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# 5<sup>th</sup> Glocal Advocacy Leadership in Asia GALA ACADEMY – South Asia

**"Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and Civil Society**  
12 to 16 November 2017 / Pokhara, Nepal

## INTRODUCTION

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The 5<sup>th</sup> Glocal Advocacy Leadership in Asia (GALA) Academy – South 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 Pokhara, Nepal from 12 to 16 Nov. 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 NGO Federation of Nepal (NFN) as a local host.

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

## OBJECTIVES

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The general objective of the GALAA South 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 (Sat, 11 Nov)	Day 2 (Sun, 12 Nov)	Day 3 (Mon, 13 Nov)	Day 4 (Tue, 14 Nov)	Day 5 (Wed, 15 Nov)	Day 6 (Thu, 16 Nov)	Day 7 (Fri, 17 Nov)
Arrival of the Participants	<p>Opening Session</p> <p>Introduction to Programme agenda, Participants</p> <p>Session on civic space in South Asia</p> <p>----</p> <p>Welcome dinner</p>	<p>Overview of SDG implementation – review of UN HLPF Voluntary National Review (VNR)</p> <p>CSO networks and coalitions on SDGs</p>	<p>Workshop on 12 Targets of SDG 16 - National Indicators</p> <p>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</p>	<p>Thematic Workshop</p> <p>-----</p> <p>a) Inequality (SDG 10) b) Official Development Assistance (SDG 17.2 ODA) c) Multi-stakeholder Partnerships (SDG 17.17) :</p>	<p>Strategic Action planning</p> <p>Presentation of advocacy strategies and action plans</p> <p>Synthesis &amp; Evaluation</p> <p>Closing Session</p> <p>Farewell Dinner</p>	Go home

All GALAA participants are requested to arrive in Pokhara on 11 or before 12 Nov and leave on or after 16 Nov. 2017

## PARTICIPANTS

About 20-30 participants are expected to attend the 5<sup>th</sup> session of the GALAA South Asia. The selection criteria of participants include:

- Full time middle level staff in a national, sub-regional in South 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/EKUWOruR1CEoT8173>
- 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 15 September 2017** by email to [galaacademy2017@gmail.com](mailto:galaacademy2017@gmail.com).
- The brochure and the forms can be also downloaded from at one of three websites – [www.ADA2030.org](http://www.ADA2030.org) / [www.ADN21.asia](http://www.ADN21.asia)

## SELECTION PROCESS

- Applicants short-listed will be informed on or before **20 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)** is a member-led network of 64 national NGO platforms and 6 regional coalitions from all continents representing over 22,000 NGOs active locally and internationally on development, human rights and environment issues. The IFP's mission is to **create and strengthen the conditions and capacities for collaborative work** among its members to engage at both national and regional/international levels in **official negotiations, deliberations and public mobilization** and thus to **influence global/international public policies affecting development & democracy**.

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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 NFN

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**NGO Federation of Nepal (NFN)** is an umbrella organization of NGOs working in various fields of social welfare and development. Established in 1991 for the promotion and protection of social justice, human rights and pro-poor development, NFN has evolved as a national organization working for the entire NGO movement in Nepal. It is actively working to unite, organize and mobilise civil society to create a peaceful, democratic and just Nepal

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