



Asia Pacific Refugee Rights Network

10 YEARS IN ADVANCING REFUGEE RIGHTS

7TH ASIA PACIFIC CONSULTATION
ON REFUGEE RIGHTS

AGENDA



TUESDAY, 23 OCTOBER 2018 | General Assembly

7:30 – 9:00 AM Registration (Open for APRRN Members only)

Rattanakosin-Sukhothai Room

9:00 – 9:15 AM Welcome and Opening Remarks

Rattanakosin-Sukhothai Room

Mr. Yiombi Thona,
APRRN Chair
Mr. Themba Lewis,
APRRN Secretary General

9:15 – 10:30 AM **Plenary Session I**
INTRODUCTION

Rattanakosin-Sukhothai Room

Adoption of Agenda

Ms. Lilianne Fan,
APRRN Deputy Chair

Steering Committee Report

Ms. Lilianne Fan,
APRRN Deputy Chair
Mr. Paul Power, *RCOA*
Mr. Evan Jones, *APRRN*
Ms. Sussi Prapakranant,
APRRN

Governance and Finance Report

Ms. Lilianne Fan,
APRRN Deputy Chair
Ms. Issaree Dinsamutra,
APRRN
TBC, *TBC*

*Thematic Working Group Announcements and
Election Processes*

Mr. Pillkyu Hwang,
*Gonggam Human Rights Law
Foundation*

10:30 – 11:00 AM Coffee

11:00 – 12:30 PM **Plenary Session 2**
UNDERSTANDING APRRN'S NEW
CONSTITUTION AND STRUCTURE

Rattanakosin-Sukhothai Room

Presentation of APRRN's New Structure

TBC,
TBC

Discussion of Constitutional Amendments

Mr. Paul Power, *RCOA*
Ms. Lilianne Fan,
APRRN Deputy Chair
Mr. Evan Jones, *APRRN*

12:30 – 1:30 PM Lunch

1:30 – 3:15 PM

Plenary Session 3

UNDERSTANDING APRRN'S THEORY OF CHANGE AND DEVELOPMENT OF STRATEGIC PLAN

In this session, APRRN will present its new draft Theory of Change. Members will be provided with a background on how the Theory of Change was developed and how it will be utilised moving forward. Opportunities to provide feedback on the draft Theory of Change will be provided through breakout group discussions guided by the following questions:

- Is this draft Theory of Change comprehensive enough?
- Is there something missing? Should we remove something?
- Did we get the language right?

After the breakout groups, members will also have an opportunity to hear about the next steps regarding the development of APRRN's Strategic Plan.

Ms. Carolina Gottardo,
JRS
Ms. Deepa Nambiar,
IDC

3:15 – 3:45 PM Coffee

3:45 – 5:15 PM

Plenary Session 4

ELECTIONS

7:00 – 9:00 PM Members Welcome Dinner

Rabiangthong, Narai Hotel

WEDNESDAY, 24 OCTOBER 2018

7:30 – 9:10 AM Registration (Open for all)

9:10 – 10:30 AM **Plenary Session:** 10 YEARS OF APRRN

The 7th Asia Pacific Consultation on Refugee Rights (APCRR7) will start by setting of tone for the consultations and reflecting on this year's theme – "10 Years of APRRN". This will be followed by a panel discussion whereby key individuals involved in APRRN's formation, growth and development will share their thoughts and perspectives.

MODERATOR

Mr. Themba Lewis,
APRRN Secretary General

SPEAKERS

Gopal Krishna Siwakoti,
INHURED International
Pillkyu Hwang,
*Gonggam Human Rights Law
Foundation*
Alice Nah,
University of York

10:30 – 11:00 AM **Coffee**

11:00 – 12:45 PM **Workshop Breakout I**

DEVELOPING AN APRRN STRATEGY FOR ENGAGEMENT WITH THE ROHINGYA REFUGEE CRISIS

Rattanakosin Room

In November 2017, APRRN established a Task Force, led by Lilianne Fan and Chris Lewa, to look into what might be included in a strategy for APRRN's engagement with the Rohingya refugee crisis. In May 2018, the Task Force along with Brian Barbour, Chair of APRRN's Regional Protection Working Group, undertook a scoping mission to Dhaka and the camps in Bangladesh where they engaged with APRRN's members,

BUILDING EFFECTIVE AND SUSTAINABLE REFUGEE SELF- REPRESENTATION

Sukhothai Room

This workshop will provide an opportunity for a presentation and discussion from refugee leaders and change-makers around the latest developments in refugee self-representation in the region and also the building a network of refugee-led organisations.

This may include:

- An in-depth presentation and discussion about the Asia Pacific Summit of Refugees (22 October 2018), the Global Summit of

INNOVATION AND HUMAN RIGHTS

Laksmi Room

This workshop will provide an opportunity to explore the reasons for innovation in rights-based practise and discuss the ideal conditions for innovation.

Participants will have an opportunity to hear from a panel of people and organisations working to provide language services, legal services and education

other civil society actors, UNHCR staff and other stakeholders. This workshop will provide an overview of the key findings and recommendations from the Bangladesh mission, and the Rohingya Task Force report. The Task Force members will present their initial thoughts on how APRRN should move forward in strengthening its advocacy efforts in regards to the Rohingya refugee crisis. Discussions will seek input from members on the situation for Rohingya in your national context, with a particular interest in Bangladesh, Malaysia, Indonesia, Thailand, India and Pakistan, as well as other recent developments on the issue regionally and internationally.

MODERATOR

Ms. Lilianne Fan,
Geutanyoe Foundation

SPEAKERS

- Chris Lewa, *Arakan Project*
- Brian Barbour, *Japan America Refugee Network*

Refugees (25-26 June 2018) and the outcomes from both of these events.

- A presentation and discussion about the latest developments in refugee self-representation in various countries from the region.
- An opportunity for APRRN members and other key stakeholders to coordinate future activities and share best practices around refugee self-representation.
- Explore ways for other stakeholders and APRRN members to support the work of refugee led organisations and collaborations.

MODERATOR

TBC

SPEAKERS

TBC

to refugees utilising innovation to lead to rights-based outcomes in different contexts. This will include Mozghan Moarefizadeh, co-founder of Refugee and Asylum Seeker Centre (RAIC) and a UNHCR recognised refugee living in Indonesia, and also students from the Fugee School based in Malaysia.

Following the panel discussion, the workshop will also provide an opportunity for participants to explore and discuss together the role that APRRN could have as an incubator for innovative ideas.

MODERATOR

David Keegan, *HOST International*

SPEAKERS

- Mozghan Moarefizadeh, *RAIC*
- Atif Javed, *Tarjimly*
- Jessica Chapman, *Payong*
- Students, *Fugee School Malaysia*

12:45 – 1:45 PM Lunch

1:45 – 3:30 PM

Workshop Breakout 2

POLICY ON CESSATION OF STATUS FOR CHIN REFUGEES: UNDERSTANDING CONCERNS, STRATEGISING APPROACHES

Rattanakosin Room

THE GLOBAL COMPACT ON REFUGEES AND GLOBAL COMPACT ON MIGRATION: TRANSITIONING TO IMPLEMENTATION, WITH A FOCUS ON ‘COMPLEMENTARITY’ AND A ‘WHOLE OF SOCIETY’ APPROACH

Sukhothai Room

ACCESSING TERTIARY EDUCATION

Laksmi Room

This workshop will provide an overview of the latest developments relating to cessation of status for refugees from Chin State, Myanmar in Malaysia and India. In particular, the workshop aims to:

- Highlight the challenges and common concerns of Myanmar refugees in respectively Malaysia and India
- Provide an overview of current UNHCR and government policies on cessation in Malaysia and India
- Provide insights from experiences, advocacy strategies and wins from other country cases, specifically Rwanda
- Initiate discussions on recommendations for advocacy opportunities for more favourable durable solutions for Myanmar refugees

Following over a year of intensive global consultations and negotiations, in which APRRN has actively participated, final drafts of a Global Compact on Refugees (GCR) and a Global Compact on Safe Orderly and Regular Migration (GCM) have been agreed by UN member states and are slated for adoption in December. Notwithstanding inevitable compromises and omissions in the texts, their adoption will be a remarkable achievement in the current global geo-political climate, and there are significant opportunities associated with the transition to the next phase of their implementation, follow up and review.

Over the last couple of years APRRN has been focussing on encouraging greater attention to the area of complementarity between the Global Compacts and on enlivening the potential of a 'whole of society' approach. In this workshop APRRN's focal points on the GCR and the GCM will report back on APRRN's activities and impact to date in these areas and canvass options for how we might maximise our collective impact as we work towards implementation and review of activities associated with the Global Compacts within our respective national and sub-regional contexts, while continuing to engage with relevant global as well as regional multilateral dialogues and infrastructure

This workshop will provide an opportunity for discussion and sharing around the roles that universities in the region can play in facilitating educational pathways for refugees and alternative pathways for protection.

The workshop will cover two broad themes:

- Developing strategies regarding how to involve ranking agencies and the potential to influence universities to increase scholarships offered to refugees
- How we can initiate collaborations between NGOs and Universities

MODERATOR

Deepa Nambiar, *IDC*

SPEAKERS

- John Bawi Luang, *Independent Chin Communities (ICC) Malaysia*
- Salai Cung Dawt, *Chin Human Rights Organisation (CHRO) India*
- Pallavi Saxena, *ARA Trust*
- Themba Lewis, *APRRN Secretary General*
- Sang Hnin Lian, *Chin Human Rights Organisation (CHRO) Myanmar*

MODERATOR

Brian Barbour, *Japan America Refugee Network*

SPEAKERS

- Tamara Domicelj, *APRRN GCR Focal Point*
- Carolina Gottardo, *APRRN GCM Focal Point*

MODERATOR

Gul Inanc, *Opening Universities for Refugees*

4:00 – 5:45 PM

Workshop Breakout 3

AFGHANISTAN: OPPORTUNITIES FOR ADVOCACY IN ONE OF THE WORLD'S MOST PROTRACTED CRISES

Rattanakosin Room

The situation of Afghan refugees remains the largest protracted refugee situation worldwide. With Afghanistan entering a new area of security and economic changes as well as political transition, new challenges in Afghanistan and neighbouring host countries have arisen.

This workshop will provide an overview of the latest developments concerning the situation of Afghan refugees. In particular, the workshop aims to:

- Provide an overview of progress and challenges in Afghanistan
- Highlight the situation and opportunities for Afghan refugees in neighbouring host countries
- Develop recommendations for advocacy opportunities for more favourable durable solutions for Afghan refugees

STRATEGIC LITIGATION MARKETPLACE

Sukhothai Room

During this Strategic Litigation Marketplace participants will have an opportunity to hear about how strategic litigation and other legal interventions have advanced refugee rights in the region. Participants will be asked to rotate between different tables so that they have the opportunity to hear about as many different cases they want. The session is intended to be a practical sharing of cases and cases presented will be geographically and thematically diverse.

VOLUNTARY REPATRIATION (MYANMAR)

Laksmi Room

This workshop will provide an overview of the latest developments concerning the situation of refugees on the Thai - Myanmar border. In particular, the workshop aims to:

- Highlight the challenges and key concerns of refugees on the Thai-Myanmar border
- Explore ways to support advocacy on securing and sustaining funding for programs on the border
- Identify areas for supporting re-integration in Myanmar where appropriate
- Initiate discussions on recommendations for advocacy opportunities for more favorable, and alternative durable solutions for Myanmar refugees, such as regularisation or transitioning to other legal statuses
- Discuss how sustainable peace can be achieved in Myanmar
- Explore options for post return monitoring

MODERATOR

Ashok Gladston Xavier, *OfERR*

SPEAKERS

- Anna Stein, *ADSP Afghanistan*
- Syed Liaqat Banori, *SHARP Pakistan*
- Fatemeh Ashrafi, *HAMI Iran*

MODERATOR

Caroline Stover, *Deputy Chair LAAWG*

SPEAKERS

- Takgon Lee, *Dongcheon Foundation*
- Mark Daly, Bruno Sirvent, *Daly Ho & Associates*
- Martin Jones, *Centre for Applied Human Rights*
- Pallavi Saxena, *ARA Trust*
- Sumitha Kishna, *Migration Working Group Malaysia*
- Hui Ying, *Asylum Access Malaysia*
- Mutsumi Akasaka, *Japan Assocation for Refugees*

MODERATOR

Paul Power, *RCOA*

SPEAKERS

- Saw Way Lay, *Karen Human Rights Group*
- Naw Wahku Shee, *KWO and Karen Peace Support Network*
- Saw Say Moo, *Karen Student Network Group*
- Matt Potts, *APRRN*

6:30 PM

FILM SCREENING

'The Staging Post'

Note: This event is optional for participants

SEA Junction at Bangkok Arts and Cultural Centre

THURSDAY, 25 OCTOBER 2018

9:00 – 10:30 AM Thematic Working Group Sessions

THEMATIC WORKING
GROUP 1

Rattanakosin Room

THEMATIC WORKING
GROUP 2

Sukhothai Room

THEMATIC
WORKING GROUP 3

Laksmi Room

10:30 – 11:00 AM Coffee

11:00 – 12:30 PM Thematic Working Group Sessions

THEMATIC WORKING
GROUP 4

Rattanakosin Room

THEMATIC WORKING
GROUP 5

Sukhothai Room

THEMATIC
WORKING GROUP 6

Laksmi Room

12:30 – 1:30 PM Lunch

1:30 – 3:00 PM Geographic Working Group Sessions

SOUTHEAST
ASIA
WORKING GROUP

Rattanakosin Room

EAST ASIA
WORKING GROUP

Laksmi Room

3:00 – 3:30 PM Coffee

3:30 – 5:00 PM Geographic Working Group Sessions

SOUTH ASIA
WORKING GROUP

Rattanakosin Room

AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND AND
THE PACIFIC
WORKING GROUP

Laksmi Room

5:00 – 6:00 PM Reporting Back and Closing Remarks

Rattanakosin-Sukhothai

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