



FULL AGENDA

20 - 22 Sept 2023 * | In-person and by invitation only | Bangkok time (UTC+7)

DAY 1	20 SEPT 2023 (WEDNESDAY)
08:15 - 09:00	Engagement Spaces (Optional)
08:30 - 09:00	Registration
09:00 - 09:45	OPENING SESSION
10:00 -10:30	Networking
10:30 -10:45	Coffee Break
11:00 -13:00	SESSION 1: REGIONAL SITUATION REFLECTION
<p>The significance and contribution of EHRDs' efforts to protect the environment and advocate for the rights of individuals and communities who are disproportionately impacted by environmental harms has been globally recognized. Nonetheless, EHRDs in the Asia-Pacific region continue to face significant challenges in their work, including harassment, intimidation, and violence from both state and non-state actors. This session will offer EHRDs from across Asia and the Pacific the opportunity to breakout into sub-regional groups to discuss and reflect on the situation of EHRDs in their sub-regions.</p>	
13:00 -14:30	Lunch and Networking
13.45 -14.30	Engagement Spaces (Optional)
14:30 -16:00	SESSION 2: STATUS OF EHRDs DATA
<p>Data plays a vital role in the work and protection of EHRDs, yet attacks against EHRDs continue to be significantly under-reported and/or unrepresentative. One reason for this is the persistence of gaps in data collection (including disaggregated data) and reporting across the region. This session will introduce the importance of data as well as how it can be used by ERHDs for campaigning, advocacy, and communications. EHRDs will be introduced to the methodology to collect, store, and monitor data and will gain an overview of the current ecosystems to scan and map data on environmental and human rights issues across the region.</p>	
16:00-16:15	Coffee Break
16:15-18:00	SESSION 3: IMPROVING PROTECTION THROUGH DATA
<p>Building on the knowledge gained in Session 2, this session will invite participants to reflect on how data can improve the protection of EHRDs. It will introduce challenges around data collection, including ethics, security, and privacy issues as well as how to utilize data, including who this information can be reported to and how. Participants will be invited to share their views around how data collection and monitoring can be improved across the region.</p>	
18:30-20:00	ASIA-PACIFIC ENVIRONMENTAL HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS RECEPTION
<p>The Asia-Pacific Environmental Human Rights Defenders Reception will recognize the important work of EHRDs in the region as well as connect defenders with members of the diplomatic community. This will provide an important opportunity for EHRDs to build new relationships and networks, as well as foster dialogues around environmental human rights issues in the region.</p>	

DAY 2	21 SEPT 2023 (THURSDAY)
08:15 - 09:00	Engagement Spaces (Optional)
08:30 - 09:00	Registration
09:00 - 09:10	Welcome to Day 2
09:10 - 09:50	SESSION 4: REVISITING REGIONAL SITUATION REFLECTION
<p>This session will build on Session 1 and invite representatives from each sub-group to share the main takeaways from yesterday's discussion, including an overview of key trends as well any gaps that need to be addressed. In doing so, the session will bring together EHRDs from across Asia and the Pacific to identify common barriers and challenges, but also entry points, opportunities for increased leverage and protection, and recommendations on required action.</p>	
09:50-10:45	SESSION 5: ROLE OF DATA TO SUPPORT EHRDs
<p>This session will aim to address identified protection and data gaps by inviting defenders to breakout into groups and identify what data and other resources and tools are needed to address these gaps.</p>	
10:45-11:00	Coffee Break
11:00-13:00	SESSION 6: ENGAGING WITH THE MEDIA
<p>Both traditional and social media can play a crucial role in bringing attention to the work of EHRDs as well as the issues EHRDs face when protecting the environment. This session will provide EHRDs with information on how to safely, effectively, and innovatively engage with the media in their advocacy. Through a moderated panel discussion, the session will address topics including how to pitch a story to journalists, how to identify and use hooks for the media, and the role of civil society in shaping media stories.</p>	
13:00-14:30	Lunch and Networking
13.45-14.30	Engagement Spaces (Optional)
14:30-16:30	SESSION 7: EHRDs EXPERIENCES WITH THE MEDIA
<p>Through a breakout activity, EHRDs will be invited to share their personal experiences with the media, including national, international, and social media. Defenders may share whether they believe this was helpful or detrimental to their work as well as any success stories in using the media for a positive result and lessons learned for what not to do. Participants may also discuss whether the media has been used against them or any other EHRDs they know.</p>	
16:30-17:00	CLOSING SESSION
17:00-17:30	Social Farewell Coffee
17:30-19:00	FILM SCREENING: DELIKADO (Optional)
<p>Delikado follows Bobby, Tata and Nieves, three magnetic leaders of an environmental network in Palawan, as they risk their lives in David versus Goliath-style struggles trying to stop politicians and businessmen from destroying the Philippines' "last ecological frontier". It is a timely film emblematic of the struggles globally for land defenders as they are being killed in record numbers trying to save natural resources from being plundered by corporations and governments. Delikado offers a story of courage and resilience to inspire others into action.</p>	
19:00-19:30	Q&A with Director of Delikado

***ADDITIONAL WORKSHOP DAY**

Workshop on Procedural Environmental Human Rights

DAY 3	22 SEPT 2023 (FRIDAY)
09:00 - 09:15	Registration
09:15 - 09:30	Opening Session
09:30 - 10:30	SESSION 1: REGIONAL ACCESS RIGHTS OBSERVATORY
This session will provide an overview of the status of environmental human rights frameworks in Asia and the Pacific as well as other regions, thereby setting the scene for the rest of the workshop.	
10:30 - 10:45	Coffee Break
10:45-12:30	SESSION 2: CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES TO REALIZE PROCEDURAL RIGHTS ACROSS ASIA-PACIFIC
Building on the overview provided in Session 1, this session will invite participants to identify challenges and opportunities to realize procedural elements of human rights in environmental matters across the region.	
12:30-14:00	Lunch and Networking
14:00-15:15	SESSION 3: ASEAN ENVIRONMENTAL RIGHTS FRAMEWORK
AICHR, with the support of the UN, is in the process of developing an ASEAN Environmental Rights Framework. This session will introduce context, status, and potential scope of this Framework. It will also introduce the process and timeline and provide participants with an update as to where we are in the development of this framework.	
15:30-17:00	SESSION 4: CONSULTATION
Participants will be invited to share their views on and recommendations for the ASEAN Environmental Rights Framework in breakout groups.	
17:00-17:30	Closing Session

