



## Fwd: Call for registrations – online course on protecting and promoting Human Rights Defenders (HRDs) for NHRIs 8/11 - 5/12

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Subject: Call for registrations – online course on protecting and promoting Human Rights Defenders (HRDs) for NHRIs 8/11 - 5/12

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Dear colleagues,

The APF has the pleasure of inviting registrations for the upcoming online course on protecting and promoting Human Rights Defenders (HRDs) for NHRIs. A concept note is also attached for further information.

### Background

To honour the commitments made in the 2018 GANHRI Declaration on "Expanding the civic space and promoting and protecting human rights defenders, with a specific focus on women: The role of national human rights institutions" (the Marrakesh Declaration), the APF has developed a Regional Action Plan on HRDs (RAP), launched in 2021. The RAP demonstrates the collective commitment of the APF and its members, to the protection and promotion of HRDs in the Asia Pacific region. It contains a range of actions that the APF and member NHRIs will implement at a regional and national level over a four-year period to recognise the inherent dignity of defenders and strengthen respect for their rights.

### The course

A key action in the RAP, is to strengthen the capacity of NHRIs in relation to HRDs. Therefore, the APF are launching an online course to develop the capacity of NHRIs as protectors of HRDs, and HRDs themselves.

The online course will be delivered in two parts over 4 weeks, from the **8th of November to the 5th of December 2021** in the APF Community.

- Part one: Understanding the role NHRIs occupy as protectors, monitors and supporters of HRDs
- Part two: Implementing NHRIs' support and protection mandates for HRDs in the Asia-Pacific

The course will provide participating NHRIs with practical tools and guides to implement the RAP and **will feature a small grants initiative for NHRIs to develop case studies on their work on HRDs to date**. The course will also be an opportunity to establish an online community of practice, for participants to continue to network with one another and collaborate on joint actions beyond the life of the course.

### Participants

This course is best suited for staff members (of all levels) who are working on, manage or have responsibility for HRDs programmes. NHRIs are welcome to nominate staff members who are seeking to improve their general knowledge of HRDs.

All NHRIs can nominate up to **two (2) staff** members to participate in the online course. As part of the APF's commitment to promoting gender equality, we encourage gender equity and the nomination of a diverse range of suitable staff members.

Participants will be required to complete mandatory lessons as set out in the course outline and regularly contribute to the course group discussions and tasks. Live Question and Answer (Q&A) sessions will be held with the course facilitators each week for participants to clarify and discuss concepts and to connect with their fellow peers.

### Registrations



All nominated participants must complete the below application form by no later than **Wednesday 3rd of November 2021**. Once applications have been received, participants will be sent further instructions for accessing the course.

[https://forms.asiapacificforum.net/register/2021-2022\\_eu.nhri\\_human\\_rights\\_defenders\\_online\\_course](https://forms.asiapacificforum.net/register/2021-2022_eu.nhri_human_rights_defenders_online_course)

I thank you for your consideration of this invitation. Please ensure nominated representatives from your institutions complete the registration form by **Wednesday 3rd of November**. Should you have any questions on the above, please do not hesitate to contact Kate Turner-Mann, Manager of Capacity Development at [kateturner-mann@asiapacificforum.net](mailto:kateturner-mann@asiapacificforum.net)

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These activities are part of the APF's contribution to the NHRI.EU Project Phase II, funded by the European Union. The project aims to strengthen the capacities of NHRIs, individually and collectively, in line with the Paris Principles to increase their impact and effectiveness in promoting and protecting human rights, with a specific focus on human rights defenders and the sustainable development goals.



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