

FORUM-ASIA Regional Training of Trainers on the ASEAN Human Rights Mechanisms 2016

Call for application



Regional Training of Trainers on the ASEAN Human Rights Mechanisms (**ASEAN HR ToT**) is a training initiated by FORUM-ASIA since 2010. The training was designed as a tool to impart and to strengthen skills and knowledge of civil society organizations (CSOs) and human rights defenders (HRDs) in Southeast Asia region about the existing ASEAN human rights mechanism, particularly the ASEAN Intergovernmental Commission on Human Rights (AICHR), and the ASEAN Commission on the Promotion and Protection of the Rights of Women and Children (ACWC).

Six years after the establishment of the AICHR (2009) and the ACWC (2010), knowledge and skills about the use of the ASEAN Human Rights Mechanisms remain limited among CSOs and HRDs. The limited mandates for addressing human rights cases maybe one of the reasons for CSOs hesitation to use these mechanisms. However, the lack of knowledge and skills may also be the reason that dissuades CSOs and HRDs to engage with the ASEAN human rights mechanisms. FORUM-ASIA views that CSOs participation in these mechanisms is important both to benefit for whatever limited protection they have to offer and also to reassure and strengthen the work of these human rights bodies. To this end, FORUM-ASIA facilitates capacity building for CSOs and HRDs by conducting a regional training of trainers on annual basis.



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Program Outline ASEAN HR ToT 2016

Day 1 Sat, 26 Nov	Day 2 Sun, 27 Nov	Day 3 Mon, 28 Nov	Day 4 Tue, 29 Nov	Day 5 Wed, 30 Nov
Introduction to ASEAN	AICHR	ACWC	Study Visit to ASEAN Secretariat	Simulation as trainer
	Strategy of Engaging AICHR	Strategy of Engaging ACWC	Human Rights Education	Simulation as trainer
International Human Rights Standard	ASEAN CSOs and AICHR	Special session with ACWC representative(s)	Popular Education Framework	Simulation as trainer
	Special session with AICHR representative(s)		Tools as a trainer	Evaluation and Future Plan Closing
			Preparing a Module	

ASEAN HR ToT 2016 aims to produce a pool of trainers who would, following the ToT, conduct trainings in ASEAN countries among CSOs and their networks. The new batch of trainers will add to the efforts being made by the alumni of the previous trainings, who are now providing training on human rights and ASEAN human rights mechanisms in the ASEAN region.

Prominent trainers on ASEAN and human rights will facilitate the training. AICHR and ACWC commissioners, ASEAN diplomats and experts in diverse fields of human rights will also be invited to facilitate specific sessions. Jakarta has been chosen as the venue since the training includes a study visit to the ASEAN Secretariat in Jakarta.

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ASEAN HR ToT 2016

General Objective(s)

- 1) To create a new pool of human rights trainers with advanced knowledge on ASEAN human rights mechanisms;
- 2) To advance the knowledge and skills about the ASEAN Human Rights mechanisms among CSOs and HRDs;
- 3) To further strengthen cooperation and solidarity among CSOs and HRDs in the South East Asia region in the development and implementation of international advocacy together with FORUM-ASIA and its members and partners.

Specific Learning Objective(s)

At the end of the training, participants are expected to

have attained the following specific learning objectives:

- Good understanding of ASEAN human rights mechanisms, including their limitations and strengths, and advanced expertise in using ASEAN mechanisms;
- Basic skills in conducting and facilitating training sessions on ASEAN Human Rights mechanism;
- Skills to help CSOs and HRDs to develop strategies and action plans to effectively engage with ASEAN Human Rights Mechanisms.

Scholarship

FORUM-ASIA will provide scholarships for CSOs and HRDs from ASEAN countries on the basis of following criteria:

- 1) At least 2 years of experience of work with CSOs in the ASEAN region;
 - 2) Some experience of prior engagement with the ASEAN human rights mechanisms, ASEAN institutions, and/or CSO advocacy on ASEAN;
 - 3) Strong commitment to conduct capacity development activities for national and local CSOs;
- Selection of participants will take into

How to apply

Interested candidates are required to fill out the application form (**annex 1**) and send the application to: asean@forum-asia.org

(Please put subject email as: *Application ASEAN HR TOT 2016 – your name*). Completed application must be received by **31 October 2016**.

Selection Process

All applications will be acknowledged by email. Incomplete applications may result in a low possibility of acceptance. Gender balance, participants with special needs (person with disability), and diversity of sectors/ issues will be duly taken into account when selecting candidates.

Applicants will be informed of their **final selection** at the latest by **5 November 2016**.

For any query please contact:

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About FORUM-ASIA

FORUM-ASIA is a membership-based organisation, with **58 member organisations** in **19 countries** across **South Asia, Southeast Asia** and **Northeast Asia**.

Our mission is to promote and protect all human rights, including the right to development, through collaboration and cooperation among human rights organisations and defenders in Asia.

Our objective **is to** strengthen the promotion and protection of human rights and democracy in Asia and beyond by consolidating Asian human rights movements through effective collaboration with members and partners on international solidarity action as well as engagement with states and other stakeholders at national, regional and international levels. In 2008, FORUM-ASIA opened its international office in Geneva, in order to strengthen its efforts for international advocacy at the UN level. FORUM-ASIA also established the ASEAN Programme office in Jakarta in 2010, and also its South Asia programme office in Kathmandu in 2015.

