

4th Glocal Advocacy Leadership in Asia G • A • L • A *ACADEMY*

CSO Engagement on the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development
– Mainstreaming human rights and democracy in implementation of the
Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in Asia
10-17 August 2016, 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, democracy and development CSOs in the region to meaningfully activate intrinsic linkages between the agendas of the three communities.

The 4th session of the GALA Academy builds on the experiences of the previous 3 sessions, which have taken place since 2013. This time it will still be held in Bangkok, Thailand, for 8 full days from 10-17 August 2016 with FORUM-ASIA as the local host.

OBJECTIVES

The general objective of the GALA Academy is to enhance the capacity 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) better understanding of the international policy-agenda and processes related to human rights, development and democracy in the context of the implementation of the UN 2030 Agenda on Sustainable Development known as Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) 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 – subject to change

Day 1 (Wed. 10 Aug.)	Day 2 (Thur. 11 Aug.)	Day 3 (Fri. 12, Aug.)	Day 4 (Sat. 13 Aug.)	Day 5 (Sun. 14 Aug.)	Day 6 (Mon. 15 Aug.)	Day 7 (Tue. 16 Aug.)	Day 8 (Wed. 17 Aug.)	
Introduction to Objectives, Programme Agenda, etc.	Overview of Post-2015 Development Agenda and SDGs	Overview of International Human Rights and Democracy Agenda and Mechanisms	Linking human rights to SDGs (I)	Break (Religious Activities)	Visit to UNESCAP OHCHR, UNDP, etc.	Media Communications Strategy, Coalition-building, Monitoring and Policy-engagement, etc.	Synthesis and Collective Action Planning	
Glocal Advocacy – Concepts, Principles & Strategies		----- UN Human Rights Council, Special Procedures, Universal Periodic Review (UPR), Human Rights Treaty Bodies						Training Workshop on national action planning with indicators on SDG 16 (peace, human rights and democracy)
Mapping & Consolidation of CSOs Advocacy Agenda, Target Processes, etc.							Presentation of Advocacy Strategies and Action Plans	Farewell Party

PARTICIPANTS

About 30 participants are expected to participate in the 4th 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 5 years- experience in the field of policy and advocacy on development, human rights or/and democracy;
- Commitment to working in the same organization at least until the end of 2017;
- Sufficient knowledge and experiences related to Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), 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 GALA Academy sessions shall also be invited to participate for upgrading of skills and knowledge. The selection criteria for participating alumni are:

- Consistency in the application of knowledge and skills gained during GALA Academy to their organisation; and



- Role and commitment in the implementation of the SDGs at (sub) national and international levels.

HOW TO APPLY

Candidates are required to submit the duly filled Online Application Format

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1savKJWnAr7odmONHo-whio6N3jq43nOu5sBPHVgPRNs/viewform?usp=send_form 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 30 April 2016
- The brochure and the forms can be also downloaded from one of these three websites:
www.forum-asia.org / www.ada2015.asia / www.adn21.asia

SELECTION PROCESS

- Short-listed applicants will be informed on or before 10 May 2016 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.
- **The final determination of successful participants will be done in July after the successful completion of the homework.**

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 58 member organizations in 19 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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