

Regional Consultation on Democratic Coalition Building in Asia (DCBA)

Bali, Indonesia

20-21 (Sat.-Sun.) August 2016

Concept Note

(Updated on 11 Aug 2016)

1. The proposed regional consultation on Democratic Coalition-Building and Assistance in Asia (DCBA) is an ADN initiative to enhance and accelerate democracy promotion in Asia through democratic institution-building in each country and at the regional level through building a coalition of democratic countries such as Japan, South Korea, Taiwan, Mongolia, Nepal, India, Indonesia, and the Philippines.
2. It will be held in Bali, Indonesia on 20-21 August (Sat.-Sun.) 2016 in partnership with the National Endowment for Democracy (NED). It is a back-to-back meeting with the Asian Electoral Stakeholder Forum (AESF) in Bali (22-26 Aug. 2016) organized by the General Elections Commission of the Republic of Indonesia (KPU) and the Asian Network for Free Elections (ANFREL).
3. The DCBA is in line with ADN's strategic plan to strengthen international democratic coalition among democratic countries in Asia to advance international cooperation and solidarity in the field of democracy promotion as emphasized in the Seoul Proposal (attached) in Dec. 2014.

Seoul Proposal

To Asian governments, in particular, Governments of Republic of Korea, Mongolia, and Indonesia

- 2) Initiate a seed fund through which established democracies in Asia can provide assistance to other countries for democracy promotion in the region.
 - 3) Explore the possibility of a regional democracy assistance foundation, taking into consideration the experiences of established models such as the European Endowment for Democracy (EED) and the National Endowment for Democracy (NED) and applying it within the socio-political context and realities of Asia.
4. During the consultation, participants will discuss the situation of democracy in terms of democratic institution-building in each country and regional cooperation in Asia as part of the preparation for the Ministerial Conference of the Community of Democracies (CoD) to be held in Washington D.C. on 25 to 27 July 2017. (ADN is currently a member of International Steering Committee (ISC) of the CoD.)
 5. The role of inter-governmental organizations, processes, and public institutions related to the democracy support will be assessed. For example, the UN Human Rights Council (HRC), Community of Democracies (CoD), Open Government Partnership (OGP), Bali Democracy Forum (BDF), ASEAN, and SAARC. As well as development cooperation agencies such as KOICA and JICA.
 6. The Bali consultation is aimed at developing common strategies based on the contextual analysis of the situation and issues. Participants are expected to organize follow-up meetings in their own

country with key stakeholders as part of the preparation for the Ministerial Conference of CoD in Washington D.C. on 25-27 July 2017.

7. Approximately 20 participants who are Steering Committee members and partners of ADN including Indonesia will be invited to the Bali consultation. Some from research institutions, potential donors, and funding institutions will also participate as resource persons or observer.
8. Participants are expected to arrive on 19 Aug and depart 22 Aug. 2016.
9. ADN was created in Seoul, South Korea in October 2013 as a regional network of regional CSOs engaged in various issues related to democracy such as election, human rights, peace, migration, and development. www.adn21.asia

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ADN References

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- Report on the workshop - Future of human rights and democracy in Asia (Bangkok, 27 July 2015)
- Seoul Proposal by ADN and EAI (Dec. 2014)
- ADN Seoul Democracy Declaration and Charter of Principles (22 Oct. 2013)

Useful Reading Documents

- 1) International IDEA Policy Brief, Democratic accountability in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development: lessons from South Asia (July 2016)
- 2) International IDEA Policy Brief, Democratic accountability in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development: lessons from ASEAN states (July 2016)
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Regional Consultation on DCBA

Bali, 20-21 Aug. 2016
(Draft) Program Agenda
(updated on 11 Aug 2016)

19 August (Friday) 2016	
All day	Arrival
17:00-18:00	Preparatory meeting among key organizers
18:30-21:00	Informal dinner among participants
20 August (Saturday) 2016	
08:00-09:00	Registration
09:00-10:00	<p>Opening session</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Welcome remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Mr. Tur-Od Lkhagvajav, Co-convener, ADN · Congratulatory remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Dr. Hsu Szu-chien, President, Taiwan Foundation for Democracy · Introduction of program agenda and participants <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Mr. Anselmo Lee, Secretary General
10:00-10:30	Break and Group Photo
10:30-11:30	<p>Session 1 : Country update and case study on Democratic Coalition Building and Assistance in Asia (DCBA) – Countries with governmental (public) foundation for democracy promotion : South Korea and Taiwan</p> <p>Moderator Anselmo Lee, Secretary General, ADN</p> <p>Guiding questions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> ① What is your government’s position or foreign policy on international democracy promotion in general and/or specifically as a member of the CoD? ② What are the existing public institutions and/or mechanisms for democracy promotion in your own country and internationally? (TFD for Taiwan, KDF / May 18 Foundation for South Korea) ③ What is your own critical assessment of their role and contribution – achievements and challenges? ④ What is your assessment of the role of the development cooperation agency for international democracy promotion (e.g. KOICA)? – South Korea only <p>Moderator Corrina Lopa, SEACA, ADN SC member</p> <p>South Korea</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Mr. Hyungsik Shin, Korea Democracy Foundation (KDF) ➤ Ms. Jung-ok Lee, Daegu Catholic University, Korea <p>Taiwan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Mr. Bo Tedards, Director, International Cooperation Department, TFD <p>Rapporteur Soo Yon Suh, Coordinator, ADN</p>
<p>11:30-12:30</p>	<p>Session 2: Country update and Case Study on Democratic Coalition Building and Assistance in Asia (DCBA) – countries without governmental (public) foundation for democracy promotion</p> <p>Guiding questions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> ① What is your government’s position or foreign policy on international democracy promotion in general and specifically as a member of CoD? ② What are the existing public institutions and/or mechanisms for democracy promotion in your own country and internationally? ③ What is your own critical assessment of their role and contribution? ④ What are the opportunities and challenges to public institution-building (like Democracy Foundation) in your own country for democracy promotion both domestically and/or internationally? ⑤ What is your assessment of the role of development cooperation agency for international democracy promotion (e.g. JICA)? - Japan only <p>Moderator Mr. Anselmo Lee, SG, ADN</p> <p>Mongolia</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Mr. Tur-Od Lkhagvajav, Mongolian Democracy Network (MDN) <p>Philippines</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Mr. Gus Micalat, Initiative for International Dialogue (IID) ➤ Ms. Corinna Lopa, SEACA / SAPA <p>Nepal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Mr. Sushil Pyakurel, Accountability Watch Committee <p>Japan – through skype Katsuji Imada, Japan CSO Center</p> <p>Rapporteur Yap Swee Seng, ADN Advocacy Director</p>
<p>12:30-14:00</p>	<p>Lunch Break</p>
<p>14:00-15:30</p>	<p>Session 3: Country update on Democratic Institution-building in Indonesia</p> <p>Moderator Mr. Ichal Supriadi, ANFREL / ADN SC member</p> <p>Guiding questions: <i>Speakers are expected to address some of the questions below which are relevant to their organization and expertise.</i></p> <p>Domestic</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ What kinds of programs and activities has your organization (as CSO, funding agency, governmental agency, etc.) engaged in the international

	<p>promotion of democracy and/or human rights in Asia?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ What do you think are key challenges to the international promotion of democracy and/or human rights in Asia from your own experiences? ➤ What are the existing public institutions and/or mechanisms for democracy promotion (domestic or/and international) inside Indonesia? ➤ What is the Indonesian government’s position or foreign policy on international democracy promotion in general and specifically as a member of CoD? ➤ What is your own critical assessment of the achievements and challenges to the Bali Democracy Forum (BDF)? ➤ What are the opportunities and challenges to public institution-building (like Democracy Foundation) in Indonesia for democracy promotion internationally? <p>Topics and Presenter</p> <p>Role of Indonesia CSOs for international democracy promotion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Mr. Mugiyanto, INFID <p>Discussants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Ms. Titi Anggraini, Perludem ➤ Mr. Maskurudin Hafidz, People’s Voter Education Network ➤ Mr. Kaka Suminta, Komite Independent Pemantau Pemilu ➤ Ms. Alissa Wahid, Jaringan Gusdurian <p>Challenges of funding for democracy promotion and CSOs in Indonesia and beyond</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Ms. Nova Fransisca Silitonga, Tifa Foundation <p>Role of the Indonesian government for international democracy promotion including the Bali Democracy Forum (BDF)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Ms. Binny Buchori / KSP <p>Rapporteur Yap Swee Seng, ADN Advocacy Director</p>
15:30-16:00	Break
16:00-18:00	<p>Session 4: Role of International Organizations or Processes on Democracy Promotion in Asia</p> <p>Moderator Mr. Tur-Od Lkhagvajav, MDN / ADN SC member</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Community of Democracies (CoD), Mr. Gus Miclat, IID ➤ UN Human Rights Council, Anselmo Lee, Secretary General, ADN ➤ A-WEB and AESF, Mr. Ichal Supriadi, ANFREL ➤ Open Government Partnership (OGP), Mr. Sugeng Bahajjjo, INFID ➤ ASEAN, Ms. Corinna Lopa, SEACA ➤ ASEAN human rights mechanisms (AICHR, ACWC, etc.) Mr. Yap Swee Seng, ADN Advocacy Director ➤ SAARC, Mr. Sushil Pyakurel, Adviser to ADN <p>Rapporteur Soo Yon Suh, Coordinator, ADN</p>

18:30-21:00	Welcome dinner
21 August (Sunday) 2016	
09:00-19:15	Re-cap by Co-Rapporteurs
09:15-10:30	<p>Session 5: Future of Democracy Promotion in Asia – National Action Planning</p> <p>South Korea Taiwan Indonesia Mongolia Philippines Nepal Japan</p>
10:40-11:00	Break
11:00-12:30	<p>Session 6: Future of Democracy Promotion in Asia – International Action Planning</p> <p>1) International Support for Democracy in Cambodia ➤ International Conference on the 25th Anniversary of Paris Peace Accords (Bangkok, around 23 Oct. 2016) ➤ Elections in 2017 and 2018</p> <p>2) Preparation for the Ministerial Conference of CoD (Washington D.C. on 25-27 July 2017)</p>
12:15-12:30	<p>Closing Session Action plans including national workshop</p>
12:30-14:00	Farewell Lunch
	Free

Back-to-back Meetings

22 Aug	Rest
23-25 Aug.	Asia Electoral Stakeholder Forum (AESF) III by ANFREL and KPU