



**REGIONAL CONSULTATION
ON LESSONS LEARNED
ON RIGHTS-BASED APPROACHES:
SHAPING THE WAY FORWARD**

*Amari Watergate Hotel, Bangkok, Thailand
20-21 September 2005*



WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

Day 1:

Morning:

8.30 a.m: Registration

9.00 a.m – 9.20 a.m: Welcome address by i) **Ms. Joanna Merlin-Scholtes**, UN Resident Coordinator/UNDP Resident Representative, Thailand; ii) **Ms. Elizabeth Fong**, Regional Manager of UNDP Bangkok Regional Center; and iii) **Ms. Yanine Poc**, OHCHR Asia-Pacific Officer-in-Charge.

9. 20 a.m – 9.50 a.m: Overview of the Lessons Learned Project and the Objectives of the Regional Consultation (**Ms. Upala Devi Banerjee**, LLP Coordinator).

9.50 a.m – 10.50 a.m: Plenary on i) "Donor Experiences in Rights-Based Programming", **Mr. Johan Hallenborg**, First Secretary, Sida Regional Advisor, Democracy and Human Rights; and ii) "Government Experiences in Operationalising Rights-Based Approaches: The Laos Example", **Dr. Nouanta Maniphousay**, Director, Ministry of Health, Laos. Discussant: **Mr. Jay Wisecarver**, Senior Child Rights Advisor, Save the Children Fund.

10.50 a.m – 11.20 a.m: Tea Break

11.20 a.m – 12.30 p.m: Working Groups – With a 5-minute introduction at the outset on the objectives of the group work and the outputs envisaged (**Ms. Upala Devi Banerjee**). Both the Groups will break up into 2 sub-groups, with a facilitator each, to help facilitate greater interaction amongst all participants.

Group 1: Claiming Human Rights through rights-based strategies – A Focus on the Poor, Vulnerable and Marginalized Groups (like Indigenous Peoples, Landless Groups, HIV-Positive People, People Affected by Conflict, and so on); Facilitators: **Mr. Mac**

Darrow, Coordinator, HURIST, OHCHR Geneva; and **Ms. Khushi Kabir**, Coordinator, Nijera Kori, Bangladesh.

Group 2: Fulfilling Obligations – Who fulfills and how? Facilitators: **Mr. Christian Salazar**, Senior Programme Officer, UNICEF Vietnam; and **Mr. Olof Sandkull**, Project Officer on Education and Human Rights, UNESCO Regional Office, Bangkok.

12.30 p.m – 1.30 p.m: Lunch break (Promenade Coffee Shop, 4th Floor)

Afternoon:

1.30 p.m – 3.15 p.m: Group Work continued.

3.15 p.m – 3.45 p.m: Tea Break

3.45 p.m – 5.15 p.m: Feedback from the 2 working groups and discussions in a general plenary. Moderator: **Ms. Imrana Jalal**, Human Rights Advisor, RRR Project, Fiji.

5.15 p.m: Planning for Day 2 and other housekeeping issues.

7.00 p.m: Welcome Reception and Cocktails at the Royal Orchid Sheraton.

Day 2:

Morning:

9.00 a.m – 9.40 a.m: Plenary on “The Use of Rights-Based Approaches in Claiming Rights: NGO Experiences from the Region”, **Mr. Khemraj Upadhyaya**, Social Rights Team Leader, Action Aid, Nepal and **Mr. Sebastian Saragih**, Livelihood Coordinator, OXFAM GB Indonesia. Discussant: **Mr. Homero Matthew Rusiana**, Executive Director, Philippines Commission on Human Rights.

9.40 a.m – 10.15 a.m: Plenary on “Capacity Development and Rights-Based Approaches: Their Linkages in Developing Rights-Based Programming”, **Ms. Kanni Wignaraja**, UNDP Capacity Development Advisor, New York. Discussant: **Mr. Niloy Banerjee**, UNDP Regional Capacity Development Advisor, UNDP Bangkok Regional Center.

10.15 a.m – 11.15 a.m: Working Groups

Group 3: The Use of Rights-Based M&E tools in Showing Impact/Results; Facilitators: **Ms. Laure-Anne Courdesse**, OHCHR, Sarajevo; and **Prof. Alan Smith**, University of Ulster, UK.

Group 4: The Value-added of Capacity Development – Tools needed to Operationalise Rights-Based Approaches; Facilitators: **Mr. Robert Bernardo**, Capacity Development Programme Officer, UNDP Bangkok Regional Center; and **Mr. Sanaka Samarasingha**, UNDP Sri Lanka.

11.15 a.m – 11.30 a.m: Tea Break

11.30 a.m – 12.30 p.m: Group Work continued.

12.30 p.m – 1.30 p.m: Lunch break (Promenade Coffee Shop, 4th Floor)

Afternoon:

1.30 p.m – 1.50 p.m: Brief presentation on “Access to Justice and Rights-Based Approaches: An Integral Aspect for Realization of Rights”, **R. Sudarshan**, Adviser-Justice, UNDP Oslo Governance Centre.

1.50 p.m – 3.10 p.m: Groups to present their group work findings in a general plenary for feedback and discussions. Moderator: **Mr. Clarence Dias**, Asian Regional Resource Center for Human Rights Education.

3.10 p.m – 3.30 p.m: Tea Break

3.30 p.m – 5.00 p.m.: Plenary on “Shaping the Way Forward - Recommendations to Guide Forthcoming Lessons Learned Project Activities” **Dr. Mahesh Patel**, Regional Advisor, Social Policy and Economic Analysis, UNICEF Regional Office, S-East Asia. Discussant: **Mr. Stephen Browne**, Head of Policy and Programmes and Deputy Regional Manager, UNDP Bangkok Regional Center.

5.00 p.m: Vote of Thanks (**Ms. Upala Devi Banerjee**, LLP Coordinator)