

Asia Democracy Network (ADN)
Key Decisions of the second Steering Committee (SC) Meeting
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Participants

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- Observers : Meri Joyce (GPPAC-NEA), Hye Jung Suh (EAI / ADRN), Sukki Kong (SNU, Korea) Pao and Zanaa Jurmed (EADF), Tsomo Tsering (TCHRD), Bhuchung Tsering (ICT)
- Secretariat : Soo Yon Suh,

The Steering Committee members of the ADN, having met in Taipei on 12 Sept 2014,

Agenda Item 1-4

1. Appreciate the Taiwan Foundation for Democracy (TFD) for hosting the second SC meeting with financial support,
2. Expressing our regret that some SC members were not able to attend the SC due to visa problems,
3. Approve the outcome of the 1st SC and Regional Strategic Planning (RSP) meetings,
4. Appreciate the input from Hyejung Suh of the East Asia Institute on the state of democracy in Asia as a pilot project of ADRN,
5. Appreciate the input from Francis Lee about the challenges of security to democracy in East Asia,
6. Appreciate the input from Shaina Wang from the Taiwan Association for Human Rights (TAHR) about the state and challenges of human rights and democracy in Taiwan,
7. Appreciate the input and presence of representatives of Tibetan Centre for Human Rights and Democracy (TCHRD) and the International Campaign for Tibet (ICT) working on democracy and human rights in Tibet,
8. Take into account the contents and outcome of the 2nd Regional Strategic Planning (RSP) meeting which was organized as a study session prior to the Steering Committee,

Agenda Item 5-6 : Activity Reports

1. Welcome the activity report from the ADN Secretariat.
2. Welcome the report of the International Solidarity Conference on Thailand held in Manila on 17-18 July 2014 and continues to play a key role in the implementation of its action plans,
3. Welcome the activity report from individual SC members,
4. Welcome the successful organization and outcomes of the GALAA II which was a cross-sectoral leadership building program in human rights, development and democracy,

Agenda item 7 : Forthcoming Activities and Events

1. Welcome the organization of the Founding Assembly of the East Asia Democracy Forum (Taipei, 13 Sept. 2014) as an opportunity to strengthen democracy in (North) East Asia region and link to the ADN,
2. Welcome the initiative of the International NGO Forum on Indonesian Development (INFID) to organize the Open Forum on Justice and Governance (New York, 22 Sept. 2014) and decides to join as co-organizer with ADA and Beyond 2015,
3. Request Melinda De Jesus from SEAPA to represent ADN in the international solidarity mission to Cambodia (6-10 Oct. 2014) initiated by the Cooperation Committee for Cambodia (CCC), Cambodia,

4. Request FORUM-ASIA (FA) to be a focal point for ADN participation and representation at the Bali Democracy Forum in cooperation with INFID (10-11 Oct. 2014),
5. Request Evelyn Balais-Serrano from FA and Zanaa Jurmed from EADF to represent ADN at the Asia Europe People's Forum (AEPF) in Milan, Italy (11-13 Oct. 2014)
6. Decide to participate actively in Transparent Ulaanbaatar Conference as one of the co-organizers (7-8 Oct. 2014),
7. Decide to organize sessions on inter-regional exchange in particular CSO advocacy experiences of ASEAN and other regions in cooperation with SEACA at the meeting of People's SAARC in Kathmandu, Nepal (22-24 Nov. 2014),
8. Request People's SAARC to develop action plans of ADN Working Group on Tibet as decided at the first RSP meeting in April 2014,
9. Decide to discuss the issues of ASEAN+3 and East Asian Summit jointly with the SAPA Working Group on ASEAN at its Bangkok meeting (November 2014)
10. Request Evelyn of FA to organize an International Solidarity Conference on Sri Lanka in consultation with Nimalka Fernando and other key actors,
11. Request Ichal Supriadi of ANFREL to study the possibility of providing support on Tibetan elections (Oct 2014 to March 2015) and propose possible actions to ADN,
12. Welcome an initiative of the EAI and Korea Democracy Network (KDN) to organize a regional conference on Communities of Democracy (CoD) in Seoul in Nov. 2014 as part of ADN's preparation for the Ministerial Conference of CoD in El Salvador in 2015,
13. Decide to co-host an international conference for George Fernandez in India scheduled on 24-28 March 2015 with NED and other networks,
14. Encourage SC members to join a solidarity visit to TCHRD and other democracy-related groups and organizations in Dharamsala after the meeting in India in March 2015,
15. Organize a regional workshop on local democracy and governance in Gwangju during the 5th World Human Rights Cities Forum to be held from and requests Participatory Research in Asia (PRIA) to take a lead in this initiative (15-18 May, 2015),
16. Request ADRN to come up with ways for systematic monitoring of the state and democracy in Asia (SODA) taking into account diverse and changing context of democracy in Asia and Asian understanding of democracy within ADN,
17. Decide to monitor closely political situation in Bangladesh and Pakistan and to develop action plans if and when necessary.

Agenda item 8 – Governance Issues

Steering Committee

1. Decide to organize the next SC meeting in either March or May 2015 in connection with one of the two meetings in either New Delhi, India or Gwangju, Korea that ADN is involved with as co-organizer or facilitator,
2. Request Melinda and Kaustuv Badyopadhyay to prepare amendments to the ToR taking into account the assessment of the SC performance and composition of the SC for the second term 2016-2017,
3. Decide to develop guidelines for SC accountability based on the evaluation of the past experiences of representation, participation and communication among SC members and between SC and the Secretariat,

General Forum

4. Decide to organize the 1st General Forum in Oct or Nov 2015 in connection with one of the two meetings either in Malaysia or Bali, Indonesia that ADN is involved with as co-organizer or facilitator,

Advisory Group-

5. Requests Evelyn from FA to prepare the criteria and job description for members of Advisory Group for the review at the next SC,
6. Postpone the decision to form Advisory Group to the next SC meeting in 2015.

Agenda Item 9 - External Relations

1. Strengthen mutual cooperation with the Secretariat of Community of Democracies (CoD) by formalizing working relations in term of MoU through Ambassador Maria Leissner,
2. Participate in the next World Movement for Democracy (WMD) in 2015 as a way to broaden and strengthen Asia democracy platform as part of global movement for democracy,

Agenda item 10 – action plans

Draft Working Calendar 2014 to 2015

Updated on 30 Sept. 2014

2014

Month / Dates	Venue	Events and Organizers	Organizers, Focal Points in SC	Participants among SC members
Sept 13	Taipei	(North) East Asia Democracy Forum (EADF)	TFD	Anselmo, Hyungshik, Soo, Meri, Zanaa,
Sept.1-26	Geneva	UN Human Rights Council (HRC)-27	FA	Anselmo
Sept 22	New York	Open Forum on Justice and Governance (Goal 16)	INFID, ADA, ADN, Beyond 2015	Sugeng, Anselmo, Soo,
Oct 6-10	Cambodia	International Solidarity Visit to Cambodia	CCC, FA, ADA, ADN	Soroeeun, Melinda,
Oct 7-8	Ulaanbaatar	Transparent Ulaanbaatar	TI, NED, ADN, etc.	Anselmo, Soo
Oct. 8-9	Bali	Bali Democracy Forum (BDF)	IPD	
Oct. 10	Bali	Bali Democracy Forum (BDF)	FA, INFID, ADN	
Oct 10-12	Milan, Italy	Asia Europe People's Forum (AEPF)	FA	Zanaa, Evelyn
Nov.	Bangkok	SAPA WG on ASEAN	SEACA	Corrina, Anselmo
Nov. 11-13	Myanmar	ASEAN, ASEAN+3, EAS		
Nov. 22-24	Kathmandu	People's SAARC	People's SAARC, SEACA, ADN	Corrina, Anselmo, Soo
Nov. 23 or 24	Kathmandu	International Solidarity Conference on Sri Lanka	FA, People's SAARC, ADN	Nimalka, Evelyn, Netra, Anselmo
Nov 19-25	Johannesburg	International Civil Society Week (CIVICUS)	CIVICUS,	
Nov. 29-30	Ulaanbaatar	UB Civic Forum	GPPAC-NEA, ADN	

Nov. 4 th week	Seoul	International Conference on CoD	EAI, ADRN, ADN	Kaustuv, Anselmo, Hyungshik, Soo
Dec. 3-5	Quezon City, Philippines	Human Rights Defenders Forum	FA	Nimalka, Evelyn, Netra, Anselmo

2015

Month / Dates	Venue	Events and Organizers	Organizer(s) / Focal Points in SC	Participants among SC members
Jan. 3 rd week	Bangung	GALAA-III	ADA, ADN	Evelyn, Anselmo, Soo
Jan 4 week	Bandung	Asia Development Alliance (ADA) Annual Conference	ADA	Sugeng, Harsh, Saroeun, Anselmo
March 22- 24	India	George Fernandez Conference	With NED	SC members
May 15-18	Gwangju, Korea	5 th World Human Rights Cities Forum - Local democracy workshop	PRIA	Kaustuv, Anselmo, Soo
April/May?	Malaysia	ACSC/APF on ASEAN Summit	SEACA	Corrina
Oct 2015 to Mar. 2016	Dharamsala	Tibet elections	ANFREL	Ichal,
Aug	Bangkok?	GALAA-IV	FA, ADA, ADN	Evelyn, Anselmo, Soo
Oct or Nov	???	8 th World Movement for Democracy (WMD)	WMD	
???	El Salvador	CoD : 8 th Ministerial Conference		
Sep	New York	UN GA – 70 th		UN to adopt SDG
Sep ?	Japan	EADF Conference	EADF	Pao, Zanaa,
Oct	Malaysia	ACSC/APF on ASEAN, ASEAN+3 Summit and EAS	SEACA, ADN	Corrina
Oct / Nov.	???	People's SAARC on SAARC Summit	People's SAARC	Netra, Nimalka, Nimarla,
Oct	Seoul	4 th Seoul Democracy Forum (SDF)	KDF, KDN	Hyungshik, Anselmo
???	Bali	Bali Democracy Forum (BDF)-	FA, ADN	Evelyn, Sugeng,
Oct.	???	World Movement for Democracy (WMF)-8	ADN	

Annex

- Agenda

Agenda

1. Roll Call
2. Adoption of Agenda and Time Schedule
3. Review and adoption of the Decisions of the first Steering Committee (Singapore, 5 Feb. 2014)
4. Review of the Decisions of the First Regional Strategic Planning (RSP) Meeting (Bangkok, 20-21 April 2014)
5. Activity Report from the ADN Secretariat
6. Activity Report from SC members
 - 1) International Solidarity Conference on Thailand (Manila, 17-18 July 2014)
 - 2) GALAA II (Bangkok, 2-8 Aug. 2014)
 - 3) SAPA Working Group on ASEAN (Bangkok, 13-14 Aug. 2014)
7. Update on the Forthcoming Activities and Events in 2014
 - 1) International Conference on Peace and Human Rights in Northeast Asia (Ulanbataar, 5-6 Oct. 2014)
 - 2) Anti-corruption conference in UB (Ulanbataar, 7-8 Oct. 2014)
 - 3) Bali Democracy Forum (BDF) (Bali, 9 Oct. 2014)
 - 4) International Solidarity Conference on Sri Lanka (Bangkok, 14 Oct. 2014)
 - 5) ASEAN+3 and EAS (Myanmar, 11-13 Nov. 2014)
 - 6) People's SAARC (Kathumandu, 14 Nov. 2014)
8. Governance Issues
 - 1) Steering Committee members
 - 2) Advisory Group
9. External Relations
 - 1) Community of Democracies (CoD)
 - 2) World Movement for Democracy (WMD)
10. Action Plans for 2015 and 2016 including fund-raising
11. Any Other Business (AOB)