



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

Advocating for the Rights of Migrant Workers in Malaysia

A Capacity Building Program

2017

March 2017 – December 2017 (5 Modules)

INTRODUCTION

The Diplomacy Training Program (DTP) in partnership with Migrant Forum in Asia (MFA), Bar Council Migrants, Refugees and Immigration Affairs Committee (MRIAC), North South Initiative (NSI), and Migration Working Group (MWG) are inviting applications from Malaysian civil society for a special capacity building program.

The program will be designed with program participants to build knowledge, skills and networks to enhance and support civil society advocacy for the promotion and protection of migrant workers' rights in Malaysia.

The program will bring together Malaysian advocates with advocates from countries of origin, including Nepal, Bangladesh, Philippines, Indonesia and Cambodia to build links and networks and to develop shared advocacy strategies for greater impact in Malaysia and countries of origin.

WHO SHOULD APPLY FOR THE TRAINING?

Applications are sought from civil society advocates (CSO, FBO, Migrant Community representatives, Trade Unions) committed to promoting and protecting the rights of migrant workers. Successful applicants are required to commit to completing all five of the four day modules of the program in 2017. On completion participants will receive a certificate from the Law Faculty of the University of New South Wales. Applicants should have the support of their organisations. Application forms are available at www.dtp.unsw.edu.au or on request from dtp@unsw.edu.au Applications should be received by **February 19, 2017**.

WHAT WILL PARTICIPANTS GAIN FROM THE PROGRAM?

The program will be developed with participants and program content will be tailored to their needs but will include the following:

- Knowledge of international human rights standards relevant to migrant workers
- Knowledge of the UN's human rights monitoring and accountability mechanisms
- Knowledge of the legal and policy frameworks governing labour migration in Malaysia
- Knowledge and understanding of international forums and processes relevant to migration with a special focus on the Global Forum on Migration and Development (GFMD) and ASEAN
- Enhanced skills in developing strategies to advocate for better protection of migrants
- Enhanced skills and confidence to engage in dialogue with government and the private sector
- Enhanced skills in alliance and network building

TRAINERS AND RESOURCE PERSONS

Trainers in DTP programs are experienced and highly respected human rights/migrant rights practitioners, academics, and officials who understand and support DTP's philosophy of participatory

training. During the course, resource persons will share the policy and practices of migration management and protection of migrants and their families from their respective countries.

COURSE DURATION AND TRAINING METHODOLOGY

DTP is committed to participatory training methodology that recognizes and values the experiences and skills that participants bring to its programs. The training methodology is interactive with an emphasis on group work, role plays, case studies and discussion. There will be **five face-to-face sessions of four days** in this program (total of 20 days). This will be supplemented by online support provided by the organisers and expert resource persons between the face-to-face sessions. Participants will be expected to undertake assignments in between programs. The training will be conducted primarily in English, although translation and interpretation will be provided if needed.

BACKGROUND TO THE PROGRAM

DTP and MFA have been working in partnership since 2004 to develop the knowledge, skills and networks of advocates for the rights of migrant workers in and from Asia. These programs are driven by an understanding of the powerful role of civil society and committed advocates in driving change and realising human rights. They are also driven by the belief that progress will be made by skilled advocates working together within countries - and between countries of origin and destination. This course will build on country based programs in Nepal, Sri Lanka and Bangladesh and draw on over 12 years of experience in the development and delivery of participatory and practical capacity building programs. There are approximately 2.2 million documented and 1.3 million undocumented migrant workers in Malaysia – representing a third of the country's total labour force. An estimated 40 per cent of these workers are women. Many experience a range of human rights abuses. Advocates for their rights battle indifference and negative attitudes towards migrants.

PROGRAM PARTNERS

The **Diplomacy Training Program (DTP)** is an independent NGO seeking to advance human through quality education and training and the building of skills and capacity. **Migrant Forum Asia (MFA)** is a regional network guided by a vision of an alternative world system based on respect for human rights and dignity, social justice, and gender equity. The **Bar Council Migrants, Refugee and Immigration Affairs Committee (MRIAC)** is a committee under the Malaysian Bar, which advocates through case management and advocacy with governments for the rights and protection of non-citizens. **North South Initiative (NSI)** is a youth lead initiative based in Malaysia to help bridge the solidarity divide between the North and South in terms of human rights and social justice. **Migration Working Group (MWG)** is a voluntary network of Malaysian civil society groups and individuals (CSO, researchers, lawyers, writers and volunteers) who advocate for the protection of non-citizens namely migrants, refugees, stateless persons, trafficked victims and foreign spouses through lobbying for policy reform.

COURSE COSTS

This course is provided at no charge – the costs of tuition, training materials and catering during the course will be met. Participants (or their organisations) are expected to meet the costs of local travel to and from the training and other incidental costs that may arise.

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