

5th Glocal Advocacy Leadership in Asia GALA ACADEMY – East Asia

**“Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and Civil Society
18 to 23 October 2017 / Phnom Penh, Cambodia**

INTRODUCTION

The 5th Glocal Advocacy Leadership in Asia (GALA) Academy – East Asia is a joint initiative by Asia Development Alliance (ADA) and Asia Democracy Network (ADN) with the aim of strengthening advocacy capacity of CSOs for defending and promoting civic and democratic space and human rights through strategic “glocal (global and local)” actions on the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development known as Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

It is to be organized in Phnom Penh, Cambodia from 18 to 23 Oct. 2017 in partnership with the International Forum of National NGO/CSO Platforms (IFP), Transparency, Accountability and Participation (TAP) Network and Asia Partnership for Sustainable Development (APSD) with the Cooperation Committee for Cambodia (CCC) as a local host.

The workshop is expected to help CSOs in East Asia to learn about SDGs itself as well as how to engage with the government and others stakeholders for the implementation of SDGs including monitoring and coalition-building among CSOs across the sectors.

The workshop is also to focus on how to engage in the Voluntary National Review (VNR) of the UN High Level Political Forum (HLPF) and SDG 10 (inequality) and 16 (peace and justice) which are global thematic priorities of HLPF 2019 and SDG Target 17.2 (ODA) and 17.17 (partnership)

The GALAA East Asia 2017 is the first sub-regional training workshop in East Asia after the 4 regional GALAA from 2013 to 2016 as a joint training of ADA, ADN and FORUM-ASIA. Two national training workshops on SDGs have been organized in Bhutan and Myanmar in July and the third one to be in Mongolia in Aug. 2017.

OBJECTIVES

The general objective of the GALAA East Asia 2017 is to enhance capacity and shared understanding of the next generation of CSO leaders in Asia, who shall play a crucial and constructive role in the national, regional and international advocacy on human rights, development and democracy.

In particular, at the end of the weeklong training, participants are expected to have attained the following specific learning objectives: 1) necessary knowledge about SDGs and its implementation process and mechanisms, 2) practical understanding about issues related to sustainable development, in particular inequality (Goal 10), peace and justice (Goal 16), and Official Development Assistance (ODA) and multi-stakeholder partnership (Goal 17); and 3) better strategies and action plans on SDG implementation at national and sub-national as well as international levels.

PROGRAMME OUTLINE

Day 1 (Wed, 18 Oct)	Day 2 (Thur, 19 Oct)	Day 3 (Fri, 20 Oct)	Day 4 (Sat, 21 Oct)	Day 5 (Sun, 22 Oct)	Day 6 (Mon, 23 Oct)	Day 7 (Tue, 24 Oct)
Opening Session	Participation in the Public Meeting on Paris Peace Accords (PPA)+26 by Cambodian CSOs	Overview of SDG implementation – review of UN HLPF Voluntary National Review (VNR)	Workshop on 12 Targets of SDG 16 - National Indicators	Thematic Workshop ----- a) Inequality (SDG 10) b) Official Development Assistance (SDG 17.2 ODA) c) Multi-stakeholder Partnerships (SDG 17.17)	Strategic Action planning	Policy dialogue with the IFP
Introduction to Programme agenda, Participants			1) Peace, 2) Violence against Children 3) anti-corruption 4) human rights 5) Access to information 6) rule of law and access to justice 7) citizen participation 8) others IFP Presentation – Agenda 2030		Presentation of advocacy strategies and action plans	
Session on civic space in Cambodia and East Asia		CSO networks and coalitions on SDGs			Synthesis & Evaluation	Free
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Welcome dinner					Farewell Dinner	

Please note that all GALAA participants are required to attend two special events – public forum on 26th anniversary of the Paris Peace Accords on 19 Oct and policy dialogue with the members of Global Council of the IFP on 24 Oct. 2017

All GALAA participants are requested to arrive in Phnom Penh on 17 or before 18 Oct and leave on or after 23 Oct. 2017

PARTICIPANTS

About 20-30 participants are expected to attend the 5th session of the GALAA East Asia. The selection criteria of participants include:

- Full time middle level staff in a national, sub-regional in East Asia – Southeast or Northeast Asia, or regional NGO/CSO in Asia;
- Minimum 3 years experiences in the field of policy and advocacy on human rights, democracy or/and sustainable development;
- Commitment to working in the same organization at least until the end of 2018;
- Basic knowledge and experiences about SDGs
- Ability to communicate in English (both spoken and written).

HOW TO APPLY

- Candidates are required to submit the duly filled **Application Format** <https://goo.gl/forms/GI1Xqnc1lkwa7srn1> with a **Recommendation Letter (annex 1)** from the head of the organization that he/she works with
- Completed applications must be sent on or before **Tuesday 25 August 2017** by email to galaacademy2017@gmail.com.
- The brochure and the forms can be also downloaded from at one of three websites – www.ADA2030.org / www.ADN21.asia

SELECTION PROCESS

- Applicants short-listed will be informed on or before **1 September 2017** by email.
- Some applicants may be interviewed over Skype or phone during the short-listing process.
- Short-listed applicants will receive reading materials for homework



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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About IFP

The International Forum of National NGO Platforms (IFP) brings together 64 national platforms from Africa, the Americas, Asia, Europe and Oceania and 6 regional coalitions, which together account for more than 22,000 organizations. The IFP was founded at an international conference in Paris in 2008. The members of their global network work together through a shared vision and common values: the defense of human rights, the inclusion of the most vulnerable populations, the fight against inequalities and injustice, as well as the eradication of poverty and sustainable development. National platforms from the five continents have endorsed joint advocacy positions and promoted non-governmental diplomacy initiatives to effectively broaden CSOs space in the international arena and influence local and global debates, promoting the vision of a fair and sustainable world.

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About APSD

Asia Civil Society Partnership for Sustainable Development (APSD) is an open, inclusive and independent civil society platform of CSOs/NGO, social and grassroots movements in Asia, engaged in advocacy on issues related to sustainable development specially implementation of UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. APSD is a regional civil society platform where CSOs engaged in different SDG goals or targets to share the experiences of engagement to promote inter-national, cross-sectoral cooperation overcoming silos and fragmentation.

APSD is involved in the global platform on SDGs in order to engage proactively global partnerships and inter-governmental mechanisms as well as national governments.

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About TAP Network

The [Transparency, Accountability & Participation \(TAP\) Network](#) is a broad network of CSOs that works to ensure that open, inclusive, accountable and effective governance is at the heart of the UN's 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, and that civil society is recognized and mobilized as indispensable partners in the design, implementation and accountability of sustainable development policies, at all levels.

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About CCC

CCC has played a unique role since 1990 in strengthening the cooperation, professionalism, accountability, governance, and development effectiveness of the civil society organizations (CSOs) that are working across diverse sectors in Cambodia.

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