

Online Kathmandu Democracy Forum
November 4-6, 2020
Program



Asia Dalit Rights Forum

**Day 1 – November 4, 2020
2PM-6PM BKK Time**

Opening Ceremony (1 hour)

Opening Remarks

- Thomas Garrett, Secretary General, Community of Democracies (Video) (5mins)
- Ichal Supriadi, Secretary General, ADN (5mins)
- Jitram Lama, President, NGO Federation of Nepal (5 mins)

Congratulatory Remarks

- Hon. Min Bahadur Shahi, Member and Spokesperson of National Planning Commission (10mins)
- Hon. Park, Chong-suk, Ambassador of the Republic of Korea for Nepal (10mins)

Opening Chief Guest

- Hon. Parbat Gurung, Spokesperson of Government and Minister of Communication and Information Technology, Government of Nepal (10mins)

Session 1: South and Central Asia Country Monitoring Reports

In this session, research teams will present their findings of the research conducted on respective countries and how within the SDG 16 framework the COVID-19 has impacted Human Rights and Democracy.

Moderator: Anselmo Lee, Kyunghee University

- Pakistan - Pakistan Development Alliance and Awaz CDS
 - Mr. Zia Ur Rehman
- Bangladesh - Eco-Social Development Organization (ESDO)
 - Dr. Md. Shahid Uz Zaman
- India – Voluntary Action Network (VANI)
 - Mr. Arjun Phillips
- Sri Lanka – Consortium Humanitarian Agency
 - Ms. Isha Miranda and Mr. Udan Fernando
- Nepal – NGO Federation of Nepal
 - Mr. Hum Prasad Bhandari
- Kazakhstan – Civil Society Development Association ARGO
 - Ms. Inkara Mukatova

Open Discussion

-Daya Sagar Shrethra, Chairperson, National Campaign For Sustainable Development (NACASUD-Nepal)

Day 2 – November 5, 2020
2PM – 6PM BKK Time

Session 2: Southeast and Northeast Asia Country Monitoring Reports

In this session, research teams will present their findings of the research conducted on respective countries and how within the SDG 16 framework the COVID-19 has impacted Human Rights and Democracy.

Moderator: Ichal Supriadi, ADN

- a. Cambodia - Cooperation Committee for Cambodia (CCC)
 - i. Mr. Sovanna Ry
- b. Indonesia – Lokataru Foundation & International NGO Forum on Indonesian Development
 - i. Ms. Tatat (INFID) and Ms. Kirana Anjani (Lokataru Foundation)
- c. Philippines – Philippine Alliance of Human Rights Advocates (PAHRA)
 - i. Mr. Renato Llorin
- d. Singapore – THINK Centre
 - i. Mr. Ted Tan
- e. Thailand – People’s Empowerment Foundation (PEF)
 - i. Mr. Don Tarjaroeunsuk
- f. Japan – Japan Civil Society Network on SDGs and Japan NGO Center for International Cooperation (JANIC)
 - i. Mr. Aoi Horiuchi
- g. Mongolia – Centre for Human Rights and Development (CHRD)
 - i. Ms. Urantsooj Gombosuren

Open Discussion

Session 3: Synthesis of 13 Reports and Comparison by Anselmo Lee

In this session, the facilitator will conduct a discussion to synthesize and compare the findings of the 13 national reports presented thus far.

**Day 3 – November 6, 2020
4PM – 8PM BKK Time**

Session 4: Thematic Regional Reports (90 min)

In this session, research teams will present their findings of the research conducted on respective thematic sectors and how within the SDG 16 framework the COVID-19 has impacted Human Rights and Democracy.

Moderator: Patricia Galdamez, CoD

- a. Dalit Rights – Asia Dalit Rights Forum
 - ii. Dr. Deepak Nikarthal
- b. Disinformation – Asia Centre
 - iii. Dr. James Gomez
- c. Inequality – Global Call to Action Against Poverty (GCAP)
 - iv. Ms. Beckie Malay and Mr. Pradeep Baisakh
- d. Migrants (Regional) – Migrants Forum in Asia
 - v. Ms. Eswari Das and Mr. Akhil C S
- e. Migrants (ASEAN) – Task Force on ASEAN Migrant Workers
 - vi. Mr. Sinapan Samyodorai
- f. Refugee – International Institute for Human Rights, Environment and Development (INHURED International)
 - vii. Mr. Gopal Krishna Siwakoti

Discussion Session (30 mins)

Session 5: Regional Synthesis by Anselmo Lee, Kyunghee University (30 min)

In this session, the facilitator will synthesize the past three days of presentations and make a conclusion based on the findings of how COVID-19 impacted democracy and human rights in Asia.

Closing Session

- **Adoption of Kathmandu Democracy Declaration**

Closing Remarks

- **Hideki Wakabayashi, Chair, Asia Development Alliance (5 mins)**
- **Netra Timsina, President, Nepal Red Cross|Coordinator, People's SAARC (5mins)**
- **Thomas Garrett, Secretary General, Community of Democracies (5mins)**

Closing Chief Guest

- **Hon. Prof. Dr. Puspa Raj Kadel, Vice Chairman of National Planning Commission, Government of Nepal (10mins)**