



DIPLOMACY TRAINING PROGRAM

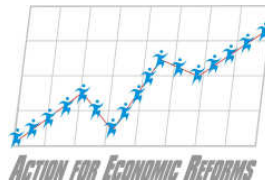
AFFILIATED WITH THE FACULTY OF LAW AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW SOUTH WALES
A training program for peoples of the Asia-Pacific region

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

Human Rights Advocacy & Business

A Regional Capacity Building Program for Advocates

Held in partnership with Action for Economic Reform and the Institute of Human Rights of the University of the Philippines Law Centre



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The Diplomacy Training Program is calling for applications for its third regional program focused on human rights advocacy and business. The program has been developed to assist advocates to respond to the challenges for human rights posed by the growing power and influence of corporations, particularly multi-national corporations.

The UN Global Compact, the UN Draft Norms on Business and Human Rights, the OECD Guidelines on Multinational Enterprises, and voluntary codes of conduct have all emerged in recent years to respond to the need to change and guide corporate behaviour in relation to human rights, and to hold businesses accountable. This program aims to explore what these developments mean for human rights advocates, how existing and emerging standards can be applied in practice and to build the skills necessary for engaging in effective advocacy on business and human rights.

The reports of the first and second programs held on these issues are available at www.dtp.unsw.edu.au

WHO SHOULD APPLY FOR THE TRAINING?

The program is particularly for advocates from Asia/Pacific countries and Indigenous Australia who work for and with non-government and community based organisations. It is for those who have an interest in learning more about the human rights responsibilities of business and how these responsibilities can inform advocacy efforts. Applications are invited from those with experience of campaigning on corporations and those who have little or no experience but who have the interest and capacity to undertake advocacy on these issues in the future. Applications from women advocates and Indigenous advocates are encouraged.

WHAT WILL PARTICIPANTS LEARN?

- Awareness and knowledge of existing and emerging human rights standards relevant to corporate conduct
- Practical skills for holding business accountable to its human rights responsibilities, including research skills, lobbying and working with the media
- Lessons from different strategies used by NGOs and the experiences of other advocates in the region

WHAT IS THE DTP?

The Diplomacy Training Program (DTP) is an independent non-governmental organisation (NGO) providing practical training in human rights and people's diplomacy in the Asia-Pacific region. It seeks to advance human rights and empower civil society in the region through quality education and training and the building of skills and capacity in NGOs. The DTP was founded in 1989 by José Ramos-Horta, the 1996 Nobel Peace Laureate and President of Timor-Leste. It is affiliated with the Faculty of Law at UNSW in Sydney. The Diplomacy Training Program always works in partnership with local and regional NGOs. For this program its NGO partner is Action for Economic Reform (www.aer.ph) and its academic partner is the Human Rights Institute of the University of the Philippines.

PROGRAM PARTNER

The Human Rights Advocacy and Business Program will be held in partnership with the Institute of Human Rights of the University of the Philippines. The Institute of Human Rights (IHR) is part of the University of the Philippines Law Complex, an integrated system of national legal institutions within the University whose concerns extend not only to the teaching of law but also to the provision of services responsive to current social challenges and relevant to the changing legal and law-related needs of Filipinos.

IHR is an academic legal resource institute committed to the full promotion and protection of human rights by providing relevant and responsive research, publication, training and other services of the highest standards. Through its programs, IHR contributes to the development of law and policy in light of the imperative of human dignity and integrity.

TRAINERS

Trainers on DTP programs are experienced and highly respected local, regional and international human rights practitioners, academics, and officials who understand and support DTP's philosophy of participatory training.

TRAINING METHODOLOGY

The DTP recognizes and values the experiences and skills that participants bring to its programs. The opportunity to share experiences and lessons with other participants and trainers is one of the real benefits and highlights of attending the program. The training methodology is interactive with an emphasis on group work, role plays, case studies and discussion to ensure the practical relevance of all training sessions. The training is conducted in English and an ability to participate in discussions is essential.

COURSE FEES

DTP is an independent organisation and course fees are an important source of income. The course fee of **AU \$1500** covers tuition, accommodation, food, field trips, and resource materials during the training. Travel expenses to and from the training are not included in this fee, and participants are expected to organise their own travel arrangements. Participants are encouraged to apply to funding bodies and/or their sponsoring organisation for financial assistance for course fees and travel expenses. **A limited number of subsidised spaces are available on the program. Community and non-government organisations are invited to enquire about subsidised spaces.**

HOW TO APPLY

Application forms can be downloaded from the DTP website www.dtp.unsw.edu.au or can be requested from dtp@unsw.edu.au.

CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS

All applications must be received by DTP by **18 April 2008**. All applicants will be notified of selection results soon after this date. For further information contact Diplomacy Training Program, Faculty of Law, University of New South Wales, Sydney 2052, Australia.

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