

3rd Glocal Advocacy Leadership in Asia G • A • L • A ACADEMY

**"Mainstreaming Human Rights and Democracy
into Post-2015 Development Goals"**

1-9 August 2015, Bangkok, Thailand

INTRODUCTION

The Glocal Advocacy Leadership in Asia (GALA) Academy is a joint initiative by three leading regional civil society networks working in the field of human rights, development and democracy in Asia - namely, the Asian Forum for Human Rights and Development (FORUM-ASIA), Asia Development Alliance (ADA) and Asia Democracy Network (ADN) - with the aim to strengthen the international advocacy capacity of mid- and high-level staff in CSOs and thereby facilitate second-tier leadership for strategic "glocal (global and local)" actions on key human rights, development and democracy issues as well as related regional and international processes. The GALA Academy is also part of continued endeavors by human rights and development CSOs in the region to meaningfully activate intrinsic linkages between the agendas of the two communities.

The 3rd session of the GALA Academy builds on the experiences of the 1st and 2nd sessions, which took place in 2013 and last year. This time it will still be held in Bangkok, Thailand, for 8 full days from August 1 to 9, 2015. FORUM-ASIA will be the local host.

OBJECTIVES

The general objective of the GALA Academy is to enhance the capacity and shared understanding of the next generation of CSO leaders in Asia, who will play a crucial and constructive role in the national, regional and international advocacy on human rights, development and democracy.

By the end of the weeklong training, participants are expected to have attained the following specific objectives: 1) developed an understanding of the international policy-agenda and processes related to human rights, development and democracy in the context of Post-2015 Development Agenda; 2) improved strategic and critical thinking by linking global discourses and local contexts; and 3) enhanced collaboration among CSOs in the region in developing cross-sectoral advocacy action plans based on collective analysis.

LEARNING METHODOLOGY

The GALA Academy will be conducted in a participatory manner using methods such as presentations, group discussions, workshops and simulation exercises. Several resource persons from diverse backgrounds (NGOs, UN, researchers and academics, etc.) will be invited to facilitate the sessions. Audio-visual materials will also be used to facilitate communication and inter-cultural learning.

PROGRAMME OUTLINE

Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6	Day 7	Day 8
Introduction to Objectives, Programme Agenda, etc.	Overview of Post-2015 Development Agenda and Related Processes ----- MDGs, UN GA Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals (OWG-SDGs); High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF-SD), Global Partnership for Effective Development Cooperation (GPEDC), Rio+20, etc.	Overview of International Human Rights and Democracy Agenda and Mechanisms ----- UN Human Rights Council, Special Procedures, Universal Periodic Review (UPR), Human Rights Treaty Bodies Regional Mechanisms (ASEAN, AICHR, ACWC, SAARC, ASEAN+3, EAS, CoD, etc.)	Visit to UNESCAP OHCHR, UNDP, etc.	Discovering Local Culture	Workshop ----- Skill Learning, Analysis and Advocacy Planning: Media Communications Strategy, Coalition-building, Monitoring and Policy-engagement, etc.	Presentation of Advocacy Strategies and Action Plans	Synthesis and Collective Action Planning Evaluation Closing Session
Mapping & Consolidation of CSOs Advocacy Agenda, Target Processes, etc.							

PARTICIPANTS

About 30 participants are expected to participate in the 3rd session of the GALA Academy. The selection criteria for participants are:

- Full time mid-or high-level staff in a national, sub-regional (South, Southeast and Northeast Asia) or regional NGO/CSO in Asia;
- Minimum 3 years- experience in the field of policy and advocacy on human rights or/and development;
- Commitment to working in the same organization at least until the end of 2017;
- Sufficient knowledge and experiences related to MDGs, Post-2015 Development Agenda, democracy-related issues and/or national/ regional/ UN human rights mechanisms;
- Timely and satisfactory completion and submission of (preparatory) home-assignments; and,
- Ability to communicate in English (both spoken and written).

Selected alumni from the previous GALAA sessions shall also be invited to participate for upgrading of skills and knowledge, and provision of venue for engagement and mentoring. The selection criteria for participating alumni are:

- Consistency in the application of knowledge and skills gained during GALAA to their organisation;
- Updated in the development of SDG negotiations;
- Willingness to assist in training facilitation and mentoring.

HOW TO APPLY

Candidates are required to submit the duly filled Online Application Format <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/18coOqsE7GsVA11ud69uqW5AtwktWHA7SvCVq9H6JvBU/viewform> with a Recommendation Letter (annex 1) from the head of the organization that he/she works with and submit this letter to galaacademy21@gmail.com.

- Completed Applications must be submitted on or before 13 March 2015
- The brochure and the forms can be also downloaded from one of these three websites: www.forum-asia.org / www.ada2015.org / www.adn21.asia

SELECTION PROCESS

- Short-listed applicants will be informed on or before 20 March 2015 by email.
- Some applicants may be interviewed over Skype or phone during the short-listing process.
- Short-listed applicants will receive rounds of questionnaires and reading materials for homework prior to the actual training. Such is for their satisfactory completion and for the final determination of successful participants.

About FORUM-ASIA

Asian Forum for Human Rights and Development (FORUM-ASIA) is a membership-based regional human rights organization committed to the promotion and protection of all human rights including the right to development. As a regional forum with 47 member organizations in 16 countries across Asia, FORUM-ASIA seeks to facilitate dialogue, capacity building, and networking, among human rights defenders, civil society actors and organizations in Asia. FORUM-ASIA, as an NGO in Consultative Status with the UN Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), also promotes cooperation with governments, inter-governmental organizations and the UN for the betterment of people's lives and the full respect of human rights and human dignity. FORUM-ASIA was founded in 1991 in Manila and its regional office has been located in Bangkok since 1994. In 2008, FORUM-ASIA opened its international office in Geneva, in order to strengthen its efforts for international advocacy at the UN level. It also established an office in Jakarta to engage ASEAN member countries and its human rights mechanisms.

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About ADA

Asia Development Alliance (ADA) is a regional network of national & sub-national development NGO/CSO platforms in Asia -South, Southeast and Northeast Asia- to promote more effective communication, coordination and cooperation in the Post-2015 Development Agenda process and beyond. It was officially launched in Bangkok on 2 February 2013.

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About ADN

Asia Democracy Network (ADN) is a civil society led multi-stakeholders' platform among democracy advocates and human rights defenders dedicated to the strengthening of democracy and human rights. ADN is a collaborative effort among CSOs engaged in democracy, human rights and development at the different levels of global, regional, national and local to enhance the synergetic effects of the joint advocacy of CSOs in the Asia region. ADN was founded in Seoul, Korea in Oct. 2013.

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