

**International Conference on  
National Human Rights Mechanisms in Southeast Asia: Challenges of Protection**  
13 - 14 July 2017

**Provisional Programme**

Day 1

0900 - 0920	Registration & Morning Coffee
0920 - 0925	<b>About Asia Centre</b>
0925 - 0935	<b>Introductory Remarks</b> Khoo Ying Hooi and Robin Ramcharan, Conference Convenors
0935 - 0950	<b>Guest of Honour</b> Cecilia Jimenez-Damary, Special Rapporteur on the Human Rights of Internally Displaced Persons to the Human Rights Council
0950 - 1120	<b>Panel 1 : NHRIs- Principles &amp; Mandates</b>  <b>National Human Rights Institutions; from idea to implementation.</b> Michael White (New Zealand Human Rights Commission)  <b>National Human Rights Institutions and the United Nations Human Rights Treaty Body System: a Rebuttal to the Sceptics</b> Domenico Zipoli (Norwegian Centre for Human Rights)  <b>NHRIs Mandates in Southeast Asia</b> Robin Ramcharan and Francesco Franzoi (Asia Centre)  <b>Defending Dignity – A Manual for NHRIs on Monitoring Economic, Social and Cultural Rights</b> Asia Pacific Forum of National Human Rights Institutions (APF) and the Centre for Economic and Social Rights
1120 - 1130	Refreshments
1130 - 1300	<b>Panel 2 : NHRIs and Regional Human Rights System and Networks</b>  <b>ASEAN Regional Cooperation on Anti Trafficking in Persons Especially Women and Children.</b> Sartika Soesilowati (Airlangga University)  <b>NHRIs in Southeast Asian States: The Necessary Foundation for an Efficient AICHR</b> Celine Martin (Aix-Marseille University)  <b>Digital Spaces and National Human Rights Institutions</b> Gayatri Khandhadai (Association for Progressive Communications)
1300 - 1400	Lunch
1410 - 1540	<b>Panel 3: NHRIs in the National Context - An Analysis of Komnas HAM</b>  <b>Strengthening KOMNAS HAM as the Leading National Human Rights</b>

	<p><b>Institutions in Indonesia</b> Inosentius Samsul (University of Indonesia)</p> <p><b>Komnas HAM: Legal Context and Challenges</b> Nukila Evanty (University Jakarta)</p> <p><b>The Mandate of Komnas HAM on the Settlement of Land Rights Violations on Indigenous People</b> Isnenningtyas Yulianti (Komnas HAM)</p>
1540 - 1550	Refreshments
1550 - 1720	<p><b>Panel 4: NHRIs in the National Context - Achieving Accountability in Myanmar</b></p> <p><b>From Transition to Government Accountability: Opportunities for the Myanmar National Human Rights Commission</b> Francesca Paola Traglia (Lutheran World Federation)</p> <p><b>Reviewing the Effectiveness of the Myanmar National Human Rights Commission (MNHRC) in the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights in Myanmar and its Relationship and Engagement with Regional and International Stakeholders &amp; Mechanisms</b> Niki Esse de Lang (Lawyer &amp; Human Rights Advocate)</p> <p>Presentation from a Representative from the Myanmar National Human Rights Commission (title- TBC)</p>
1720- 1730	Refreshments
1730 - 1900	<p><b>Panel 5: NHRIs Role in Transboundary Justice</b></p> <p><b>Corporate Social Responsibility as a Last Resort for Human Rights Advocacy: National Human Rights Institutes and Policy Advocacy of Business and Human Rights in Southeast Asia</b> Toru Oga (Kyushu University)</p> <p><b>National Human Rights Institutions as Arenas of Transboundary Water Justice:Evaluating case studies from the Salween and Mekong Rivers</b> Carl Middleton (Chulalongkorn University)</p> <p><b>The Human Rights and Climate Change Complaint in the Philippines</b> Greenpeace Southeast Asia and the Environmental Legal Assistance Center</p>
1915	Welcome Dinner

Day 2

0900 - 0910	Morning Coffee
0910 - 1040	<p><b>Panel 6: NHRIs and Civil Society</b></p> <p><b>Expanding the mandates of National Human Rights Institutions to protect Human rights defenders: the cases of Indonesia and Thailand</b> Protection International</p> <p><b>Advocating for LGBTQ Civil partnership act in Thailand: The Role of National Human Rights Commission and Civil Society</b> Nuttaphan Wannasiri (Thammasat University)</p> <p><b>The Role of Nahdlatul Ulama Women in Fighting Against Marginalization and Discrimination on Religious Minorities</b> Nuraeni (Universitas Padjadjaran)</p>
1040 - 1050	Refreshments
1050 - 1220	<p><b>Panel 7: Opportunities &amp; Challenges for NHRIs in the Struggle for Human Rights Protection</b></p> <p><b>NHRIs: Their role in the protection of the human rights of internally displaced persons (IDPs) – challenges and opportunities</b> Cecilia Jimenez-Damary (UN Special Rapporteur)</p> <p><b>Provedoria for Human Rights and Justice (PDHJ) in Timor Leste: Between Human Rights Activism and Limitations</b> Khoo Ying Hooi (University of Malaya)</p> <p><b>Fighting to Survive in Duterte's Philippines: the Human Rights idea.</b> Tom Smith (University of Portsmouths)</p>
1220 - 1320	Lunch
1320 - 1500	<p><b>Panel 8: Alternative Paths to Rights Protection</b></p> <p><b>Presentation from LAHRA - Lawyers Alliance for Human Rights</b></p> <p><b>Checks and Balances in a One-Party Dominant State: Establishing a National Human Rights Institution in Singapore</b> James Gomez &amp; Michelle D'cruz (Asia Centre)</p> <p><b>Reintegration of Women Migrants Whose Human Rights Were Violated Overseas: Participatory Action Research as the Approach for Empowerment of Self-Help Group</b> Joe Takeda (Kwansei Gakuin University)</p> <p><b>The Advisory Commission on Rakhine State in Myanmar: An Introduction</b> Ying-kit Chan (Princeton University)</p>
1500 - 1510	Refreshments
1510 - 1640	<b>Panel 9: NHRI &amp; Rights Protection: Case Studies Indonesia, Malaysia</b>

	<p><b>and Philippines</b></p> <p><b>Bridging Gaps and Hopes: Malaysia's National Human Rights Commission and Rights Related to Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity, and Expression of Sex Characteristics (SOGIESC)</b> Henry Koh (Fortify Rights)</p> <p><b>Mental Health and Human Rights in Indonesia: The Role of Komnas HAM</b> Kimberly Clair (University of California, Los Angeles)</p> <p><b>War on Drugs and Human Rights Violations in the Philippines</b> Koraphat Visuttinetsgul (Thammasat University)</p>
1640 -1650	Refreshments
1650 -1800	<p><b>Panel 10: NHRIs Beyond SEA</b></p> <p><b>National Human Rights Institutions and Other Like-minded Institutions: An Overview</b> Tek Tamata (UNDP- Nepal)</p> <p><b>The Protection of Human Rights under National Human Rights Commission Mechanism in Bangladesh: Challenges and Suggestions</b> Abdullah Al Noman and Naila Sohrat Tasbiha (ASA University)</p>
1800 - 1900	<p><b>Publication Session:</b></p> <p><b>Book Publishing with Palgrave Macmillan: Insights from a commissioning editor - Push to end</b> Vishal Daryanomel (Palgrave)</p> <p><b>NHRIs in Southeast Asia: Challenges of Protection</b> James Gomez &amp; Robin Ramcharan (Editors)</p>