mon 31 Jan

8.00 am - 9.30 am Environmental NGOs. (presentation)
Paul Brown

9.30 - 10.00 am morning tea

10.00 am - 11.00 am Environment and international law
Tony Simpson

11.00 am 12.00 pm Toxic waste campaigning (presentation)
Paul Brown

12.00 pm - 1.00 pm UNCED, the UN Commission on Sustainable Development
Tony Simpson

1.00 pm - 2.00 pm lunch

2.00 pm - 3.30 pm Development, human rights and the environment
Paul Brown

3.30 pm - 4.00 pm afternoon tea

4.00 pm - 5.30 pm NGO environmental action. examples from Asia
Paul Brown

Tues 1 Feb

8.00 am - 9.30 am Inside the UN, a personal experience
Jose Ramos-Horta

9.30 - 10.00 am morning tea

10.00 am - 11.00 am Recap - Human rights and the UN system
Jose Ramos-Horta

11.00 am - 1.00 pm Refugees in Asia - the work of UNHCR
Pierre-Michel Fontaine

12.00 pm - 1.00 pm - Recap International law and human rights
John Scott-Murphy

1.00 pm - 2.00 pm lunch

2.00 pm - 3.30 pm Refugees and NGOs, survival, assistance, human rights
Patricia Garcia

3.30 pm - 4.00 pm afternoon tea

4.00 pm - 5.30 pm Recap NGOs and the UN system
Jose Ramos-Horta

Wed 2 Feb

Preparation for Security Council role play

Nettheim Jose Ramos-Horta, Andre Frankovits, Garth

Thurs 3 Feb

Security Council role play
Nettheim Jose Ramos-Horta, Andre Frankovits, Garth

Fri 4 Feb

9.00 am - 1.00 pm Evaluation
John Scott-Murphy, Jose Ramos-Horta

1.00 pm - 2.00 pm lunch

2.00 pm - 3.30 pm Closing ceremony
Murphy Jose Ramos-Horta, Garth Nettheim, John Scott-

evening Party

Workshop Convenors

Evelyn Balais-Serrano - Secretary-General of Philippines Alliance of Human Rights Advocates (PAHRA)

Brian Brooks - Professor of Law at the Australian Graduate School of Management, UNSW.

Paul Brown - has worked with Greenpeace (Australia) for many years, as Toxics Campaign Manager and as Deputy Director

Jose Campino - Political Affairs Officer in the Office of the Secretary-General of the UN.

Laksiri Fernando - formerly International secretary with World University Service, Geneva, now studying and teaching human rights at Sydney University

Pierre-Michel Fontaine - Regional Representative of UNHCR

Andre Frankovits - until recently has been Campaign Manager for Amnesty International (Australia)

Jose Ramos-Horta - Executive Director of DTP and International Representative of the Council for Maubere Resistance (East Timor)

Cecilia Jimenez - International Secretary for Philippines Alliance of Human Rights Advocates (PAHRA)

Garth Nettheim - Chair person of DTP and Professor of Law at UNSW

Eilleen Pittaway - Policy Officer for the Refugee Advice and Casework Service

John Scott-Murphy - Coordinator of DTP

Tony Simpson - Lawyer, formerly worked with the Aboriginal Legal Service

Marguerita Tracanelli - Media Officer for the National Council for Maubere Resistance (East Timor)

David Weisbrot - formerly Law Reform Commissioner for NSW and now Dean of Sydney University Law School

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List of participants - Jan 94

Australia

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U Aye Kyaw

Irian Jaya

Derek Windessy

Nepal

Kundan Aryal

Nidesh Koirala

New Caledonia

Benjamin Malie

Andre Passan

New Zealand

Nanaia Mahuta

Pakistan

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Palestine

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