

Asia Democracy Network (ADN)

Key Decisions of the First Steering Committee (SC) Meeting
Singapore, 5 February 2014

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The Steering Committee of the ADN, having met in Singapore on 5 Feb. 2014,

- Expressing our appreciation to the World Movement for Democracy (WMD) that co-organized the regional workshop on Freedom of Peaceful Assembly and of Association (FoAA) on 3-4 February 2014 prior to the Steering Committee (SC) meeting,
- Welcoming the report about the ADN Founding Assembly (October 2013) and Organization Directory,
- Welcoming the Activity Report from the ADN Secretariat including the successful high-quality website (www.adn21.asia) launching,
- Welcoming the report about the Asia Democracy Research Network (ADRN) and its research plans for 2014,
- Welcoming the report of the Northeast Asia Democracy Forum (NEADF), in particular its plan to organize a founding assembly for NEADF in September 2014 in Taipei,

Governance Issues

1. Reaffirm the Terms of Reference (ToR) for the SC as adopted at the Foundation Assembly of ADN in October 2013 in Seoul, Korea,
2. Decide to accept the nomination of the following SC Members
 - For Media and Press Freedom for South Asia – Ms Nirmala SHARMA from Nepal, Vice-Chair of South Asia Free Media Association (SAFMA)
 - For South Asia, People's SAARC – Ms Nimalka FERNANDO from Sri Lanka as alternate
 - Northeast Asia – Dr. Cheng-Hao PAO from the Taiwan Foundation for Democracy (TFD) as the main representative.
3. Decide to postpone its decision to create the Advisory Group to the 2nd SC,
4. Request SC members to recommend candidates for the Advisory Group members,
5. Confirm Dr Hyungshik SHIN as Secretary General of ADN in charge of the Secretariat on behalf of the Korea Democracy Network (KDN),
6. Decide to create a co-convenor system to facilitate the communications among SC members, and between SC and the Secretariat,
7. Elect three SC members as co-convenors for two years (2014-2015)
 - Ms Melinda DE JESUS (Philippines), SEAPA for Southeast Asia
 - Ms Nimalka FERNANDO (Sri Lanka), People's SAARC, for South Asia
 - Mr Anselmo LEE (Korea), KDN, for Northeast Asia

8. Decide to hold the next SC meeting in conjunction with the founding assembly of Northeast Asia Democracy Forum to be held in September 2014 in Taipei.
9. Request the TFD, a host of the NEADF to provide financial support to organize the 2nd SC meeting in September in conjunction with the Founding Assembly of the NEADF,

Activities for 2014

10. Decide to work on three priority countries, namely Cambodia, Myanmar (Burma) and Sri Lanka in terms of international solidarity and support campaign for their democratic struggles,
11. Request ADN Co-conveners to lead the campaigns with the following focal points among ADN SC members and those CSOs that have country-specific programs or projects on those countries,
 - Cambodia - FORUM-ASIA and TI-Asia
 - Myanmar (Burma) - SEACA and GPPAC-SEA
 - Sri Lanka - People's SAARC and ANFREL
12. Decide to continue to provide necessary support for people's struggles in Thailand and request ADN SC members whose secretariats are based in Thailand such as ANFREL, SEAPA and FORUM-ASIA to be focal points in this action,
13. Decide to work on anti-corruption as a priority issue for 2014-15 making use of a regional conference on anti-corruption to be hosted by the Mayor of Ulaanbaatar in 2014, and request Transparency International-Asia to be a focal point for campaign among ADN SC members and partners including ADN partners in Mongolia,
14. Decide to engage in key inter-governmental meetings such as the Bali Democracy Forum, ASEAN +3, East Asia Summit as priority advocacy targets for 2014-15,
15. Decide to work together with FORUM-ASIA and Asia Development Alliance (ADA) to promote democracy agenda in the 2nd Global Advocacy Leadership Academy in Asia (GALAA) to be held in Bangkok in August 2014,
16. Request the Secretariat to seek necessary funds for above-mentioned activities from various funding sources including Taiwan Democracy Foundation (TFD), Korea Democracy Foundation (KDF) and National Endowment for Democracy (NED).

Annex

1. Terms of Reference (ToR) for the ADN
2. Updated List of SC members
3. List of ADN Activities for 2014