

## DTP Alumni Workshop on Business and Human Rights Network Building

Ambassador Hotel Bangkok, 12-14 December 2024

### Draft Program Agenda

#### Objectives:

1. Reflecting on DTP BHR training and civil society BHR advocacy in Asia and the Pacific.
2. Mapping DTP alumni connections to civil society networks and movements that have been working to advance BHR in the region if any.
3. Connecting Asian and Pacific DTP alumni to East Asian CSOs working on regional BHR
4. Analysing the potential value, purpose and role of a new regional DTP alumni network in supporting civil society BHR advocacy.
5. Potentially establishing a steering group and identifying next steps for a regional DTP alumni BHR network.

#### Draft Agenda:

| Time                                | Activities   | Objectives  | Facilitators/Methods   |
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| <b>First Day – 12 December 2024</b> |  |   |  |
| 8.30-9.00                           | Participant registrations  |   |  |
| 9.00 – 10.30                        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Opening Remarks and Welcome</li> <li>- Discussion re Workshop - Objectives/Outcomes - Review of Agenda - Housekeeping</li> <li>- DTP, AIPP, MFA, FA introductions to BHR interests, relevant, strategies and activities</li> <li>- Alumni introductions – Which DTP program/s – What BHR advocacy experience</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Agree / adjust objectives;</li> <li>- Introductions</li> <li>- Sharing of experience</li> <li>- Building understanding of collective knowledge/expertise and experience in the room</li> <li>- Provide some of the context and grounding for workshop</li> </ul> | DTP/MFA/AIPP -<br><br>(Name / Organisation / Country / DTP course(s) / relevant experience on BHR) |
| 10.30 – 10.45                       | Coffee break   |   |  |
| 10.45 – 12.00                       | Alumni introductions and sharing cont'd  |   | <i>Methodology: Plenary</i>  |

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|                                      | Sharing on Key BHR Challenges in the Region   |   | <i>Small group work and report backs</i>  |
| 12.00–13.00                          | Lunch   |   |   |
| 13.00–14.30                          | Reflection on DTP's BHR capacity building and network/movement building - what do we know of BHR capacity building now available for CSOs nationally, regionally and globally – what lessons can be learned and gaps identified to guide future DTP (and other) capacity building       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Build shared understanding of DTP's work and approach on BHR capacity Building:</li> <li>- Share knowledge of other capacity building on BHR in region – Mapping</li> <li>- Identify gaps, challenges and opportunities and priorities for capacity building</li> </ul>                                    | <p>Pillkyu Hwang, Frederic Wilson &amp; Sumitha Kishna (TBC)</p> <p><i>Methodology:</i></p> <p><i>Short Presentations</i></p> <p><i>Plenary / Small Groups / Plenary</i></p>  |
| 14.30–14.45                          | Coffee break  |   |   |
| 14.45–17.00                          | Scene-setting – National and regional BHR issues and frameworks from 2010s to now – what has changed and what is the same – What are common/cross-cutting aims and concerns amongst different human rights sectors. What is happening in other regions eg, East Asia, Australia, EU, US | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Map key existing policy and regulatory approaches to BHR – global/regional/local</li> <li>- Identify priority standards /frameworks for CSO advocacy</li> <li>- Identify key actors in civil society</li> <li>- Sharing on experiences of advocacy;</li> </ul>   | <p>Gopinath Parakuni /Yuyun Wanyuningrum/ / Matthew Coghlan (TBC)</p> <p><i>Methodology:</i></p> <p><i>Short Presentations</i></p> <p><i>Plenary / Small Groups / Plenary</i></p>   |
| 19.00–21.00                          | Dinner  |   |   |
| <b>Second Day – 13 December 2024</b> |   |   |   |
| 9.00 – 10.30                         | BHR Advocacy in Asia – Country Case Studies presentations –   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Build shared understanding of specific BHR issues in different countries, approaches to advocacy and lessons learned</li> <li>- Build understanding of experiences, and gaps/needs</li> </ul> <p><i>Use case studies to understand key BHR issues and CSO activities on BHR in different countries</i></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Facilitators: Indriaswati Dyah Saptaningrum, Hsin Hsuan Sun</li> </ul> <p><i>Methodology</i></p> <p><i>Presentations of case studies / Nepal, Durga Mani Rai, Lahurnip</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Nepal, Durga Yamphu, LAHURNIP</li> <li>- Cambodia, Yun Mane, CIPO</li> <li>- Indonesia, Imam Shofwan, JATAM</li> <li>- Thailand, Praikadao (Tian) Prueksakasemsuk (TBC)</li> <li>- India, Rashmi Venketesan, Cividep</li> <li>- Q &amp; A</li> </ul> |

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|                                     |  | - <i>Analyse case studies to identify gaps/priorities in capacity / support /solidarity</i>  |   |
| 10.30–10.45                         | Coffee break   |  |   |
| 10.45–12.30                         | BHR Advocacy in Asia — Movement Approaches to BHR Advocacy and Capacity Building - Case Studies  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Build understanding of how some key movements are advocating and building advocacy capacity on BHR</li> <li>- Share experiences/approaches/lessons learned</li> <li>- Identify gaps /potential for greater collaboration and solidarity between movements</li> </ul> <i>Analyse case studies to identify lessons learned/good practices/gaps/priorities in capacity / support /solidarity between movements</i> | Facilitators: Nukila Evanty/ Shin Young / Kul Prasad Karki (TBC)<br><br>The Place of BHR in Advocacy Strategies and Building Migrant Workers<br>Indigenous Peoples<br><br><i>Methodology</i><br><i>Presentations:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>Sumitha, Migrant Workers</i></li> <li>- <i>Frederic, Indigenous Peoples</i></li> <li>- <i>Prarthana, Human Rights Movements/Organisations</i></li> <li>- <i>Gopinath, Business and Human Rights/Corporate Accountability Movements</i></li> <li>- <i>Q &amp; A</i></li> </ul> |
| 12.30–13.30                         | Lunch  |  |   |
| 13.30-14.30                         | Travel to Australian Embassy   |  |   |
| 14.30-16.30                         | Dialogue with Bangkok-based diplomats – what are Embassy approaches to human rights in the region – how can diplomats and CSOs engage  | Share perspectives of challenges and approaches<br>Explore implications of new laws/directives on MS/DD etc<br>Identify some common points on which to build future collaboration / dialogue   |   |
|                                     | Reception at Embassy   |  |   |
| <b>Third Day – 14 December 2024</b> |  |  |   |
| 9.00 – 10.30                        | Mapping BHR networks and movements in Asia – what currently exist, how is information about CSO BHR advocacy being shared, are they supportive to CSO positions, are there any | Sharing of knowledge<br>Context analysis for <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- capacity building strategies</li> <li>- increased collaboration between movements/organisations</li> </ul>   | Yuyun Wahyuningrum / Sotheary Sao / Matthew Coghlan<br><br><i>Methodology</i><br><br><i>Facilitated group work</i><br><i>Plenary discussion</i>   |

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|               | network/movement gaps, what can be done better   |  |  |
| 10.30–10.45   | Coffee break   |  |  |
| 10.45–12.15   | Making wider regional connections – discussion with East Asian CSOs (Japan, South Korea and Taiwan) to identify BHR advocacy and network synergies | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Learn how East Asian CSOs are organising and what their activities are</li> <li>- Draw out linkages between East Asia and BHR advocacy</li> <li>- Identify ways to improve engagement/solidarity</li> </ul> | <p>Panel with Shin Young / Anju Kozono / Hsin Hsuan Sun</p> <p>Facilitated by: Matthew</p> |
| 12.15 – 13.00 | Lunch  |  |  |
| 13.00–15.00   | Discussion on establishing a regional DTP alumni BHR network – small group brainstorm and feedback   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Discuss what CSOs need to be more effective in BHR advocacy,</li> <li>- Identify if there are common needs and a network can assist meet them</li> <li>- Plan a network model to meet needs</li> </ul>      | Pillkyu, Gopi, Frederic, Sumitha, Patrick,   |
| 15.00–15.15   | Coffee break   |  |  |
| 15.15–17.15   | Regional DTP alumni BHR network – plenary discussion and commitments/next steps  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Work out network in more detail</li> <li>- Decide composition, governance and objectives</li> <li>- Agree responsibilities and next steps</li> </ul>  | Patrick, Pillkyu, Gopi   |
| 17.15–17.30   | Conclusion and thanks  |  |  |
| 19.00–21.00   | Dinner – for participants departing next day   |  |  |

### **Workshop Background Summary:**

The Diplomacy Training Program (DTP) will organise a three-day workshop with some of the alumni of its human rights training programs over the last 30 years together with DTP partners – AIPP and MFA - and a small number of key Business and Human Rights (BHR) experts. The purpose of the workshop is to:

- Reflect on DTP BHR training and civil society BHR advocacy in Asia and the Pacific.
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DTP is an award winning independent NGO based in Sydney, Australia. DTP has developed and delivered human rights and advocacy training programs in the Asia-Pacific region and Indigenous Australia for over [34 years](#). These programs include DTP's Annual Human Rights and Peoples' Diplomacy Training Program, the longest running human rights capacity building course in the Asia-Pacific region. DTP has also delivered over 150 thematic and country-based programs for Asia-Pacific NGO/CSO leaders and HRDs.

Over more than 30 years, DTP has made a significant contribution to regional human rights. DTP's programs are organised with local and regional partners in human rights movements, and with DTP alumni. DTP's training methodology is participatory. Since 2004, DTP has developed and delivered programs on the following priority themes:

- Human Rights Defenders (HRDs)
- The Rights of Indigenous Peoples
- The Rights of Migrant Workers
- Human Rights and Business
- Children's Rights

In addition, it has developed programs on:

- Human Rights, the SDGs and Climate Change in the Pacific
- Myanmar
- With Diaspora Communities

DTP has a strong track record training BHR in Asia. From 2006-2011, DTP ran a dedicated BHR program and integrated BHR into its programs on migrant workers' and Indigenous Peoples' rights, including training participants working on disability, gender and LGBTQIA+. More recent BHR programs have focused

on the Pacific responded to a strong interest in climate justice, just transition, responsible investment and sustainable finance. Over 600 participants have attended at least one of these programs.

DTP recognises that the 3,500 plus alumni of DTP courses over the last 34 years contain a potentially powerful network of individuals and organisations committed to promoting and protecting human rights in response to these challenges.

DTP recognises the current context is very challenging for human rights defenders and human rights movements. DTP also recognises that the context is dynamic – new standards, new issues and new actors. As DTP looks to the future it is keen to make sure that its capacity building strategies support key human rights movements and complement the work of others.