

Asia Regional Forum

UNESCO Chair International Regional Training Programme:
A Global Intergenerational Forum



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About the Forum

The International Leadership Training Programme, organized as a forum, is premised on a three-fold understanding of the vital role leaders play in society. The first is that every new generation of human rights leaders builds on the work of those who came before it. The second is that in today's increasingly interdependent global world, where actions or events in any part of the global system have impact on people in other regions of the world, there is a need to build a network of solidarity and to nurture a new cadre of human rights leaders who can educate others and provide enlightened leadership to meet the complex and multifaceted challenges of the new millennium. The third is that young people are a force to be reckoned with and that the future belongs to them. In order, therefore, to ensure that they are effective leaders for a better future, today's leaders have a duty to impart their knowledge to the younger generation of leaders and to alert them of the pitfalls of the past. This is because, although the circumstances under which the new generation of leaders operates/will operate are different, the issues that confront them are not fundamentally new to humanity. Accordingly, the types of strategies that would help them tackle the various issues need not be completely reinvented but innovatively adapted to new circumstances.

A principal reason why the Intergenerational Forum focuses on young leaders specifically is because, more than any other group, their training will most likely have great and ripple impact on society. For this reason, the Forum will place premium on nurturing and developing young people for local and global leadership and in building bridges and a network of solidarity, which promote the sharing of experiences and understanding of, and provide an impetus for, the empowerment of young leaders. This should enable them to play a crucial and constructive role in the development of human rights in their communities and the world at large. The forum will provide tools and a platform for open debates about policies, programs, activities and processes necessary for human rights leadership.

It is therefore in appreciation of the dynamics of an interdependent world, that the UNESCO Chair hosts annually an intergenerational forum that brings together young leaders from all regions of the world in the field of human rights. The forum is held in August of each year to coincide with the International Youth Day, which is commemorated at the United Nations Headquarters in the USA. To complement the annual forum, regional fora are envisaged to be held on various continents.



Approach and Objectives

The leadership development programme is informed by the principle of reciprocal consultation, learning and empowerment, and cross pollination of ideas and ideals.

The main objectives of the Forum are to: involve young leaders in finding solutions to emerging human rights problems; nurture individuals to be effective leaders in the field of human rights; promote the sharing of experiences and understanding; provide an impetus for and the empowerment of youth leaders that will enable them to play a crucial and constructive role in the development of human rights in their communities; build a network of solidarity among future leaders in the field of human rights; hone the skills and expand the knowledge relevant to human rights practice; and provide tools and a platform for open debates about policies, programmes, activities, and processes necessary for human rights leadership.

Participants at the conference should be individuals (ages 18-35) from all over the world who have been involved in some capacity in human rights work in their communities. During the Forum, various workshops are planned, which include training in areas such as grassroots organizing, building coalitions, effective communication, use of media for human rights education, and understanding of the processes and relevance of restorative justice. It is planned that discussions would be conducted under the rubric of the following principal areas: poverty, education, health, conflict resolution and/or transformation, the rights and plight of children, refugees and war, hunger, HIV/AIDS, gender discrimination, peace education and environmental concerns. Discussions of these topics should be informed by an understanding of the principles outlined in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR) and the Millennium Development Goals.

Selected young people will engage through dialogue with experienced and older human rights practitioners to gain management skills and techniques and a greater understanding of human rights issues on a global level. Apart from nurturing individuals to be effective leaders in the field of human rights, it is intended that the forum serves as an avenue to globalize ethical values. Conference presenters/speakers/facilitators have been asked to serve in an ongoing capacity as mentors to the young participants upon their return to their home communities and countries.

Outcomes

Networking: To continue dialogue and exchange of ideas among the participants and to enable mentors to share their insights, a listserv will be established to facilitate on-going communication.

Publication: A summary of the highlights of the forum will be published together with contributions from participants who will be asked to write essays about the practical application of the lessons learnt during the forum to their areas and communities of engagement. Ten to twenty of the best and most representative essays will be selected for publication annually for wider dissemination. The publication will track progress made by participants, as well as serve as a record of activities by participants. Action plans worked out collectively by participants will be widely disseminated.

Message from the Chair

On behalf of the UNESCO Chair & Institute of Comparative Human Rights, as well as on behalf of the International Planning Committee, welcome to the Global Intergenerational Leadership Training Programme: Asia Region Forum.

We are aware that in order to come here, you have had to forego certain activities which you would probably be doing. In a way then, your presence here is a testimony to your strong commitment to the causes of human rights and solidarity.

We are most grateful to Mahidol University for partnering with us to host this Forum. As a leader in the field of human rights in Asia, the University provides an atmosphere that we hope will enable you to engage meaningfully in dialogue(s) on various issues with your peers and with more seasoned human rights practitioners and leaders.

It should be pointed out from the outset that the Forum is inspired by an understanding of human rights as *practical idealism* and grounded in the notion of *informed empathy*. Participants who embraced both have in the past several years transcended their provincial conditioning and successfully blended idealism with the practical. In the process, they managed to renew their faith and sense of optimism in human rights as the highest common denominator. We suggest that this is a lesson worth drawing on for this year's participants.

The immediate principal objectives of conducting intergenerational dialogues, sharing and learning are:

- 1) To hone and sharpen leadership skills not as an end but as means to enhance effective engagement for the purpose of fostering a global culture of human rights.

- 2) To build networks of intellectual and practical solidarity, which support not only the realization of your dreams, but also the fashioning of a more humane and better world.

- 3) To make a modest contribution in discharging our duty of responsibility to the future, as we realize that each succeeding generation of leaders has always stood on the shoulders and learnt from its predecessors.

We hope, therefore, that the Forum offers you an ideal opportunity to meet with people who are different from you but are the same in essential humanity and dignity with you. As indicated above, the meeting of new people and the renewing of "old" friendships should not be an end in itself; but rather, it should serve as means of exploring new ideas and methods of providing effective human rights leadership in an increasingly interdependent world.

As practical aspects of embracing the notion of human rights as *practical idealism* and developing *informed empathy*, we urge you to demonstrate respect for each and every person you meet and interact with. Even when you disagree with other people, do show them the respect and courtesy you would like yourself to be shown. Also, please try your best to meet people from different regions, cultures or racial classifications without the fog of stereotypical images you might have gained from the media or other institutions. We are confident that if you free yourself from the shackles of the past and treat people with simple respect and courtesy, you will be surprised how easy and uplifting it is to get along well with other people.

We hope that at the end of the Forum, we will all have achieved in some measure an overarching objective of being here: that is to build strong intellectual and moral solidarity based on shared ethical values in the service of a common humanity. From this basis, we should be able not only to expand the frontiers of human rights but also to bring about the flowering of human solidarity for a better, more caring and compassionate world.

During the Forum, we ask you to do the simple things in life: have open minds and soft hearts. These should enable you to put a smile on the faces of other people during the Forum. Remember that the way we conduct ourselves and how we interact with one another and each other speak more eloquently about our characters than sweet words we utter.

Enjoy yourselves and make the best of everything during the Forum. May the sun shine on you!

Amii Omara-Otunnu, D. Phil. (Oxon.),
UNESCO Chair-holder & Executive Director,
Executive Director, UConn-ANC Partnership,
Professor of History

Message from the President

On behalf of all at the Institute of Human Rights and Peace Studies and Mahidol University, I would like to welcome you to the Asia Regional Forum - *International Leadership Training Programme on Human Rights and Peace: A Global Intergenerational Forum*. This third regional Forum is timely, as significant changes are taking place at both the national and regional levels. For instance, the international community is closely following the process of greater transparency and openness that is occurring in our neighboring countries and the development of human rights mechanisms across Southeast Asia.

As you join us from different parts of the world, I believe that you bring not only your experiences and knowledge with you, but also your commitment to human rights, your solidarity, and your readiness to affirm shared purposes and join common causes. I am confident that your participation in this Forum will be mutually beneficial and enriching and will help strengthen your professional networks. I hope that these will contribute to supporting human rights and building a culture of peace around the world.

Human rights and peace have always been a priority at Mahidol University. For example, the Master in Human Rights was the first course of its kind in Asia. Launched in 1999, it was soon followed by the introduction of the PhD in Human Rights and Peace Studies and the Master in Human Rights and Democratisation. These three graduate programs attract students from different parts of the world, in particular Asia. Furthermore, responding to the needs of the Thai society, an additional Master Program in Human Rights and Peace Studies taught in Thai was established. Together, these four graduate programs aim to not only produce human rights graduates who are capable of applying knowledge to their fields of work, but also use their wisdom to advance human rights and peace in society at large. This Forum is one of the various activities through which Mahidol University aims to achieve these goals.

I would like to express our sincere thanks to Prof. Dr. Amii Omara-Otunnu - UNESCO Chair and his Team for their confidence and for inviting Mahidol University to co-organize the Asia Regional Forum. I believe that the International Leadership Training Programme will strengthen human rights and peace education throughout the region and beyond.

I would like to end by reminding you that human rights and peace do not arrive by accident. Instead, we all are responsible for our rights and must nurture peace through greater knowledge and commitment. However, both knowledge and commitment are useless without action. Therefore, I wish you all a very successful meeting and hope that you return to your countries with new insights and put your efforts for the betterment of society.

Prof. Dr. Rajata Rajatanavin
President of Mahidol University, Thailand



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First they came for the Communists,

and I didn't speak up,

because I wasn't a Communist.

Then they came for the Jews,

and I didn't speak up,

because I wasn't a Jew.

Then they came for the Catholics,

and I didn't speak up,

because I was Protestant.

Then they came for me,

and by that time there was no one

left to speak for me.

Reverend Martin Niemöller (1892-1984)

Thursday, November 1, 2012

Check-in/Registration/Accommodations for international travelers:

Check-in Address:
Salaya Pavilion (Mahidol University
International College)
999 Buddhamonthon 4 Road
Salaya Nakhonphathom 73170 THAILAND
Telephone: (66) 2441 0568-9

11:00AM -1:30PM **Lunch**
Location: Room 408, 4th Floor, Graduate Studies Building

2:00PM **Campus Tour**
Meeting Location: Front of Salaya Pavilion

4:30PM -7:00PM **Dinner**
Location: Room 408, 4th Floor, Graduate Studies Building

7:00PM-8:30PM **Scheduling Option: Film**
Location: Salaya Cinema, Film Foundation

Friday, November 2, 2012

Check-in/Registration/Accommodations for all conference participants

6:30AM-9:30AM **Breakfast**
Location: Herb Garden Restaurant, 2nd Floor, Salaya Pavilion

10:00AM **Poster/NGO Display Tables**
Location: Salaya Pavilion

11:00AM-12:30PM **Tour of Campus/City**
Meeting location: Salaya Pavilion

12:00AM-2:00PM **Lunch**
Location: Dining Room, 3rd floor, Mahidol Learning Center

2:00PM-3:00PM **Overview of Schedule and Best Practices**
Tim Aye-Hardy, Chair, International Forum Planning Committee
Location: Room 322, 3rd floor, Mahidol Learning Center

3:00PM **Introduction to Resolution Process**
Prof. Jonathan Stubbs, University of Richmond School of Law
Location: Room 322, 3rd floor, Mahidol Learning Center

4:30PM-6:00PM **Café Ami**
Location: Dinner Room, 3rd floor, Mahidol Learning Center

Friday, November 2, 2012 continued...

6:00PM-8:00PM **Welcome Dinner Reception**
Words of welcome by President of Mahidol University, *Dr. Rajata Rajatanavin* and *Dr. Amii Omara-Otunnu*, UNESCO Chair-holder in Human Rights

Keynote Address: *Ajarn Jon Ungpakorn*
Introduction by Parichart Suwanbubbha
Location: Room 322, 3rd floor, Mahidol Learning Center

8:00PM-9:00PM **Short Film and Discussion: The Making of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights**
Location: Movie Room, 3rd floor, Mahidol Learning Center

Saturday, November 3, 2012

6:30AM-8:30AM **Breakfast** (7:30-8:30 facilitator meeting)
Location: Herb Garden Restaurant, 2nd Floor, Salaya Pavilion

8:30AM - 9:00AM **Depart to Sampran Riverside**
(Rose Garden)
Meeting Point: In front of Salaya Pavilion

Team Building/Problem Solving Activities
Location: Sampran Riverside Resort

Lunch
Location: Sampran Riverside Resort

2:00PM-3:30 AM **Opening forum for young leaders: Sharing of experience and Perspectives**
Location: Sampran Riverside Resort

Return to Mahidol University

4:00PM-6:00PM **Movie screening (*Emmanuel's Gift*)**
Introduction by Ms. Kate Alyzon Ramil
Location: Movie Room, 3rd floor, Mahidol Learning Center

6:00PM -7.30PM **Dinner**
Location: Dining Room, 3rd floor, Mahidol Learning Center

7.30PM -9.00PM **Facilitated Group Meetings**
Location: Salaya Pavilion

9:00PM-11:00PM **Scheduling Option 1:** Game room available
Salaya Pavilion Ground Floor
Scheduling Option 2: Film:
Location: Movie Room, 3rd floor, Mahidol Learning Center

Sunday, November 4, 2012

Human rights, concepts and mechanisms

- 6:30^{AM}-8:30^{AM} **Breakfast** (7:30-8:30 facilitator meeting)
Location: Herb Garden Restaurant, 2nd Floor, Salaya Pavilion
- 9:00^{AM}-10:30^{AM} **Lecture: Foundations of Human Rights Leadership and Ethics**
Prof. Amii Omara-Otunnu, UNESCO Chair- holder
Introduction by Ms. Neeti Babu
Location: Room 322, 3rd floor, Mahidol Learning Center
- 10:30^{AM} **Break**
- 11:00^{AM}-12:30^{PM} **Presentation: Relinking the MDG Acceleration Framework with Human Rights and Democratic Governance: Proposals for widening the scope of the MDG agenda in Asia-Pacific**
Dr. Marcus Brand, Rule of Law, Justice and Human Rights, Asia-Pacific Regional Centre United Nations Development Programme
Introduction by Ms. BidyaLaxmi Salam
Location: Room 322, 3rd floor, Mahidol Learning Center
- 12:30^{PM} **Lunch**
Location: Dining Room, 3rd floor, Mahidol Learning Center
- 2:00^{PM}-3:30^{PM} **Panel: Environmental Justice and Climate Change**
Matthew Baird, Chair, Environment and Planning Law Group, Law Council of Australia
Dr. Crelis Rammelt, Institute of Environmental Studies at the University of New South Wales (UNSW), Australia
Introduction by Mr. Dickens Osano Molo
Location: Room 322, 3rd floor, Mahidol Learning Center
- 3:30^{PM} **Break**
- 4:00^{PM}-5:30^{PM} **Regional Group Discussions**
Location: Graduate Studies Building, 4th Floor
- 5:30^{PM} **Break**
- 6:00^{PM}-7:30^{PM} **Dinner**
Location: Dining Room, 3rd floor, Mahidol Learning Center
- 7:30^{PM}-9:00^{PM} **Facilitated Group Meetings**
Location: Salaya Pavilion
- 9:00^{PM}-11:00^{PM} **Scheduling Option 1:** Game room available
Salaya Pavilion Ground Floor
Scheduling Option 2: Film:
Location: Movie Room, 3rd floor, Mahidol Learning Center

Monday, November 5, 2012

Human rights and peace - checking conceptual links

- 6:30^{AM}-8:30^{AM} **Breakfast** (7:30-8:30 facilitator meeting)
Location: Herb Garden Restaurant, 2nd Floor, Salaya Pavilion
- 9:00^{AM}-10:30^{AM} **Peace and Conflict: Conceptual Clarifications**
Prof. Dr. Chainat Satba-Anand, Thammasat University, Thailand
Introduction by Mr. Vukasin Grozdanovic
Location: Room 322, 3rd floor, Mahidol Learning Center
- 10:30^{AM} **Break**
- 11:00^{AM}-12:30^{PM} **Human Rights and Peace: Checking Conceptual Links**
Prof. Dr. Chainat Satba-Anand, Thammasat University, Thailand
Location: Room 322, 3rd floor, Mahidol Learning Center
- 12:30^{PM} **Lunch**
Location: Dining Room, 3rd floor, Mahidol Learning Center
- 2:00^{PM}-5:00^{PM} **Panel Discussion on Human Rights and Peace in Asia: A Reality Check**
Prof. Surichai Wun-Gaeo (Thailand) Representative from SEAPA
Dr. Sam Zarifi, Regional Director of ICJ
Introduction by Ms. Khi Pyar Chit Saw
Location: Room 322, 3rd floor, Mahidol Learning Center

Break from 3:30^{PM}-3:45^{PM}
- 5:30^{PM} -7:00^{PM} **Dinner**
Location: Dining Room, 3rd floor, Mahidol Learning Center
- 7:00^{PM} -9:00^{PM} **Facilitated Group Meetings**
Location: Salaya Pavilion
- 9:00^{PM}-11:00^{PM} **Scheduling Option 1:** Game room available
Salaya Pavilion Ground Floor
Scheduling Option 2: Film:
Location: Movie Room, 3rd floor, Mahidol Learning Center



Tuesday, November 6, 2012

Human Rights in Asia and Latin American

- 6:30^{AM}-8:30^{AM} **Breakfast** (7:00-8:30 facilitator meeting)
Location: Herb Garden Restaurant, 2nd Floor, Salaya Pavilion
- 9:00^{AM}-10:30^{AM} **Human Rights in Asia**
Prof. Vüit Muntarbborn
Chulalongkorn University, Thailand
Introduction by Ms. Dilyara Tektigulova
Location: Room 322, 3rd floor, Mahidol Learning Center
- 10:30^{AM} **Break**
- 11:00^{AM}-12:30^{PM} **Development of Human Rights Mechanisms in Asia**
Dr. Sriprapha Petcharamesree, IHRP, Mahidol University, Thailand
Introduction by Mr. Joel Mark Barredo
Location: Room 322, 3rd floor, Mahidol Learning Center
- 12:30^{PM} **Lunch**
Location: Dining Room, 3rd floor, Mahidol Learning Center
- 2:00^{PM}-3:30^{PM} **Indigenous and Minority Rights: Case Study, Latin America**
Prof. Anabella Maria Giracca de Castellanos, UNESCO Chair of Communication for the Strengthening of Cultural Diversity and Director of the Institute of Linguistics and Interculturality, University Rafael Landivar, Guatemala
Introduction by Ms. Marie McCain
Location: Room 322, 3rd floor, Mahidol Learning Center
- 3:30^{PM} **Break**
- 4:00^{PM}-5:30^{PM} **Regional Group Discussions**
Location: Graduate Studies Building, 4th floor
- 5:30^{PM} **Break**
- 6:00^{PM}-7:30^{PM} **Dinner**
Location: Dining Room, 3rd floor, Mahidol Learning Center
- 7:30^{PM}-9:00^{PM} **Facilitated Group Meetings**
Location: Salaya Pavilion
- 9:00^{PM}-11:00^{PM} **Scheduling Option 1:** Game room available
Salaya Pavilion Ground Floor
Scheduling Option 2: Film:
Location: Movie Room, 3rd floor, Mahidol Learning Center

Wednesday, November 7, 2012

Field Study to Mahachai/Migrant Workers (Detailed program attached)

- 6:30^{AM}-7:45^{AM} **Breakfast** (7:00-7:45 facilitator meeting)
Location: Herb Garden Restaurant, 2nd Floor, Salaya Pavilion
- 8:00^{AM} **Depart Mahidol University for Mahachai**
Departure Location: In front of Salaya Pavilion
- 8:45^{AM} Arrival
- 9:00^{AM}-12:00^{PM} **Briefings and Community Service**
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Location: Mahachai
- 12:30^{PM} **Lunch**
Location: Mahachai
- 2:00^{PM}-5:30^{PM} **Briefings and Community Service**
Location: Mahachai
- 5:30^{PM} **Depart Mahachai**
- 6:00^{PM}-7:30^{PM} **Dinner**
Location: TBD?
- 7:30^{PM}-9:00^{PM} **Depart for Mahidol University**
- 9:00^{PM}-11:00^{PM} **Scheduling Option 1:** Game room available
Salaya Pavilion Ground Floor
Scheduling Option 2: Film:
Location: Movie Room, 3rd floor, Mahidol Learning Center



Thursday, November 8, 2012

Global Justice

- 6:30^{AM}-8:30^{AM} **Breakfast** (7:30-8:30 facilitator meeting)
Location: Herb Garden Restaurant, 2nd Floor, Salaya Pavilion
- 9:00^{AM}-10:30^{AM} **TBC – Head of OHCHR, Thailand/ Roundtable Conversation on the Universality of Human Rights**
Introduction by
Moderated by Dr. Amii Omara-Otunnu
Location: Room 322, 3rd floor, Mahidol Learning Center
- 10:30^{AM} **Break**
- 11:00^{AM}-12:30^{PM} **Human Security in Cross Border Areas: Case Study, Manipur**
Prof. Amar Yumnam, Dean, School of Social Sciences and Director, Centre for Manipur Studies
Introduction by Dr. Shukhdeba Sharma
Location: Room 322, 3rd floor, Mahidol Learning Center
- 12:30^{PM} **Lunch**
Location: Dining Room, 3rd floor, Mahidol Learning Center
- 2:00^{PM}-3:30^{PM} **Panel: Role of NGO's in Developing Countries**
Urikimbam Nobokishore, Secretary, Centre for Social Development, Imphal and Secretary, United NGO's Mission, Manipur
Dr. Kyaw Yin Hlaing, Assistant Professor, Department of Asian and International Studies and Associate Director, Southeast Asia Research Centre (SEARC), The City University of Hong Kong and Director of the National Economic and Social Advisory Council in Myanmar
Mr. Shivei Ye, Regional Director FIDH
Introduction by Ms. Ntombi Mcoyi
Location: Room 322, 3rd floor, Mahidol Learning Center
- 3:30^{PM} **Break**
- 4:00^{PM}-5:30^{PM} **Regional Group Discussions**
Location: Graduate Studies Building, 4th Floor
- 5:30^{PM} **Break**
- 6:00^{PM}-7:30^{PM} **Dinner**
Dining Room, 3rd floor, Mahidol Learning Center
- 7:30^{PM}-9:00^{PM} **Facilitated Group Meetings**
Location: Salaya Pavilion
- 9:00^{PM}-11:00^{PM} **Scheduling Option 1:** Game room available
Salaya Pavilion Ground Floor
Scheduling Option 2: Film:
Location: Movie Room, 3rd floor, Mahidol Learning Center

Friday, November 9, 2012

Use of Media and Human Rights

- 6:30^{AM}-8:30^{AM} **Breakfast** (7:30-8:30 facilitator meeting)
Location: Herb Garden Restaurant, 2nd Floor, Salaya Pavilion
- 9:00^{AM}-10:30^{AM} **Social Media and Human Rights Reporting**
Elaine Pearson, Deputy Director of Human Rights Watch's Asia Division
Introduction Mr. Vo Tran Trung Nhan
Location: Conference Room, Salaya Pavilion
- 10:30^{AM} **Break**
- 11:00^{AM}-12:30^{PM} **Panel Discussion: Human Trafficking**
Karen Zusman (writer and independent, multi-media journalist focusing on human trafficking as it relates to refugees, migrants and people displaced by conflict)
Anna Olsen, ILO (Tripartite Action to Protect the Rights of Migrant Workers from Labour Exploitation)
Phil Robertson (HRW Deputy Director based in Bangkok)
Introduction Ms. Rajin Al-Qallih
Location: Conference Room, Salaya Pavilion
- 12:30^{PM} **Lunch**
Location: Dining Room, 3rd floor, Mahidol Learning Center
- 2:00^{PM}-3:30^{PM} **Participant Presentations:**
Hang Hybunna
Right to Water and Sanitation
Ntombi Mcoyi
Health and Human Rights (specifically HIV/AIDS)
Andrea Landry
Indigenous Gender Equality/Indigenous Gender-Based Violence
Introductions by Ms. Bea Abrahams
Location: Conference Room, Salaya Pavilion
- 3:30^{PM} **Break**
- 4:00^{PM}-5:30^{PM} **Regional Group Discussions**
Location: 4th Floor, Graduate Studies Building
- 5:30^{PM} **Break**
- 6:00^{PM}-7:30^{PM} **Facilitated Group Meetings**
Location: Salaya Pavilion
- 7:30^{PM}-11:30^{PM} **Dinner and Multicultural Night Showcase**
Location: Salaya Pavilion

Saturday, November 10, 2012

The Way Forward

- 6:30^{AM}-8:30^{AM} **Breakfast** (7:30-8:30 facilitator meeting)
Location: Herb Garden Restaurant, 2nd Floor, Salaya Pavilion
- 9:00^{AM}-12:00^{PM} **Final Facilitated Group Meetings**
Location: Salaya Pavilion
- 12:00^{PM} **Lunch**
Location: Dining Room, 3rd floor, Mahidol Learning Center
- 2:00^{PM} **Reports/ Group Presentations
Sharing/Reflections
Next Steps**
Location: Room 322, 3rd floor, Mahidol Learning Center
- 5:30^{PM} **Evaluations**
Location: Room 322, 3rd floor, Mahidol Learning Center
- 6:30^{PM}-10:00^{PM} **Farewell Dinner and Closing Ceremony**
Presentation of Gifts and Certificates
Individual Reflections
Location: Salaya Pavilion

Sunday, November 11, 2012

Departures

“Recognition of the inherent dignity
and of the equal and inalienable
rights of all
members of the human family is the
foundation of freedom, justice and
peace in the world.”

-Preamble,

Universal Declaration of Human Rights

“The worth of the individual
human being is the most unique
and precious of all our assets and
must be the beginning and end of
all our efforts. Governments,
systems, ideologies and
institutions come and go, but
humanity remains.”

- U Thant, UN Secretary-General (1961-1971)



Speakers

Dr. Amii Omara-Otunnu (Convenor)

Professor Omara-Otunnu is the first UNESCO Chair in Human Rights in the United States of America, and Founding Coordinator of the Coalition of Human Rights Organizations in New England. He also serves as Executive Director of the UConn-ANC Partnership with South Africa, which consists of three projects: comparative human rights, oral history, and archives. Dr Omara-Otunnu is a scholar activist committed to an inclusive approach for the causes of social justice and democratic pluralism.

Professor Amii Omara-Otunnu, who earned academic degrees in Social Studies, Law and History from Harvard University, the London School of Economics and Oxford University, is a tenured faculty member in the Department of History



at the University of Connecticut. His areas of academic interest include: International Human Rights and the Rule of Law, Pan-Africanism, and Civil-Military Relations. He was recently given The Luminary Award by the World Affairs Council. The Award was created to honor those who have profoundly impacted global affairs with an emphasis on the overall betterment of the world. Mary Robinson, former President of Ireland (1990-1997) and former United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (1997-2002) was the keynote speaker during the Award ceremony.

Dr. Marcus Brand

Dr. Marcus Brand (Austria) has been a democratic governance expert affiliated with UNDP's Asia Pacific Regional Centre (APRC) in Bangkok since 2011. He provided advice on integrating a human rights perspective in MDG acceleration efforts, and helped put together a publication on Ways and Means to Strengthen Social and Economic Rights. In 2011, he also provided advice to UNDP on supporting the constitutional reform process in Tunisia. He most recently coordinated APRC's work on developing a support programme for Myanmar's democratic transition and co-led a democratic governance and rule of law assessment mission there. From 2008 to 2011 he served as senior constitutional advisor and policy specialist in UNDP's to Constitution Building Support Programme in Kathmandu, Nepal. In that capacity, he was in charge of coordinating international assistance to Nepal's post-conflict constitution building process, and led the work on state restructuring (federalization) and transition planning. Previously, he has held assignments with the UN in Nepal as Humanitarian Affairs Analyst for the UN Office for the Coordination of

Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) and with the UN Resident Coordinator's Unit. Before moving to Nepal, Dr. Brand worked with UNDP's Governance Group in New York, with assignments in the Gulf Region and Central Asia, focusing on support to new and restored democracies, and the linkages between human development and democratic governance.

Prior to his engagements with the UN, he served for several years (1999-2006) with the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE), including as Special Advisor to the Director of the Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR) in Warsaw, and as an Advisor to the Head of Mission of the OSCE in Kosovo, where he worked on the establishment of democratic institutions in the post-war period. For the OSCE, he has



also served on a number of Election Observation and Assessment Missions. He has also worked for the Austrian Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Vienna, the European Stability Initiative (a think tank focusing on South Eastern Europe), the Yale-Soros Civic Education Project in Bulgaria, and the Robert Schuman Centre at the European University Institute Florence. Dr. Brand holds a doctoral degree in international and constitutional law from the University of Vienna (2002), where he also obtained his master degree in law earlier (1994). He also holds degrees from the European University Institute (EUI) in Florence (LL.M., 1997) and from the Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS) in Bologna (1995).

Prof. Anabella Maria Giracca de Castellanos

Professor Anabella Giracca, currently the Director of the Institute of Linguistics and Interculturality at the University Rafael Landivar, is also the Director of the UNESCO Chair Office of Communication for the Strengthening of Cultural Diversity in Guatemala.

She lectures both nationally and on the international circuit and is the author of numerous essays and books. These include many children's books, some translated into Mayan languages.

Professor Giracca is a columnist at Prensa Libre (Free Press), El Periodico (The Newspaper) and for other media.

Professor Giracca is an advocate for collective human rights with an emphasis on indigenous and children's rights. She serves as an advisor on topics of education, interculturality, and communication and is a member of numerous counsels, commissions, associations on education, justice and multiculturalism within Guatemala.



Professor Vitit Muntarbhorn



Professor Vitit Muntarbhorn, M.A. B.C.L. (Oxon.) is Professor of Law at the Faculty of Law, Chulalongkorn University, Thailand. For his entire profession, he serves as a specialist on Human Rights issues by volunteering in numbers of activities, domestically, regionally and internationally, including Commissioner of the United Nations Commission of Inquiry on Syria (Sep 2012 till present), Member of the

Committee of Experts on the Application of Recommendations and Conventions at the International Labour Organization (2009 till present), Chairman of the United Nations Commission of Inquiry on the Human Rights Situation in the Ivory Coast (2011), United Nations Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (2004 – 2010), United Nations Special Rapporteur on the Sale of Children, Child Prostitution and Child Pornography (1990 - 1994). Furthermore, he is a Co-Chair of Working Group for an ASEAN Human Rights Mechanism, Co-Writer of Yogyakarta Principles and also a speaker in many conferences in Thailand and abroad. He still contributes with his greatest effort consistently.

Ms. Elaine Pearson



Ms. Elaine Pearson, acting director of Human Rights Watch's Asia Division, supervises work across Asia, especially South East Asia. Based in New York, Pearson regularly briefs members of the media, government and UN officials regarding the organization's work in Asia. Prior to joining Human Rights Watch in 2007, she lived and worked in Asia for six years including Bangkok, Hong Kong, and Kathmandu. Pearson has specialized

expertise in human trafficking and migration. She worked as a consultant for the International Labour Organization, the United Nations Development Fund for Women, and was research coordinator for the Asia Regional Trafficking in Persons Project. She led the first Trafficking Program at Anti-Slavery International in London. Pearson writes frequently for numerous publications, and her articles have appeared in Human Rights Quarterly, the Wall Street Journal, and the Far Eastern Economic Review. Pearson holds degrees in Law and Arts (English and Comparative Literature) from Murdoch University, Australia.

Dr. Sriprapha Petchamesree

Dr. Sriprapha Petchamesree is currently a full time faculty member at the Institute of Human Rights and Peace Studies, Mahidol University, Thailand. She served as a social worker at the UNICEF's Emergency Operations for Cambodian Refugees. Since 1990s she has been active in human rights field both among academic community and human rights activists both at

national and regional levels, Her recent works focus, among others, on issue of citizenship, migration, statelessness, rights to development, and human rights in international relations. Since October 2009, she was appointed by the Thai government as the Thai Representative to the ASEAN Intergovernmental Commission on Human Rights for a period of three years.

Prof. Dr. Chaiwat Satha-Anand

Prof. Dr. Chaiwat Satha-Anand, a political scientist and a prominent peace scholar. Currently, he is Professor of political science at Thammasat University, Thailand, and Director of the Thai Peace Information Centre at the Foundation for Democracy and Development Studies. He is an expert on non-violence, theory as well as activism, and on Islam. He has published numerous articles and book chapters on the military, alternative defence, religion and peace, Islam and non-violence, and modern political philosophy. For several years he directed the [International Peace Research Association's](#) (IPRA) commission on non-violence and he serves at the Scientific Committee of the International University for Peoples' Initiative for Peace, (IUPIP), in Rovereto, Italy. He serves, on pro bono basis a number of international and regional NGOs.

Ajarn Jon Ungphakom

Jon Ungphakorn, a former Senator for Bangkok, is a Thai social activist who has spent most of his life working with Thai NGOs on human rights and development issues. His particular interests during the past 25 years have been HIV/AIDS (prevention, treatment, and rights), access to health, development of the welfare state, and development of civil society media.

In 1991 Jon founded and was the first executive director of the AIDS Access Foundation, a Thai NGO which provides confidential counselling services for people with HIV/AIDS and their families, gives training and support to organisations of people living with HIV/AIDS, campaigns against public stigma of AIDS, and advocates the rights of everyone to effective and affordable health treatment. In 2000 he was elected to the Thai Senate for six years with the support of the NGO and HIV/AIDS communities, and in 2005 he was a recipient of the Ramon Magsaysay Award (a prestigious Asian award) for his advocacy work on human rights.

Jon was an active participant in the civil society movement which successfully campaigned for a universal health service in Thailand, and is an advocate for Thailand and other developing countries to make full use of flexibilities allowed under the WTO TRIPS agreement and the 2001 Doha Declaration in order to provide their citizens with access to life-saving medicines that are readily available in developed nations. At present he is Vice-Chairperson of the Thai Foundation for AIDS Rights, a member of the National Human Rights Committee's Sub-Committee on Civil and Political Rights, and Executive Director of Internet Law Reform Dialogue (iLaw)



Prof. Surichai Wun'Gaeo

Prof. Surichai Wun'Gaeo is a sociologue. He is a Professor at the Dept of Sociology and Anthropology, and was the former Program Director, MAIDS, Faculty of Political Science, Chulalongkorn University, Thailand. He is currently Director, of the Center for Peace and Conflict Studies. His research interests focus mainly on sociology of development, environmentalism and sustainable development, social movements and people's participation, endogenous social theory. As an engaged academic, he has been working closely with NGOs and grassroots organisations. He is also the Chair of the Rotary Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies based at Chulalongkorn University.

Ms. Karen Zusman

Karen Zusman is a writer and independent, multi-media journalist focusing on human rights abuses and issues related to people from Burma. Her investigative story-telling has been featured on World Focus (broadcast on PBS stations) and Witness.org and her Burma-related journalism has appeared in the pages and websites of *The Christian Science Monitor*, *World Focus*, *The Huffington Post*, *abcnews.com*, *USA Today*, *The Democratic Voice of Burma*, *Relief Web*, and *Refugees International*. She has been interviewed by *The World Vision Report*, *Pacifica Radio* and *WKCR* about her work concerning Burmese refugees in Malaysia.

In 2009 she wrote and produced the multi-media documentary, *Please Don't Say My Name: The Plight of Burmese Refugees in Malaysia*, which centers around one small group of refugees who work together in a downtown restaurant in Kuala Lumpur and exposes how the Malaysian government has been complicit in the selling of Burmese refugees to human traffickers at the Thai-Malaysia border.



“That since wars begin in the minds of men, it is in the minds of men that the defenses of peace must be constructed.”

- Preamble,

UNESCO Constitution



“All human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights. They are endowed with reason and conscience and should act towards one another in a spirit of brotherhood.”

-Article I,

Universal Declaration of Human Rights

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Leadership Team (Facilitators)

Ms. Bea Abrahams (Co-Rapporteur)



Ms. Bea Abrahams is an independent contractor, specializing in the design and implementation of research and capacity development programmes on psychosocial support to survivors of human rights abuse and torture; forced migration; peace-building and community-centred truth-seeking and social justice initiatives. She has extensive experience in the management of large-scale, multiple-partner, multi-country programmes and

has worked with international, national and local non-governmental organizations in South Africa, Mozambique, Angola, Zimbabwe, and the Democratic Republic of Congo. She also served as the Country Director in Sierra Leone for the USA-based Centre for Victims of Torture. She is presently the Nelson Mandela Foundation's Implementing Partner on a two-year programme to explore and address the underlying causes of violence and to promote social cohesion in South Africa. She has a Masters Degree in Psychology from the University of Sofia in Bulgaria, and holds a post-graduate Certificate in Family Therapy from the Zimbabwe Institute for Systemic Therapies.

Ms. Tim Aye-Hardy (Chair, IFPC)



Tim Aye-Hardy was born and raised in Rangoon, Burma (Myanmar). Tim grew up under multiple repressive regimes in the country where fundamental human rights are taboo. Tim actively participated and spoke out during 1988 student-led protests in Burma by giving speeches to thousands of students on human rights and oppressions while he was attending Rangoon Art and Science

University (R.A.S.U). Later, he was expelled from the university due to his involvements and participations during the protests. He narrowly escaped multiple arrests and crackdowns by the Burma's military regime for speaking out against the regime's repressions and raising awareness about human rights abuses. Tim left Burma to the US in 1989 after another brutal military coup took control of the country. He attended California Polytechnic University, Pomona and San Diego State University, and earned B.S. and M.S in Computer Science in 1998 and 2007 respectively.

Tim has been a member of Amnesty International (www.aiusa.org) since 2001, where he actively participates, organizes and advocates various Human Rights campaigns. Tim is also Co-Founder and Co-Chair, CEGUN (www.cegun.org) - to advocate to end the Genocide in Northern Uganda through a campaign to create awareness and mobilize support of advocacy. He has worked with various refugee resettlement agencies, such as Catholic Charities, International Rescue Committee, and Alliance for African Assistance in San Diego from 2003-2008 where he assisted and counseled refugees from all around the world.

Tim has served as Planning Committee member to UNESCO Chair's Global Forum since 2006, and currently as Chair of the International Forum Planning Committee. He is a recipient of the 2009 Carl Wilkens Fellow, Genocide Intervention Network (www.genocideintervention.net) - Seeking to bridge the gap between thought and action in the anti-genocide movement. He is a member of the Central Working Committee and New York Coordinator for Citizen of Burma (www.CitizenOfBurma.org) - Burmese helping Burmese in humanitarian needs, as well as Director of Outreach with the Burma Global Action Network (www.Burma-network.com), which serves to campaign the US Congress and the Administration, and international community on Burma issues.

Ms. Marie McCain (Chief Rapporteur)



Marie McCain, Ed.M, L.P.C., counselor and educator at the University of Connecticut, has been involved in UConn's human rights initiative from the outset. As counselor, she has worked with students from low-income families, nontraditional students as well as those from other underrepresented populations on Connecticut's college campuses, providing critical support services throughout the collegiate years.

As educator and affiliate of Facing History and Ourselves, she has taught courses specifically designed to draw first and second year students into the human rights community at the University of Connecticut as they begin their college careers. Marie McCain's undergraduate work was completed at Wesleyan University in Middletown, CT, and her graduate work at Harvard University's Graduate School of Education in Cambridge, MA.

Mr. Dickens Osano Molo

Mr. Dickens Osano Molo is a graduate of Egerton University in Kenya, specialized in Food, Nutrition and Dietetics. He is actively involved in grassroots mobilization of youth for environmental conservation and sustainability. He is an alumnus of the Youth Encounter for Sustainability (YES) course in



Switzerland (2006). He is currently the president of the 18th Ship for the World Youth Kenya Alumni program (SWYP) that traveled to Japan, India, Kenya, Mauritius and Singapore in (2006) to promote global peace and cultural exchange programme, The co-founder of an indigenous youth centre for sustainability, in Kenya (www.tembeayouth.org) He is an ex-participant of UNESCO Global leadership Forum University of Connecticut 2008. He has completed an Internship with World Vision International working with local communities on improving food security and sanitation in western Kenya. Dickens is also an accomplished hockey player.

Junior Facilitators

Ms. Rajin Al-Qallih



My name is Rajin Al-Qallih. I was born in March (30th) in (Damascus), (Syria). I still live in Damascus. I studied Business Administration at Damascus University. I worked in as an administrative assistant for about one year in a company and then I volunteered to work with UNHCR for a year in 2008. In 2009 I became one of the UNHCR staff members. I am proud of the work I do in assisting refugees.

Ms. Neeti Babu

Neeti Babu, from Mumbai, India, is a qualified Clinical Psychologist and has been a not-for-profit and human rights professional for nearly seven years. She has primarily worked with underprivileged children in need of care and protection, children in conflict with the law and youth in high-risk neighborhoods. Neeti has led rehabilitation programs that have reached more than 10,000 boys and girls, and has led four long-term social change projects. Neeti's passion is gender equality, with a focus on the right to education.



Mr. Joel Mark Barredo

Joel Mark from the Philippines is currently a candidate for the International M.A. in Human Rights at Mahidol University, Thailand. His academic interests include the areas of: Marginalized Women's Rights specifically Migrant Workers and Muslim Women. He is Coordinator of the Southeast Asian Human Rights Studies Network, Secretariat Office, Institute of Human Rights and Peace Studies, Mahidol University and Editor, International Conference on International Relations and Development, Thamassat University, Bangkok, Thailand (Second Quarter of 2012).

Ms. Kyi Pyar Chit Saw

I am a founder and programme director of Action For Public, a local organization working for the livelihood and development of women living with HIV in Myanmar. I also have worked for the HIV and Human Rights Session at Aung San Suu Kyi's National League for Democracy Party since 2007. I graduated the Executive Master Degree of Public Administration from the Maxwell School of Syracuse University, New York under Fulbright Scholarship in 2012 May.



Mr. Vukasin Grozdanovic

My name is Vukasin Grozdanovic, I was born in Subotica in Serbia on 4th October 1983. When I was 16 years old I founded youth of JAZAS Subotica and started to work with HIV/AIDS prevention. In year 2002 I moved to Novi Sad for my studies and started to



work in education department as coordinator, soon after that in May 2003 I was chosen to be president of youth of JAZAS Novi Sad where I am still working.

Mr. Vo Tran Trung Nhan



My name is Nhan Vo, age 24 and I am from Vietnam, Southeast Asia. In college, I studied International Relations. After that, I've been worked in real estate, banking and communication agency in 2 years. Two months ago, I quitted looking for another job and started my own business. This way, I can build my own dream, travel and dedicate my work for what I really love. One of them is to fight for equal rights.

Ms. BidyaLaxmi Salam

Bidyalaxmi Salam is currently pursuing a PhD in Human Rights and Peace and Conflict Studies at Mahidol University, Thailand. Coming from a conflict region, she sees herself in the future working for the Protection and Promotion of Human Rights and Peace in conflict regions, which includes the region she belongs to, Manipur. She has engaged in numerous field work in various non-governmental organizations in India. Some of the activities included: the rescue of children in labour, reproductive health awareness programs in the slums of Mumbai, adult literacy, violence against women and capacity building, research data collection on mining, displacement and women, human rights of Dalits and capacity building and counseling women survivors of conflict.

Dr. Shukhdeba Sharma Hanjabam

Dr. Shukhdeba Sharma Hanjabam, born 1983-Imphal, Manipur, is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Social Work at the Indira Gandhi National Tribal University-Regional Campus in Manipur, India. Sharma completed his Ph.D. on the Self-Determination Movement in Manipur as an Indian Council of Social Science Research Doctoral Fellow from the School of Social Work at the Tata Institute of Social Sciences in Mumbai, India (under Professor J.J. Roy Burman).



Ms. Dilyara Tektigulova



Dilyara Tektigulova was born in 1988 in the Akyubinskaya region of western Kazakhstan. Having won a Presidential Scholarship, Dilyara is presently pursuing a M.A. at a prestigious German University. Dilyara earned a B.A. in Economics and Business at Eurasian National University in Kazakhstan. As an active university student, Dilyara enrolled in Kazakhstan's Youth Congress in 2007, had the opportunity to participate in a "Work and Travel" program in the United States of America in 2008.



**RESOLUTION of the
Global Intergenerational Forum: Empowering Young
Leaders to be Agents of Positive Change
(European Region)**

Adopted on the 7th of May 2011 in San Marcello Pistoiese, Italy.

We, the participants in the *Global Intergenerational Forum: Empowering Young Leaders to be Agents of Positive Change*, organized by the UNESCO Chair & Institute of Comparative Human Rights, confident that young leaders have new and unique perspectives on persistent and emerging problems, and assembled in the spirit of intergenerational, moral and intellectual solidarity:

Recalling that the United Nations exists to serve multiple purposes, such as maintaining international peace and security, promoting fundamental human rights for all humans, and recognizing equality and self determination of all nations and peoples;

Committed to UNESCO's analysis that the wide diffusion of cultural knowledge and human rights education is essential for justice, liberty, peace and human dignity, and that promoting such knowledge and education constitute a solemn duty that all nations and individuals must fulfill through reciprocal respect, assistance, concern and solidarity;

Reaffirming the universality, interdependence and indivisibility of all human rights (A/CONF.157/23);

Acknowledging the important role of European countries played in the evolution of human rights frameworks and anticipating their courageous and compassionate leadership in local and global human rights issues so that Europe may exemplify its commitment to our common humanity, democracy, justice and rights;

Mindful of the progress of previous generations in developing progressively inclusive international agreements, including the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (1948), The Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide (1948), The Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (1979), The Convention Against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (1985), the Convention on the Rights of the Child (1989), The Millennium Declaration (2000) and the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (2006), amongst others;

Aware of our diverse cultural backgrounds, life experiences, understandings of human rights and concerns to forge a common humanity;

Strongly committed to protecting the human rights of every human being without distinction of any kind under Article 14 of the European Convention on Human Rights and Article 2 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, we call upon all governments to adopt and implement national policies that promote gender equality and recognize individual human rights without discrimination on any ground, including sexual orientation, age and disability;

Reaffirming the need for the international community, including governments and civil society, to prioritize the development of on-going age appropriate human rights curricula with the purpose of maximizing our individual and collective human potential by promoting diversity, tolerance and respect in formal and informal education programmes;

Affirming that limited respect and knowledge of each other's cultures has been a common cause for conflicts throughout the world and believing that respect for cultural diversity enriches our lives and societies, we urge governments, civil society and institutions to adopt proactive educational and employment strategies that combat ignorance of each other's ways of life, and advance appreciation for the importance of religious and cultural practices;

Asserting the compelling need to implement concrete measures to combat racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia, cultural and religious intolerance, for example Islamophobia, so that individuals and society can benefit from greater productivity and social cohesion, we urge greater attention to and implementation of the *International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination* and the *Durban Declaration and Programme of Action* (DDPA);

Recognizing that every person possesses rights as an individual, not only as a citizen of a particular state, we call upon governments to combat human trafficking and to establish and implement migration, asylum and refugee policies and practices that abide fully by human rights standards;

Concerned by the increasing marginalization of some minorities, including Roma people, and conscious of the *Decade of Roma Inclusion 2005-2015*, we call upon governments to respect and enforce the rights of all minorities, particularly in the areas of education, health, employment, housing and political participation;

Conscious that a world connected by trade and technology must be bound by human values, we stress the need for transparent and fair trade relations, particularly with respect to natural resources and agricultural products, and greater protection of human security, including freedom from violence and individual rights to privacy and data protection;

Acutely aware of the power of media in human interactions, we urge members of the media to play a constructive role in responsibly communicating information about human rights;

Concerned by global conflicts and desiring to encourage a culture of peace, for example through dialogue, we urge all governments to evaluate their priorities, decrease their military budgets over time and invest in programs such as human rights education, health care delivery (especially for mothers and children), social entrepreneurship, employment of youth, and environmental preservation and programs designed to eliminate violence against women and children;

Recognizing the need for careful planning for a sustainable future and the role that youth can play in this process, we recommend that people in positions of authority open legitimate channels of communication and actively engage in meaningful dialogue with young people during this United Nations *International Year of Youth*, and in the future. Further, we recommend that they invest in programs that encourage intergenerational solidarity at local, regional, and international levels;

Committed to building on the efforts of our predecessors, we will focus upon implementing human rights laws so that words agreed upon may be translated into practical deeds that improve people's lives;

Determined to transcend our individual and collective boundaries, we commit to working toward re-imagining systems, building partnerships and maximizing our full individual and collective potential. We will act in the spirit of informed empathy and with a sense of urgency in order to create an enlightened world confident and willing to build a future of respect, rights and justice for all.

Participant Bios

Sayid Abdullaev
(Kyrgyzstan/USA)

Zaur Aghamamadov (Armenia)

Majid Al-Balushi (Oman)

Muzna Isam Al-Deen (Sudan)

Aktham Al-Hassanieh (Syria)

Evangeline Amalathas (United Kingdom)

Kaushalaya Ariyaratna (Sri Lanka)

Md Azim (Bangladesh)

Alain Baguisi (Philippines)

Gurgen Balasanyan (Armenia)

Moses Baluku (Uganda)

Swarnima Bhandari (Nepal)

Roshan Bliss (United States)

Fon Brunstead (Cameroon)

Sally Carlton (Australia)

Nicole Castillo (Philippines)

Josphat Chikoti (Zimbabwe)

Christelle Cuevas (Philippines)

Kanyala Chularattakorn
(Thailand)

Chandarin Chum (Cambodia)

Irene Sanchez Cutamore
(Philippines)

Nikhail D'Souza (India)

Anghom Delhi Rose (India)

Deviana Dewi (Indonesia)

Matthew Dickson (Kenya)

Bindu Doddahatti (India)

Nazanin Einolyaghin (Iran)

Nazima Ellahi (Pakistan)

Amodu Fadeke (Nigeria)

Sajeed Fahurdeen (Sri Lanka)

Melinda Gabuya (Philippines)

Manju Gautum (Nepal)

Rozeena Gillani (Pakistan)

Fernando Gordillo Vera
(Germany)

Enrique Guimaraes (Brazil)

Sabrina Hamdi (Tunisia)

Mirisa Hasfaria (Indonesia)

An He (China)

Hang Hybunna (Cambodia)

Sahar Iqbal (Pakistan)

Abimbola Junaid (Nigeria)

M. Ishan Kaadan (Syria)

Prativa Khanal (Nepal)

Cecilla La Plana (Philippines)

Andrea Landry (Canada)

Carolyne Lunga (Zimbabwe)

Abhay Luthra (India)

Zeenat Masoodi (India)

Siva Mathiyazhagan (India)

Ntombi Mcoyi (South Africa)

Makshudul Alom Mokul Mondal
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Catherina Mulenga (Zambia)

Joanne Narksompong
(Thailand/USA)

Ngwa Neh Ngum (Cameroon)

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(Cambodia)

Chang Nguyen (Vietnam)

Danh Nguyen (Vietnam)

Hung Nguyen Ngoc (Vietnam)

Sakarach Nov (Cambodia)

Steve Olick (Kenya)

Ahmad Osman (Lebanon)

Ysabel Padilla (Philippines)

Thao Huong Pham (Vietnam)

Pukhrambam Priyabala (India)

Beatriz Puerta Santos (Spain)

Atif Ahmad Qureshi (Pakistan)

Kate Alyzon Ramil (Philippines)

Ricky Sabornay (Philippines)

Saibov Salokhiddin (Tajikistan)

Evgeniya Saraykina (Russia)

Maheswar Satpathy (India)

Carole Sarkis (France)

Faisal Shaikh (Pakistan)

Aalok Sharma (Nepal)

Rahul Shas (India)

Mohammad Shoaib (Afghanistan)

Fernando Sihotang (Indonesia)

Emmanuel Thavarajadeepen (Sri Lanka)

Javier Rico Israel Tionloc
(Philippines)

Duong Chau Toan (Vietnam)

Pari Trivedi (India)

Casper van der Zijde
(Netherlands)

Mohammad Waqar (Pakistan)

Mamane Yachaou (Niger)

Wangbei Ye (China)

Sayid Abdullaev
Kyrgyzstan/USA



Sayid Abdullaev, Kyrgyzstan/USA at the age of ten has founded a nonprofit organization called Youth for Peace Initiative that increases participation of young people in the development of the civil society and peace building.

More than 100 projects have been implemented on peace, youth advocacy, UN MDGs, and social entrepreneurship impacting more than 100 000 young people worldwide. For the excellence in global activism and outstanding youth commitment, he has been recognized by Three Dot Dash, UN, NGC, Government of Kyrgyzstan, Iacocca institute, and many more others.

Zaur Aghamamadov

Azerbaijan



Zaur Aghamammadov is from Azerbaijan. He finished Bachelor degree in International Economic Relations and later reluctantly volunteered for a one year army service. Currently he is pursuing his Master degree in Economics and Institutions. He worked in the Friendship Force International and participated in Baku, Azerbaijan. Zaur is UNESCO Chair alumna; he

participated in 8th Annual Intergenerational Leadership Program in Storrs, USA. He also took part in the United Nations Model Conference in Germany. He will implement all his knowledge and skills to protect and help humankind.

Majida al-Balushi

Oman

Majida Al-Balushi is an Occupational therapist by Background and specialized in the field of Rehabilitation. She is working in Ministry of Health as Head of Rehabilitation Services and she is passionate about working and empowering disabled people. Her dreams that one day all disabled people will have equal rights and opportunities in all aspect of life. Majida worked as an active Committee Member in Oman Association for the disabled in Muscat and she holds various leadership and volunteer roles in the field of disability. She enjoys networking and learning about different cultures.

Muzna Isam Al-Deen

Sudan



Muzna Isam Al-Deen is a highly ambitious architect at Sanan for Promoting Investment and Business. In addition to her demonstrated engagement in human rights field, Arch. Muzna is a committed participant in many youth volunteer groups and community-wide awareness campaigns. She believes that a small group of thoughtful, committed and well-informed people, with a sense of duty, whom are willing to take steps in the right direction, can definitely change the world.

Aktham Al-Hassanieh

Syria



France, the land of art, science and culture, It was the beginning. I was burned in France, my parents were studying there. The three years I spent there make my childhood different. I returned to Syria and begin my education career. The university was the start of my volunteering life. In few years I became a volunteer and a trainer in many organizations.

Simultaneously, a dream of development in Syria became more mature, I have realized how hard it is and how it can be possible.

Evangeline Amalathas

United Kingdom



I have worked for NGOs supporting self-employment as a route to economic integration and income generation for disadvantaged communities in London, in particular ethnic minority and refugee communities. This involved capacity building of community based organisations and undertaking research and organising events to influence policy. I currently work for an education charity that promotes lifelong learning and social mobility. I have a strong interest in promoting equality and exploring initiatives that lead to economic and social inclusion.

Kaushalya Ariyaratna

Sri Lanka



I obtained my LLB from the Faculty of Law, University of Colombo and followed my Masters' Degree in Keele University, UK. I am also a member of the Bar Association of Sri Lanka since 2007. I am currently working as a Project Coordinator at the Centre for the Study of Human Rights, University of Colombo. My specific interested areas are human rights in relation to gender.

Md Azim

Bangladesh



Md. Azim; Coordinator with S.K.LINX (Bangladesh) LTD. and research assistant (part time) with the Department of Soil, Water and Environment, Dhaka University. MS (Thesis) in Environmental Science and B.Sc (Hons) in Soil, Water and Environment, Dhaka University. Fellow: National Science and Information & Communication Technology (Bangladesh); United Nations University and Japan Foundation (Japan) and International Center for Integrated Mountain Development (Nepal). Member: Society of Wetland Scientists (USA). Publication: one academic book and one journal article.

Alain Baguisi

Phillippines



Alain Baguisi is an aspiring public interest lawyer in the Philippines. Currently on his senior year of Juris Doctor degree in the University of the Philippines College of Law, he co-founded the National Union of Peoples' Lawyer chapter in his college. He is currently a Research Associate in the university's Institute of Human Rights. His passion in serving the people is a product of his immense immersion with the lives of the ordinary people.

Gurgen Balasanyan

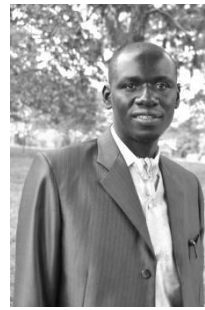
Armenia



Gurgen Balasanyan received a Bachelor's Degree in English Language and Pedagogy with a minor in German followed by a Masters degree in non-formal education in intercultural learning from Gyumri State Pedagogical Institute. Currently, Gurgen serves as a Youth Project Manager at "Armenian Caritas" BNGO targeting young people under precarious circumstances. He is also a co-founder and the Volunteering & Cross-Border Dialogue Projects' Manager at Gyumri "Youth Initiative Centre" NGO.

Moses Baluku

Uganda



I am Moses Baluku, born on 5th May 1978, Kasese district – Western Uganda. I am the Chairperson National Council for We Can End All Violence Against Women Campaign – Uganda (We Can Campaign – Uganda), a global campaign whose goal is to achieve a fundamental shift in social attitudes and beliefs that support and normalize violence against women across the world. The campaign is based on the belief that women are of equal value to men. I am also a member of the We Can Global Network Working Committee housed at the We Can Campaign India; I am also the Executive Director of Rwenzori Foundation for Community Development (RFCD) a local and women/girl's rights community based NGO in Kasese district – Western Uganda.

Swarnima Bhandari

Nepal



I am Swarnima Bhandari (1988 A.D.) from Kathmandu, Nepal. I am postgraduate student on 'Human Rights and Gender Justice'. It has always been of high interest for me working as a 'Human Right Activist and Public Interest Litigation Lawyer'. Moreover, I am highly passionate for Human Right Protection and Promotion. The modernized world still has gender inequality in some societies. It motivates me to serve society with legal reforms focused on vulnerabilities and health problems female suffer because of climate.

Roshan Bliss

United States



Roshan Bliss was born and raised in the mid-western United States. Having studied philosophy and religion as an undergraduate at Purdue University, he moved to Denver, Colorado in 2010 to pursue a master's degree in conflict resolution at the University of Denver. He is an activist with the Occupy Denver movement, an inclusiveness trainer, process facilitator, and is directing his passion for youth empowerment into growing a student movement aimed at fundamental education system reform.

Fon Brunstead

Cameroon



My name is Fon Brunstead, 23 years old and born in Cameroon. After obtaining a bachelors degree in Law and currently doing a masters degree , my academic vision is to get a Ph.D. I have a grave passion for humanitarian affairs. My dream is be a consultant with the United Nations. I am an enthusiastic, interesting and

straightforward person who believes success is a product of hardwork. I love my family.

Sally Carlton

Australia



In 2011, Sally completed a PhD in French History from the University of Western Australia (UWA). Having long volunteered in the human rights sector in Australia including at Amnesty International and working with refugees, she applied for a position with the Australian Youth Ambassador for Development (AYAD) program. For the last year she has been working as a Research Fellow at the Nepal Institute for Policy Studies (NIPS).

Nicky Castillo

Philippines

NO BIO

Josphat Chikoti

Zimbabwe



I am a young man aged 21years old. I was born on the 30th of April 1991 in the capital city of Zimbabwe, Harare. I am currently attaining an undergraduate degree in the Social Sciences field (Bachelor Science Honours Degree in Social Work) at Bindura University of Science Education (Zimbabwe).

Christelle Cuevas

Phillipines



Christelle Cuevas – known as “Tetel” by her friends – is a young and passionate Filipino advocate who believes strongly in the universal human right to health. Having graduated with a degree in Health Sciences from the Ateneo de Manila University, she currently works as assistant to the President and CEO of the

Philippine Health Insurance Corporation, the government agency mandated to implement the Philippines’ social health insurance program.

Kanlaya Chularattakorn

Thailand



Kanlaya has 9 years of experience in non-profit sector in the Greater Mekong sub region, Southeast Asia. She has experience in managing projects that focus on the issues of migrant workers and refugees in Thailand. She earned a Bachelor’s degree in English language from Chiang Rai Rajabhat University and a master’s degree in Social Development from Chiang Mai

University. In addition, she also volunteers herself for works for some ethnic minority and ethnic women’s organizations.

Chandarin Chum

Cambodia



CHUM Chandarin (Cambodia), lecturer at University of Cambodia, working voluntarily at Khmer Youth Congress, delivering training on various topics related to leadership and human rights.

He earned his master’s degree in Education from State University of Yogyakarta, Indonesia. He has worked as a teacher for more than 10 years. Also, he used to work for PLAN International as Assistant Coordinator, American Intercon Institute as Head Teacher and International Cooperation Cambodia as Human Resources Coordinator.

Irene Sanchez Cutamore

Philippines



I am Irene Sanchez Cutamora, 35 years of age and presently residing at San Francisco Street, Cahilshot Village, Calumpang, General Santos City. I was born at Sta. Cruz, Bontoc, Southern Leyte. I celebrate my birthday every 7th day of November. My father's name is Mr. Roberto Ponce Sanchez and my mother is Mrs. Alipia Dublas Sanchez. I am the eldest among 5 children. I have two sisters, Jennifer and Arrianne

Hope. I also have two brothers, John Jerald, a high school teacher and Jerald John who is still studying.

Nikhail d'Souza

India



Nikhil is a law student at Bangalore University. He serves on the advisory board of the Foundation for Environmental Stewardship, Canada, and has represented India in international forums such as the 6th World Youth Congress, Brazil and the 1st Social Entrepreneurship Exchange Conference (Israel). A Make a Difference 'Leadership X Design' Fellow 2012-2013 and former member of the Leadership Circle at Make a Difference in Mysore, he

worked to increase access to education.

Angom Delhi Rose

India



Angom, Delhi Rose is from Manipur (India), currently working in Tata institute of Social Sciences as a project officer on the Assam State Disaster Management Training project. She has done her masters in International Humanitarian Action (NOHA) at University of Deusto, Spain. She also has a master in Social Work from TISS Bombay, with specialization on children

and youth and a Bachelor in English literature from Delhi University. She is interested in working with issues related to conflict and peace building with special reference to children and youth in conflict area.

Deviana Dewi

Indonesia



I was born in a very small town Batang, Indonesia in 4th of July 1989. A friend told me my birthday suits me as a woman of fireworks. I graduated from Parahyangan Catholic University Indonesia in 2011, majoring International Relations. I have a passion for development work as I find it exciting and challenging to be agent

of positive change in a community. I currently work in World Vision Indonesia, assigned in Palu.

Matthew Dickson

Kenya



My mother often said, I never had a boyhood, but grew from a child to a Man. Certainly, the responsibilities of life pressed very heavily upon me from a tender age, born in relative object poverty in Kenya. Soon things changed, off in the streets I was at age of twelve. This turnaround of events changed my life; today I have a BSc. in Biomedical, waiting graduation for my Post-Diploma in Pharmacy Technician in Toronto Canada.

Bindu Doddahatti

India



I am currently a Law student in Karnataka, India. I am also the Founder and President of a non-profit organization by name 'Spiritus International Trust ®' based in Mysore, India. We are working in the areas of education, health and legal awareness. Further, I have represented India at the Annual Youth Assembly, UN, Newyork and have also worked in AIHRC, Kabul, Afghanistan as an intern.

Nazanin Einolyaghin

Iran



My name is Nazanin and I am 32 years old. I was born and brought up in Tehran, Iran. Ours is a family of four with my parents, me and my two sisters. I graduated in social work in Tehran and later given my interest in higher education, I did my master in Education, Power, and Social Change in London when I was 29 years old. I worked on Human rights issues almost in my career life such

as working on child labour, child execution, child abuse and drug abuse with national and international organization.

Nazima Ellahi

Pakistan



Nazima Ellahi is Head, Department of Economics, and Assistant Professor at the Foundation University, Islamabad, Pakistan. She completed her MSc (Hons) and MPhil in Economics from the International Islamic University Islamabad, and is pursuing her doctorate in Economics from Pakistan. She is Certified Productivity Specialist from the APO Japan

and has authored more than twenty academic research publications in internationally indexed journals. She is also actively working on Gender Discrimination in Education in Pakistani context.

Amodu Fadeke
Nigeria



My name is Amodu Moriliat Fadeke. I hail from Ogun state, Nigeria. I am a graduate of Psychology (2010) from Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-ife, Osun state, Nigeria. I am an Associate member of the Institute of Strategic Management, Nigeria and a Certified member of National Industrial Safety Council of Nigeria. I have worked with Lafarge Cement wapco, Nigeria Plc (NYSC Attached) and presently working with Wealthcraft Nigeria limited as a Client Service Executive.

Sajeed Fahirdeen
Sri Lanka



An Attorney at Law working for the Equal Access to Justice Project (a joint Project between the Ministry of National Languages and Social Integration and the UNDP) as a Project Officer. Presently working on promoting legal aid for the poor, legal aid for the pre trial detainees, ensuring the rights of the resettled population, plantation workers, disadvantaged communities and strengthening the government remedial mechanism and capacity building of government officers.

Melinda Gabuya
Philippines



"Become a person of culture, adventure, and compassion." Jeff Goin's quote sums up what would have been my lifelong mission. But it was my Jesuit University, the Ateneo, that taught me where to begin: history, arts, nationalism, philosophy, service, among others; but most importantly—respect for human dignity. I wake up each day desiring to be that person according to Jeff Goins, and I'm still discovering the thousands of ways how until this very day.

Manju Gautum
Nepal



I am Manju Gautam, a youth of 24 years age born in Kathmandu, Nepal as a first child of my parents. I have been studying in Master in Business Administration and associated with Laxmi Pratishthan as vice-president and treasurer of SNB, Nepal. I have two elder sisters and one brother. And I am lucky to be born on educated family and getting appropriate environment for my education and personality development.

Rozeena Gillani
Pakistan



I completed my B.Sc. Nursing degree and worked as RN for 1.5 years then I joined Baqai Medical University as Nursing Instructor. There, I offered Community Health Nursing, Ethics, Research Methodology courses. I was interested in the deep analysis of community & it's dynamic that's why I completed MBA-Hospital & Health Management. During my studies, I also developed my interest towards development sector that's why I joined Aahung (NGO-Pakistan) as RME Coordinator in January 2012. Since then, I am involved in the capacity building program for the community regarding human rights, gender analysis and SRHR issues

Fernando Gordillo Vera
Germany



Fernando Gordillo Vera is an Economist holding a Master of Arts in International Development with a strong background in the implementation and follow-up stages of business projects in Latin America. As a volunteer, he has gained exposure to child labor controls and has served as an interpreter in refugee-like situations. He speaks three languages and is passionate about cultures and their similarities. Recently, Fernando decided to further his education by attending graduate school in Germany.

Enrique Guimarães
Brazil



I am Henrique Guimarães, Brazilian, 29, actor, writer, student at a Masters course in Theater in RJ and I have been working for seven years with the JÁ – JuventudeAyahuasqueira - from the "Porta do Sol", since its foundation. TheJÁis a collective of young people who work with art, culture of peace, environment, human rights and shamanism. We participated in the World Social Forum in 2011 SP and Rio+20 in 2012.

Sabrine Hamdi
Tunisia



Sabrine Hamdi is a Tunisian dentistry intern. She followed her studies in the Faculty of Dentistry in Monastir. She is also an alumnus of the Middle East Partnership Initiative program on American studies and Leadership. She committed herself to various social service activities at the local level. She is a member of the Tunisian Association of Dental Students and a volunteer with Leo Club Ruspina

Mirisa Hasfaria

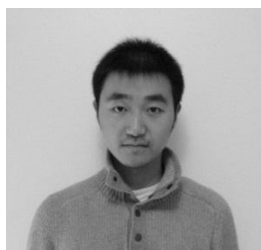
Indonesia



Mirisa Hasfaria obtains her MA in Political Science from University of Arkansas, Fayetteville with Fulbright scholarship. She was an AFS Exchange Student Program to Switzerland returnee (2001) and recipient of SEACA-IPD Advocacy and Techniques Development Internship scholarship (2005). After graduating from UMY with a B.A. in Political Science, she worked with BRR NAD-Nias, Indonesian government agency responsible to carry out post-tsunami recovery activities in the Province of Aceh and the Island of Nias, North Sumatera.

An He

China



An He, born in Chongqing, China, on August 26, 1986. Ph.D. candidate in Université de Montréal working mainly on the minority rights issues, I have dual bachelor degrees of French language and Law, a Juris Master degree from Peking University. I have worked for Front Line defenders, an NGO headquartered in Dublin, Ireland for 5 months. I am devoted to human rights career especially to making changes for my own country.

Hang Hybunna

Cambodia



I was born and brought up in Cambodia. I graduated the Master Degree in Development Management. After graduating from school, I have been spending my time nearly ten years to work with a number of organisations in the field of community development, especially Water, Sanitation and Hygiene programme. I have led the development of WASH programme in line with government strategy and provide technical inputs both software and hardware for program activities.

Sahar Iqbal

Pakistan



Ms. Sahar Iqbal was born on February 12, 1988 in Sahiwal. She received her initial education from St. Mary's Convent High School, Sahiwal where she won several awards in debates and dramatics. She completed her Bachelors in English Literature from KinniardCollege for Women, Lahore where she was elected as President of English Club. Besides academic activities, she has also been the part of Youth Parliament Pakistan and was also elected as the chairperson of standing committee of information. Currently she is working as Assistant Editor in The Nation Newspaper. She is planning to join politics to bring change in her country in near future.

Abimola Junaid

Nigeria



Amb. Abimbola Junaid is a social change and development practitioner and the Executive Director of Arise Nigerian Woman Foundation Nigeria. Abimbola is a member of AAWORD, the Association of African women for research and development which hugely impacts on her campaign work for more women participation and fuller representation, gender mainstreaming practices and good governance in Nigeria's growing democracy. Abimbola an Ambassador for peace, is also a parliamentary ambassador following her 6 months shadowing programme at the house of commons, UK parliament where she was attached to Rt Hon Harriet Harman the deputy Labour party leader and Shadow Cabinet Minister for culture, media and sports

M. Ishan Kaadan

Syria



I'm from Aleppo, Syria. I'm medicine doctor have graduated from University of Aleppo in 2012. I have spent considerable time outside the medical school involved in the community; this has included work on first Aid, AIDS, human rights, environment and Disaster Management...etc. Since 2006, I have participated in many international medical, Environmental, student and youth events in: Australia, China, India, Indonesia, Jordan, UAE, Saudi Arabia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Syria, and Turkey.

Prativa Khanal

Nepal

Being a law student, I have worked in the American Bar Association Rule of Law Initiative and the Ministry of Law and Justice, Nepal in the field of forensics and transitional justice. Further, my interest in peace, conflict and human rights got its shape after I took a training of a leading NGO - Didi Bainsi in Nepal relating to Conflict and Management. I would love to share my experiences with you all in the program.



Cecille La Plana

Phillippines



Cecille A. La Plana, 34, born in Ipil, Zamboanga del Sur, Philippines. Graduated at Xavier University with a degree in Business Management; completed Master in Public Administration academic units at the Ateneo de Zamboanga University; and obtained short online courses with the Asian Development Bank Institute and the University of the Philippines Open

University. She is an entrepreneur, writer, resource speaker, trainer in business management, peace education, journalism and an advocate in human rights.

Andrea Landry

Canada



Andrea Landry is an Indigenous Anishinaabe from a reservation called Pays Plat First Nation in Ontario, Canada. She is the Youth Executive for a National organization called the National Association of Friendship Centres and works diligently to advocate for the rights of urban indigenous people in Canada on a national scale. She is

currently completing her Masters in Communications and Social Justice at the University of Windsor and is striving for a brighter future for her people in her country.

Carolyn Lunga

Zimbabwe



A 27 year old self driven, highly motivated and very diligent individual. I have excellent research, writing and communication skills. I believe in education and I am fascinated by new media and how it is transforming social and cultural life.

An advocate of social justice and particularly the rights of women and children. I learn in any new environment and pay maximum attention to detail.

Abhay Luthra

India



I am Abhay Luthra, Project Coordinator for the Border Education Project at Thai Committee for Refugees Foundation (TCR). I am responsible for the implementation, monitoring, evaluation and reporting of the project and overlook budgeting

and accounting to ensure accountability and transparency of the project. I have a Post Graduate Diploma in Human Rights from Indian Institute of Human Rights and presently working on my Thesis for my Masters Degree in Human Rights from Institute for Human Rights and Peace Studies (IHRP), Mahidol University, Thailand

Zeenat Masoodi

India



B.A, LL.B (Hons.) Aligarh Muslim University, India; LL.M, National Law School of India University, India. Presently, an advocate at the High Court of Delhi and involved in litigation in matters relating to Public Interest, Human Rights, Land Laws, Environment, Taxation, etc. Publications include book chapter titled "Sovereign Debt

Restructuring: Legal Aspects Involved" published in Contemporary Legal and Economic Issues – III, by J.J.Strosmayer University of Osijek, Croatia.

Siva Mathiyazhagan

India

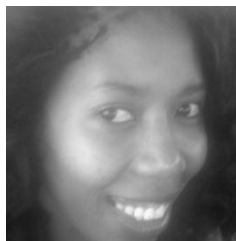


Siva is a PhD Research Scholar in the Social Work Department of Pondicherry Central University. Siva was born and brought up in China Muthaliyar Chavady, a Dalit (out caste) Village on the Coastal Tamil Nadu, South India. He is currently serving as the Executive Learner for Trust for Youth and Child Leadership (TYCL).

He is a scholar, Child & Youth organizer and Child Rights Activist that has served in various non-governmental organisations in South India.

Ntombi Mcoyi (Junior Facilitator)

South Africa



Ntombi (31 years old), is from South Africa, and is a Social Worker by profession. Ntombi is passionate about Human Rights and has a strong background working with marginalised groups i.e. women and child, refugees, survivors of violence and abuse, sex workers, and people

infected or affected by HIV/AIDS. In her work as a Human Rights activist Ntombi has engaged in Social Cohesion Dialogues between communities, the private sector, and various Government departments, as well as training Human Rights Peer Educators. Ntombi believes that by appreciating and respecting each other as human beings, we can develop and thrive as humanity.

Makshudul Alom Mokul Mondal
Bangladesh



I am Makshudul Alom Mokul Mondal, popularly known as Manik. I am currently enrolled in BBA program (3rd year) of Institute of Business Administration, University of Dhaka. I am passionate about community service and human right. I am a trainer of Leadership in Bangladesh Youth Leadership Center. My favorite quote is “Stay hungry, Stay foolish”. My hobbies are playing football, cricket, Cycling, reading books. I aspire to be a social activist and an entrepreneur.

Catherine Mulenga
Zambia



My name is Catherine Mulenga from Lusaka, Zambia. I was born and brought up in Zambia. I am from a family of eight, 3 brothers and 4 sisters. I am the last born in my family. I have a Bachelor of Commerce degree – Summa cum laude and Postgraduate Honours Degree in Economics from University of the Western Cape, Cape Town. The positive attitude to face hardships brought out the best in me. I am passionate about Human Rights and youth involvement in development.

Joanne Narksompong
Thailand/USA



I was born and raised in California, USA but spent my childhood summers and high school years in Thailand. I attended the University of California, Riverside, USA as a biology major. I attained my master’s degree in Education and taught for 10 years sharing my love of science and nature with elementary and middle school children. Currently, I am attending the doctoral program in Environment, Development and Sustainability at Chulalongkorn University, Thailand.

Ngwa Neh Ngum
Cameroon



Ngwa Neh Ngum Little, 28 years Cameroonian, is the executive Director of Empowerment and Development Centre for Africa (EDCA Cameroon), with over six years experience of improving lives of grass root women and children as a volunteer Development instructor in south Africa, Mozambique and Cameroon. She holds a Higher diploma in Human Development. A Bachelor of Commerce and Human Resource Management skills from the University of Western Cape. She is a facilitator and development consultant.

Phuongtepsonich Nguon
Cambodia



My name is Phuongtepsonich Nguon from Cambodia. My major is International Business, 2nd year Student at Mahasarakham University, Thailand. My native language is Khmer and I speak English, Thai and Japanese.

Chang Nguyen
Vietnam



My name is Chang. I graduated a Bachelor in Political Sciences and an Honour Bachelor in Administrative and Constitutional Law. I am currently working at Viet Nam NGOs, as a project assistant and a team coordinator of a law student group in order to provide migrant workers with legal aid, helping them to raise their legal awareness. I believe that as a young people, I am capable of becoming a change agent for positive changes.

Dang Nguyen
Vietnam



Hi, my name is Nguyen Thanh Danh. I’m a Vietnamese guy with a warm heart and crazy mind. I have come back from Ha Noi for the Thang Long Citadel Workcamp hold by UNESCO and CCIWS. Now I keep looking for changes and challenges that bring me closer to my dream which establish a social business. I hope to meet new friends who will share my dreams and goals. Let’s go!!!

Hung Nguyen Ngoc
Vietnam



Hung Nguyen Ngoc is an undergraduate Student at Biotechnology/Pharmacology faculty, University of Science and Technology of Hanoi (USTH.) He enjoys travelling, money collection, cuisine, social activities. He received the “Odon Vallet” Scholarship in 2011 and 2012 of Rencontres du Vietnam, was a delegate at International Conference of ASEAN Young Leaders 2011, Gadjah Mada University, Yogyakarta, Indonesia, and received the certificates from volunteering organizations, namely, Volunteer for Peace of Vietnam, AIESEC Hanoi, and Sporting Republic.

Sakarach Nov
Cambodia



My name is Sakarach NOV. I graduate two universities now. First degree is in the major of Law at the University of Law and Economic (RULE) and second is in the major of International Relations at the University of Cambodia (UC). I am a youth alumni leader committee at Youth Resources Development Program (YRDP) and LO officer at the Ministry of Foreign Affair and International Cooperation of Cambodia for the ASEAN Ministerial Meeting and 21 ASEAN Summit. I am also a secretariat member of ASEAN People Forum in Cambodia (APF/ACSC).

Steve Olick
Kenya



I was born and brought up in Migori, Kenya. Ours is a family of six with my parents, me and my brothers and my younger sister. The schooling years of my life were best. I really enjoyed my studies and the company of my friends. I was what many would call a bright student throughout my academic life. I enjoyed understanding concepts more than just memorizing ready-made notes. Today, I am a young upcoming engineer.

Ahmad Osman
Lebanon



Born and raised in Beirut, Lebanon, I studied Graphic Design in the American University of Beirut (AUB) and worked for three years as a designer of Arabic typefaces before deciding to turn towards social work. I have been a graduate student of Political Studies at AUB since 2010, and have interned with the Lebanese Association for Democratic Elections and AMIDEAST Lebanon.

Ysabel Padilla
Philippines



Ysabel Jean B. Padilla is a 23-year old law student based in Manila, Philippines. After taking up BA Political Science and graduating cum laude from the University of the Philippines in Diliman, she worked for the Blas F. Ople Policy Center and Training Institute, assisting Overseas Filipino Workers handle problems related to labor and recruitment. She wishes to pursue a career in the Foreign Service, with the hope of protecting the rights of Filipino migrants abroad.

Thao Huong Pham
Vietnam

Ms. THAO Huong PHAM, Msc. of International Health, working at Research Centre for Gender, Family and Environment in Development (CGFED) as senior researcher and manager of resource mobilization. I'm an experienced researcher with Gender analysis in various themes such as sexual reproductive health and right, chemical impact on human health, workers' right, women's health rights, livelihood development, and gender-based violence. A flexible trainer with updated methods in the fields of gender equality, women's right and sexual reproductive health and rights.

Pukhrambam Priyabala
India



Pukhrambam Priyabala is a student of Social Work at the Indira Gandhi National Open University, Imphal Regional Centre, Manipur, India. Since 16th July 2012, she is volunteering at Women Action for Development, Imphal, Manipur-NGO working for women in conflict situation. She volunteer and participated at the Two Day International Seminar on "Human Security in the North East Region: Challenges and Predicament" held on March 2-3, 2012 at Manipur University, Imphal, Manipur, India. She graduated from Modern College, Imphal in 2008. She can be contacted at p.priyabala@gmail.com

Beatriz Puerta Santos
Spain

Beatriz Puerta Santos is a young woman born in the Basque Country, Spain. Following her love for languages and cultures, she studies translation and interpreting, and then completes a Masters in International Development in order to become a specialist to work with disadvantaged populations. After a one-year grant in Nepal volunteering with a local NGO dealing with Violence against Women, and a degree in International Relations, she now works at UNESCO Office in Phnom Penh in education and gender.

Atif Ahmad Qureshi
Pakistan



Atif's master's degree in film and TV productions exposed him to news making techniques of hundreds of human stories on daily basis and later filmmaking became his ultimate passion. Human stories give him a sense of satisfaction. Atif has made films on different social issues and also has touched upon issue of poverty and women empowerment in Pakistan. His films have been screened and appreciated on different national and international film festivals and have got best film awards. Atif believes that films can contribute to change.

Kate Alyzon Ramil (Junior Facilitator)

Philippines



Kate is very tolerant and highly diplomatic. Although she looks timid, she is a passionate human rights advocate and believes so much in education, dialogue and non-violence. She is eclectic in her religious practise and is a global citizen. She is a co-founder of Globalfield Volunteers Foundation which is still at the birthing stage, and a volunteer in several local and international organisations. She is committed and dedicated to human rights.

Ricky Sabornay

Philippines



Ricky Sabornay graduated from the University of the Philippines-Diliman with a degree of Juris Doctor and a Bachelor's and Master's degree in Philosophy. He is the founder of SAMAKARUBY, a community-based organization aimed at promoting education and livelihood opportunities among the urban poor. He is the Manager for Business Development of H&WB Corp., a former Editor of the Philippine Law Journal and an international mooter, and former Lord Chancellor of the Association of Philippine Barristers.

Saibov Salokhiddin

Tajikistan



My name is Saibov Salokhiddin. Born on April 24, 1982 in Tajikistan. Nationality - Tajik. In 2004 graduated from Tajik State National University, faculty of the International Relations. April 2006 – June 2010 - CMG computer and English center in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. September 12, 2011 - December 30, 2011 - course on HIV/AIDS in Dushanbe, Tajikistan. Currently Program Coordinator in Tajik Family Planning Alliance.

Evgeniya Saraykina

Russia



Born in 1991, I grew up in Vladivostok. In 2008 I got involved into social work with Model United Nations and local NGOs. In 2010 moved to St.Petersburg to study International Relations. Got engaged with AIESEC, where I gained experience while organizing youth exchange programs, working as a volunteer in Turkey. Launched non-commercial language courses with native speakers. Today I run my business and prepare a youth educational forum on global cities development trends.

Maheswar Satpathy

India



Maheswar Satpathy is a Global Citizen, Clinical Psychologist, Founder of World AIDS Forum and Global Human & LGBT Rights Advocate & Doctoral Scholar at National Centre in HIV Social Research, UNSW, Sydney. He has AusAID's Australian Leadership Awards researching on Minority Stress, Social Disadvantage and Health risk behaviours among young MSM and TGs in India. His major research interests are in areas of Social Policy, Public health and Community Mental Health, Human Rights, Sexuality, LGBT studies and Male Psychology

Carole Sarkis

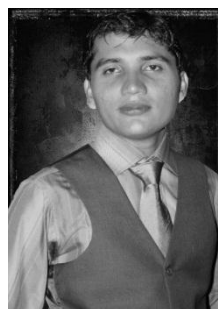
France



Carole Sarkis was educated in political science and nonprofit management at Sciences Po Paris, France. She started her work experience monitoring Niger's political, social and economic situation for the French Embassy. For more than 3 years, she advised individual clients on their philanthropic projects at BNP Paribas Wealth Management, and was responsible for the programmes of the Fondation de l'Orangerie, especially investigating sexual exploitation in Southeast Asia. She then joined Aangan to support the scaling process of its child protection programs across India.

Faisal Shaikh

Pakistan



Born in a small city Hyderabad of Sindh, Pakistan on February 2nd, 1983. I decided to move to Karachi city in 2002 just after my graduation. I started my business as a contractor just after 20 days internship and took a challenge of completing 2000 yard Park civil work and I did it. After completing several work I decided to establish my company and by the grace of almighty Allah established my company in 2004. In 2005 I decided to enrolled at the University of Sindh for M.A Economics which is completed in 2008. I completed my diploma in Project Management from Pakistan Institute of management in 2011 now trying to relate different segments to Project Management.

Aalok Sharma
Nepal



I am Aalok Sharma, a permanent resident of Bhanimandal 13, Lalitpur, Nepal. I did my graduation in Accountancy from Tribhuvan University and now have my Masters degree from the same institution in Sociology and Anthropology. I had been working in US based International Non Governmental Organization (Berkeley, California) in

Nepal named International Child Resource Institute Nepal (ICRI-Nepal) in the position on Administrative and Financial Officer since December 2004 and from August 2008 am working in the same organization as Programme Coordinator. I work as a programme coordinator for a project called Network for Children, Prisoners and Dependants (NCPD).

Rahul Shas
India



I am Rahul Shas an Indian citizen hailing from the south western state of Kerala. I am a post-graduate in Social Work. I am working as the State Coordinator for Human Rights Education program jointly hosted by two Human Rights NGOs Peoples Watch and SICHREM for the last two years. I am particularly interested in the areas of

Research and Training (Academics), Project Planning, and Advocacy and Lobbying Efforts with the governments.

Mohammad Shoaib
Afghanistan



I, Mohammad Shoaib, currently working as Managing Director for Organization of Fast Relief & Development (OFRD) in Afghanistan. I am a Human Rights activist with 9 years of experience working with multiple international development agencies, including OFRD, BBC World Service Trust, USAID/IRD, DACAAR, MEDA and ASO with wide range of outside funders including UN

agencies, USAID, GIZ, DANIDA, EUPOL, Belgian Government, DFID, Dutch Embassy Kabul, SDC, and the EU. I have initiated, developed and directed Youth Human Rights programs and youth development programs in Afghanistan and Pakistan.

Fernando Sihotang
Indonesia



I was born in Indonesia on 28 August 1985. I studied Political Science from North Sumatera University in Indonesia in 2003. I have been at my human rights activism since 2005 by voluntarily working at several local NGOs in Indonesia. My focus of works has been including religious minority rights, human rights and business

and climate justice. I am currently working at National Committee of the Lutheran World Federation in Indonesia.

Emmanuel Thavarajadeepen
Sri Lanka



E P Thavarajadeepen (Prabu Deepan). Prabu Deepan is a Youth activist & an Advocate for youth-led development in Sri Lanka. He contributes to the Youth work of many local & International organizations on HIV & AIDS, Gender, HR & Youth Engagement through his expertise on Strategy & Program development for Social

Media, Communications, Campaigning & Advocacy Initiatives. Prabu is the co-founder of STITCH, a youth led movement & is a consultant for CARE International on Youth, Communication & Advocacy.

Javier Rico Israel Tionloc
Phillippines



I was born and raised in Metro Manila, Philippines though I did stay in London for a few years as a diplomat's child. I grew-up having developed a strong interest in history and world affairs. In 2011, I finished a 3-month internship at the Philippine Embassy in Madrid,

Spain. In October 2012, I graduated with a degree in European Studies- International Relations from Ateneo de Manila University in the Philippines.

Duong Chau Toan

Vietnam



I believe “all men are created equal. They are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights, among them are: Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness”. I am in a lifelong- learning to search for the truly life and my pure values. It’s a journey of joy. So I want to help everyone can have their

own journey because all the people have a right to live, to be happy and free.

Pari Trivedi

India



I am a development communications professional with an experience of working on media advocacy, environment and education. Currently I work for Greenpeace in their media department. I hold an MA in Transnational Communications and Global Media from

Goldsmiths College. In the past I have worked as a journalist with Hindustan Times, researched for documentaries on human rights issues and have also worked for education of underprivileged children. I am also interested in issues around conflict and war.

Casper van der Zijde

Netherlands



Casper van der Zijde (25) grew up in Delft, the Netherlands. He participated in the 2012 Lantos-HIA Congressional Fellowship and has worked as a fellow for the US House Foreign Affairs Subcommittee on Europe and Eurasia. In 2010 he received his master's degree in International Public Law from Utrecht University. His commitment to human rights is to work unceasingly toward nuclear abolition by 2030 as a concrete step toward

creating a world without war.

Mohammad Waqar

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