



Who is the Tour?

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Visiting Participants

MD ABU BAKAR SIDDIQUE, BANGLADESH

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Abu has a post-graduation in Law from “The University of Dhaka” and will soon pursue a Master of Human Rights and Democratisation (MHRD) degree from “The University of Sydney, Australia”. He worked as a practicing junior lawyer at the Supreme Court of Bangladesh and has taken part in a community research on the “Weaving community of Bangladesh”, conducted by “Empowerment through the Law of the Common People (ELCOP)”. His areas of expertise include advocacy, human rights and capacity building of various stakeholders on indigenous issues

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BUDDHA NARAYAN SAHANI KEWAT, NEPAL

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Buddha has worked on several human rights investigations, especially regarding extra judicial killing, torture, women violence and enforced disappearance. He also worked on promoting human rights, through discussion programs, Workshop and training in various human rights themes and has carried out human rights monitoring, especially on civil and political rights, detention monitoring, public demonstration, women and childre rights, etc. He currently is the Central and Eastern Terai Officiating Regional Director of the National Human Rights Commission of Nepal and takes care of the coordination and network buildup with law enforcement agencies and civil societies.



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Tola has a B.A. Ed. (English), a M.A. in Peace and Conflict Studies, a M.Ed. in Psychology and a Ph.D. in Psychology. He is a human rights activist, a gender analyst and advocate, a resourceful manager of human resources, a community development consultant, an in-depth researcher, and conflict manager. His human rights background dates back to his many years of campaign experience with Amnesty International where he served as Western Zonal Coordinator and Group Development Officer training Amnesty members across Nigeria. He was the only Nigerian invited by the United Nations General Assembly in New York in June 2010, as a speaker on MDGs situation in Africa, and was also invited by the UN, last December in Geneva, to present a paper on Minority Rights Issue. Tola currently works as the Convener of Campaign2015+ International.

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GHISLAIN KOFFI DODJI NYAKU, TOGO

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Ghislain currently works as the Head of the Unit of Protection of Human Rights of the Group of Associations Against Impunity in Togo (*Collectif des Associations contre l'Impunité au Togo*). He has worked on providing legal assistance to 72 victims of violations of human rights in front of national and regional courts, on the presentation of a case to the Working Group on Arbitrary detention, on the elaboration and presentation in Geneva of the civil society's report on the implementation of the Convention against torture by the government of Togo. He has also provided training to the staff and the member association of CACIT on the regional and international mechanism of protection of human rights, and sensitized three local communities on the importance of the fights against impunity and corruption, and has carried out sensitization and education activities in many secondary schools and in the university of Lomé. Finally he has conducted advocacy and lobby for the implementation by the government of Togo of the Un Committee and UPE's recommendations.



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MOSES HATEGEKA, UGANDA

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Moses holds a Bachelor's degree, diploma, certificate, and specialized training levels in diverse fields such as education, media, research, human rights, peace studies. He has been working as an Independent governance researcher, human rights defender, public affairs analyst, and writer and has been the Managing editor in charge of East African region for The New people (online) Newspaper. He is also the 2nd Chief Editor of the Uganda Development Report Magazine, published by the International Information Transfer Centre. Moses' areas of expertise are development, human rights, business, agriculture, environment, governance and geo-politics. He has published numerous articles in papers and magazines, such as the Herald, African executive, The East African, Daily monitor, New vision, Kidal, Standard, Observer, The independent, The citizen, Business Times, Boston times, among others.

MUKHTAR PARAS SHAH, PAKISTAN

Communication for Development

Mukhtar has a Degree in Public Administration from GRIPS, Tokyo. As a writer, researcher, media person and a civil servant, and a development professional, he has an interest and experience in reforms in public sector. He also heads a non-profit Organization, Communication for Development (C4D), which contributes in raising awareness about citizens' rights and that is involved in the development of an Action Plan to emphasize Right of Education for the Girls, Minorities and Out of School Children in Pakistan. C4D has also been instrumental in highlighting the Cultural Rights of Communities that are violated during the implementation of Development Projects. Mukhtar presently works as the Director (Communication) for Access to Justice Program and contributes in raising awareness about means and measures to develop the Justice Sector.



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NILIMA RAI, NEPAL

Women's Rehabilitation Center

Nilima did her M.A in Conflict Peace and Development Studies, jointly from Tribhuwan University Nepal, University of Ruhuna and Eastern University, Batticaloa Sri Lanka. She is interested in learning about self-development and growth, and fulfilling her desire of working for the humanity, development and serving people affected by conflict. She worked on human rights advocacy and carried out community development activities, through capacity building workshops and on-site coaching. She currently works as a Program Coordinator for the Women's Rehabilitation Center and she is involved in efficient and effective awareness raising. She also works on cross-cultural issues for peace initiative, advocacy for sustainable peace, social justice, coordination and communication with national, as well as local, authorities for contextual interventions at community level.



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RONALD SSENFUKA, UGANDA

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Ronald holds a Bachelor's Degree in Adult and Community Education, a Postgraduate diploma in project planning and management and a Certificate in gender mainstreaming and human rights. He has been a social and Human Rights activist and a development consultant for 6 years. He has designed development programs that promote human rights of vulnerable and excluded groups of people. His areas of expertise are domestic violence, crime and HIV/AIDS prevention, and he currently works as a Project Officer of Action Against Violence.



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Syed holds a M.S. in Development Economics, a M. Phil in Rural Development, a M.Sc (Honors) in Agricultural Economics, a B.Sc (Honors) in Agricultural Economics, a M.B.A from UIMS, University of Arid Agriculture, and a B.Ed. He is a dynamic, organized, value driven, well-experienced Human Rights activist, firmly committed to Sustainable Human Development and a peaceful society without any prejudice and Rights violations, and a knowledgeable professional, able to independently record. For more than 19 years He has been working on the analysis, implementation, integration, monitoring, evaluation and impact assessments of Social Sectors Development Projects and has been dealing with processes and issues of Institutional Development at National (Pakistan) and Regional (South-East Asia and Gulf) level in perspective of Right based approaches. Syed currently works as the Executive Director of NOOR Pakistan.

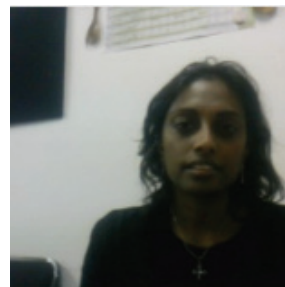


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Venessa holds a Master degree, which thesis focused on collaboration between courts and NGOs regarding perpetrators of intimate violence programme and a coordinated response to intimate partner violence in South Africa. She worked 8 years for the South African National Victim Empowerment and has participated in a South South Exchange programme between South Africa and the Caribbean regarding crime prevention. She also has been a member of the World Society on Victimology. She currently works as a National Manager for Advocacy and Lobbying in the National Institute for Crime Prevention and the Reintegration of Offenders and is a member of the National Network on Reducing Re-offending; the National Child Justice Alliance; Detention Justice Forum; The Perpetrator (Intimate Partner Violence) Focus group; and is about to join the Breaking the Cycle (of crime and violence) reference group in South Africa.



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