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Annual Report 2018

Renewing the Commitment to Promoting and Defending Democracy in Asia

FOREWORD

This annual report reflects essential information on the Asia Democracy Network's (ADN) activities in the leading year of 2018. The year 2018 marked a new beginning for ADN in resetting its strategy in enhancing the organizational institution and the direction in promoting and defending democracy in Asia. This year, the secretariat and the steering committee got together and re-evaluated the network's strengths and weaknesses to assess a direction of bringing impactful democracy promotion to Asia in amidst of the current global and regional challenges to democracy. As a result, ADN has come to develop a concrete strategy and direction highlighting the added value and strengths of the multi-stakeholder network of promoting democratic values, principles, and togetherness.

In 2018, went through a leadership transition, enhanced its institutional processes, and consolidated new programs focused on democratic unity and solidarity building in Asia. This achievement alone provides a significant contribution to the overall long-term goals of the organization. However, the ADN recognizes its shortcomings that indicates that we have much more work to be done in the years ahead, which we are confident in achieving through the guiding working plan that has been structured for the year 2019 – 2021.

On behalf of the ADN Secretariat, I would like to thank our member organizations, partners, and donors for their generous contribution throughout the year and we hope we will be able to make a significant contribution to democracy in the region.

Ichal Supriadi
Secretary General

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SUMMARY

In January 2018, the Asia Democracy Network welcomed a new Secretary General at the Busan Democracy Forum after an official handover process at the Busan Democracy Forum in Busan, South Korea.

Soon after the new leadership took office, a Steering Committee (SC) meeting was held in Bangkok, Thailand that resulted in a few essential organization decisions to enhance the institution strategy. The SC meeting provided strong support to the secretariat in building a more accountable internal process and urged for ADN to begin taking stronger strategic steps in promoting democracy in Asia.

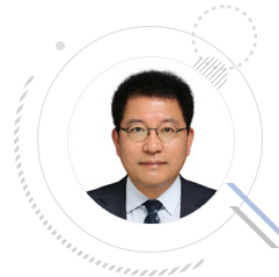
To list a few achievements in 2018, first would be the annual youth training program implementation. Second, would be spreading the voice of Asia's solidarity and unity through press statements, and consolidating democracy with research (think-tank) groups in Asia, as well as through knowledge exchange programs for CSOs in the region. Third, we were able to renew engagement on international platforms and forums and structuring activities that highlight ADN's three year strategic plan. Fourth, we were able to take our first steps in enhancing ADN's internal mechanisms.

However, challenges remain and there are objectives that ADN aims to achieve in the future in promoting and defending democracy in solidarity.

WELCOMING NEW LEADERSHIP



Ichal Supriadi
Secretary General
2018-2021



Anselmo Lee
Secretary General
2016-2018

Mr. Ichal Supriadi, took on his role as Secretary General of the ADN on January 24, 2018, succeeding Mr. Anselmo Lee, finishing his term in December 2017. An open call was made for the Secretary General position and after an application and interview process the Steering Committee decided on who would take on the position.

We also, will like to take this time to especially recognize Mr. Anselmo Lee, for his leadership in stabilizing the foundation of the Asia Democracy Network and working effortlessly for democracy in Asia.

We welcome the new Secretary General, Ichal Supriadi, and wish for fruitful and productive years at the ADN.

ADN STRATEGY

A. ENHANCE INTERNAL INSTITUTION

As guided by the commitment of the Steering Committee and the secretariat, the network began to enhance its internal mechanism and process at the start of 2018. We started with the establishment of an administration and finance mechanism to increase accountability and transparency of the institution's operation.

The network also began to scan potential partners to enrich the scope of analysis to achieve major goals. ADN will continue to work to be more inclusive and expand the scope of members and partners, to strengthen solidarity for democracy, especially women, parliamentarians, minorities, and unionist.

A mid-term program planning is structured to serve as a guide in pursuing priority activities for the years of 2019-2021.

B. FOSTERING DEMOCRATIC UNITY AND SOLIDARITY

Strengthening democratic unity and solidarity is a priority focus for the ADN. We plan to work towards consolidating democracy actors across the Asia region connecting multi-stakeholders from the regional and national level developing the democracy narrative for Asia.

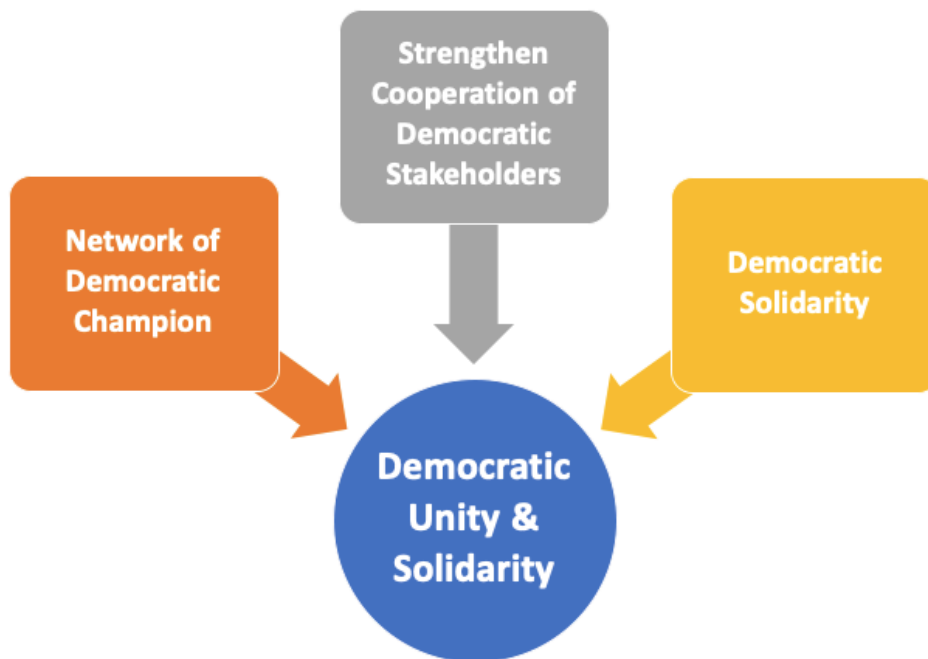
i. **Strengthen Relationships with Democratic Governments**

Democratic governments in the region can play a significant role in promoting democracy in Asia. Like-minded government support of Asia's democracy narrative can significantly enhance democracy promotion and mainstream democracy principles and values.

The ADN aims to engage with like-minded governments in the Asia region that has the potential to lead as a democracy champion advocating for democracy in the region. We are mainly looking to engage with the governments in Indonesia, South Korea, Timor-Leste, and Mongolia who are established or transitioning democracies in Asia that has the most probable potential to lead in the democracy movement with the ADN. These countries have been prioritized as ADN currently has working relationships with the governments. We aim through through the engagement of these countries, to establish a coalition of democratic governments in Asia.

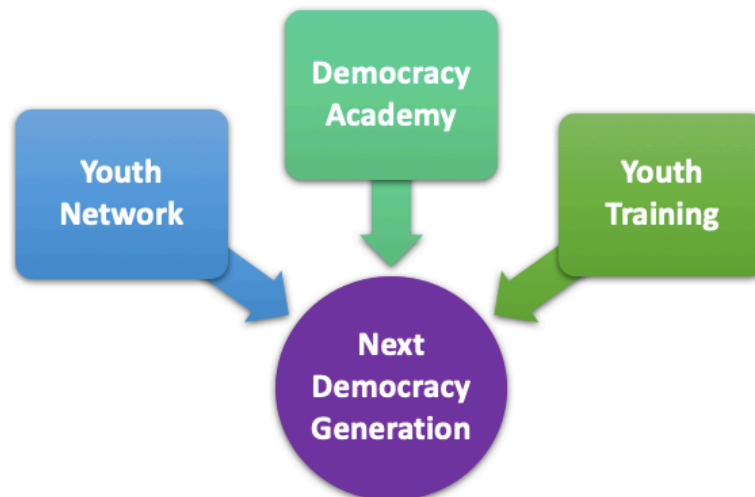
ii. Strengthen Democratic Connections

The ADN is a civil society led network of multi-stakeholders from diverse sectors of democracy promotion. The added value of the ADN is that we breakdown silos in the democracy movement and cross-cutting them for one objective: mainstreaming democracy in Asia. Therefore, ADN's identify and priority objective lies in creating platforms and spaces for civil society of all sectors to come together to connect and share best practices in the movement at the same time strengthening the solidarity in Asia.



C. NEXT GENERATION DEMOCRACY ADVOCATES

Cultivating the next generation of democracy leaders is vital in building, strengthening, and sustaining the democracy movement in Asia. Therefore, at the same time of progressing the democratic unity and solidarity, the AND aims to implement programs that will empower youth from all sectors of society through democracy education and training.



Annual Youth Training – Modified and Enhanced, Expanding Youth Network

After two years of annually implementing a youth democracy forum, we have verified the importance in having a youth platform where diverse young leaders gather to discuss challenges and strategize on how they can drive the democracy movement. In the past the forum consisted of gathering likeminded youth through an open call to learn about the history of the democracy movement in Asia, current challenges, and future strategy. Usually, the nine-day program resulted with good feedback as educational but never really led into action in the region.

In contemplating how, we can utilize this space where diverse and new democracy leaders are found each year to establish a solid youth network, we felt that starting in early 2020 the program has to be modified and enhanced. Starting with the forum in 2019, we aim to broaden the youth participant pool to gather youth from diverse areas of society as well as bring back alumni.

Through the meeting we aim to focus on strategy on movements and training the participants with advocacy skills and start the first steps of solidifying an **ADN Youth** pillar. Through the connections made at the forum, we will coordinate focal points among youth to sustain a network of communication and joint actions to contribute to

ADN solidarity campaigns. Establish coordination and focal point among the Youth to keep them connect, updated, and engaged democracy advocacy.

ADN Democracy Academy

After implementing a youth forum for two consecutive years, we were able to assess that the youth of Asia wanted to have more academic opportunities to learn about democracy. The current democracy narrative in Asia is not specific to the region creating limitations and barriers for movements to thrive. This challenge raised consistently and a major reason why the Asia Democracy Network exists. We have found that this lack of Asia's democracy narrative has affected the cultivation of new leaders and sustainability of the movement.

ADN recognizes that there are many democracy education initiatives that are already being implemented in the region. Therefore we are not trying to develop anything new, rather ADN will consolidate programs out there and make it more assessable for educators, trainers, grassroots, everybody. We aim to have a completed product where we provide comprehensive tools and materials that can be used widely by networks and partner institutions, academia, and other democracy stakeholders to enhance their trainings. ADN will be kicking off the first phase of the academy program in the second quarter of 2019.



DESCRIPTION OF 2018 ACTIVITIES

I. KNOWLEDGE EXCHANGE PROGRAM

Knowledge Sharing: ADN-Bawaslu Knowledge Share between Indonesian CSOs and Pakistani Prominent Figure on Democracy Consolidation | Jakarta, Indonesia (October 31, 2018)

ADN in collaboration with Bawaslu (Indonesian Election Supervisory Board), co-hosted a knowledge sharing event for Indonesia civil society actors on the topic of best practices of developing non-governmental organizations. The key speaker was Mr. Shahid Fiaz, CEO of Trust Democracy Electoral and Accountability (TDEA) from Pakistan, who mainly spoke on best practices and challenges of operations and management of an organization. Mr. Fiaz displayed that through his leadership of prioritizing good governance, transparency, and accountability he was able to develop a professional organization that manages an annual multi-million-dollar budget.

The basic foundation of democracy consolidation and strengthening democracy solidarity is to mainstream democratic principles. With ADN's aim to strengthen national partners, we took the opportunity to work with the government institutions Bawaslu, to provide national civil society members to gain and share knowledge to improve and strengthen the implementation of good governance, management, fundraising strategy, and diverse programmatic approaches.



Knowledge Exchange: Strengthening Democratic Elections in Malaysia – Learning from Direct Local Elections Experiences of Indonesia | Jakarta & Banten Province of Indonesia (December 15-18, 2019)

ADN is gradually working towards strengthening our national partners to better strengthen solidarity and the quality of democracy in Asia. Therefore, as a continuation of our knowledge exchange program, we had another opportunity to implement a program on sharing the Indonesian experience of direct local elections. With the historical upset of the general elections in 2018 in Malaysia that has overthrown the ruling party rule for over 60 years; the country has prioritized democracy reform. ADN's local partners have approached us requesting for opportunities to learn more about local elections as in Malaysia, currently local leaders are appointed. According to some lawmakers in Malaysia, the appointment system of local leaders has cultivated corruption and a lack of political will to work for the greater good of the local area. Indonesia one of the largest democracies in the Asia region has one of the best and transparent electoral systems that trickles down to the local levels, despite its large geographical land mass.



With the support of the Korea Democracy Foundation (KDF), ADN was able to gather a group of civil society actors from Malaysia that will promote the reform process to participate in our knowledge exchange program in Jakarta, Indonesia. ADN coordinated the institutional visits and lecturers for the program. The program was as follows:

- i. Lecture on Indonesian Direct Local Elections
- ii. Onsite Visitation to the Electoral Management Bodies of Indonesia
 - a. Election Commission
 - b. Election Supervisory Body
 - c. Electoral Ethics Council
 - d. Constitutional Court
- iii. Visit Banten Province – Speak with Mayor and Provincial Elections Commission
- iv. Wrap up – Debriefing Session

v. Solidarity Meeting Between Indonesia – Malaysia CSO on Human Rights and Democracy

The participants had the opportunity to first hand hear from electoral institutions of Indonesia on how the direct local elections are carried out in Indonesia.

II. SHAPING UNITY AND SOLIDARITY

Roundtable Discussion on Cambodia's Democracy in Crisis | Seoul, South Korea | August 9, 2018



The roundtable discussion on “Cambodia’s Democracy in Crisis” was an ADN led initiative in collaboration with the ASEAN Parliamentarians for Human Rights (APHR) to increase awareness on the situation of Cambodia in the Republic of Korea. The event was implemented in collaboration with ADN-Korea partners, the People’s Solidarity

for Participatory Democracy (PSPD) and the Korea House for International Solidarity (KHIS), both members of FORUM-ASIA. Mu Sochua, Vice President of the Cambodia National Rescue Party (CNRP), with the assistance of APHR made a visit to Korea to increase awareness on Cambodia and to gain support from Korean civil society and government.

The ADN secretariat assisted Mu Sochua in organizing interviews with local media, parliamentarians, and civil society members in Seoul, Korea. To maximize Mu Sochua’s visit to Korea, we held an open roundtable inviting the public to hear first hand about the recent general elections as well as the CNRP’s flight for democracy in Cambodia. A Cambodia scholar from within Korea was invited to give a presentation on his recent visit and research on the general elections to complement Mu Sochua’s presentation.

Approximately 40 people attended the roundtable, mostly students and civil society activists. In addition, Cambodia migrant workers also came to participate. The significance of their participation was that it allowed us to



hear their perspective on advocating for Cambodia's democracy from abroad and how they are working together to bring change to their country.

We received good feedback from the participants stating that they appreciated the roundtable, as they were able to listen to different perspectives and learn about the current situation inside Cambodia. Many expressed that they did not know about the dire situation in the country. The workshop was a success as it increased awareness as well as strengthened partnership with our local ADN partners. This was the first time



working with our ADN members based in Seoul and during our feedback meeting we acknowledged the value and agreed to hold more collaborative programs. Korea's civil society's outreach for international solidarity is very weak and narrow, through working with ADN we are able to mutually benefit in advocacy

for democracy in Asia.

This event was also our first time working with APHR, it was appropriate timing as ADN is currently exploring to expand our work with parliamentarians and political parties. Since the dialogue, we have continued dialogue to collaborate on future programs.

Supporting the Dalit Movement | Kathmandu, Nepal (August 13, 2018)

The ADN was invited to participate in solidarity in the Samata Foundation's Darnal Award for Social Justice the 2nd Biennial International Awards ceremony. It allowed for increased visibility of the ADN and an opportunity to engage with regional actors involved in the rights for Dalits.

Developing a New Democracy Narrative in Asia | Kathmandu, Nepal (August 14, 2018)

In Kathmandu, Nepal ADN co-hosted a side event with the Asia Democracy Research Network (ADRN) to have a preliminary discussion on ADN's South Asia Democratic Unity initiative and developing a new democracy narrative in Asia. It was mainly attended by key ADN-ADRN members in Nepal. Both networks gave respective updates on progress and activities as well discussed future collaboration.



dynamics and situation. Through the participation in the symposium it allowed for expanding partners in the sub-region.

Strengthening Democratic Unity Among Electoral Leaders | Colombo, Sri Lanka (August 27, 2018)

At ANFREL's sponsored 4th Asian Electoral Stakeholders Forum (AESF IV) held in Colombo, Sri Lanka, ADN initiated an effort to strengthen democratic unity among Electoral Management Bodies (EMBs) in Asia by coordinating a meeting between four major EMBs of stable and advanced democratic countries. Mainly, the NEC of Republic of Korea, Bawaslu of Indonesia, KPU of Indonesia, CNE of Timor-Leste, and the ECS Elections Commission of Sri Lanka to meet with the Sri Lanka President--H.E Maithripala Sirisena for suggestions and to receive moral support for the initiation. The initiative was well received and was given the blessing to push thru with the agenda. It was decided at the meeting that the EMBs will soon organize a future agenda to support neighboring countries to their endeavor to improve their electoral conditions. However, with the political instability in Sri Lanka, the future initiative was placed on hold.



Documentary Screening: Me Vang Nha (When Mother's Away) | Seoul, Korea (September 19, 2018)

In collaboration with Manila based VOICE, ADN held a documentary screening of “When Mother’s Away” in Seoul, Korea. The screening was a pre-release of the documentary to raise awareness of the case of Mother Mushroom in Vietnam and the current state of restrictions to freedom of expression and assembly. This was a part of the global campaign for the release of Mother Mushroom.

Many students and activists attended the screening actively participated in the discussion after the documentary. South Korea being a popular destination to study abroad from many Asian countries, there were many study abroad students from Vietnam attending the screening. The takeaway from the screening was the fruitful discussions at the end. The Vietnamese students brought in an interesting perspective in regards to the movement for fundamental freedoms in the country.

It was a good opportunity to realize differences in perspectives and start the conversation among Vietnamese youth on the various movements in Vietnam.



Seoul Peace Forum (SCF) 2018 | Seoul, Korea (September 20, 2018)

The ADN secretariat was invited to participate in the Seoul Peace Forum under the theme of the Sustainable Development Goals and the Right to Peace in the Korean Peninsula and beyond. Kyung Hee University, Seoul Metropolitan Government, the National Human Rights Commission of Republic of Korea, and the Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA) organized the forum.

ADN participated in this conference in the capacity of the local steering committee for the Pyeong Chang Global Peace Forum 2019, organized by Gangwon Province in Korea. ADN as a local steering committee member is responsible for advising and bringing in the Asia regional component to the global forum.

III. ENGAGEMENT IN GLOBAL AND NATIONAL PROCESSES

Ninth Global Assembly – World Movement for Democracy Assembly- Building Strategic Partnership for Democratic Renewal | Dakar, Senegal (May, 6-9, 2018)

The World Movement for Democracy held its 9th Global Assembly in Dakar, Senegal from May 6-9, 2018. The assembly invited global democracy advocates and champions to discuss democracy under the theme “Building Strategic Partnership for Democratic Renewal.” At the Assembly, the ADN organized an Asia regional session on “Strengthening Democratic Unity in Asia.” Democracy advocates from Asia were invited to discuss ways and strategies to establish regional cooperation to progress democratic norms and order. The session streamed the discussion to find a way to promote and defend democracy in Asia through involving different stakeholders and how support can be provided in times of crisis to increase people’s confidence in democracy through the redesigning of the narrative and norms of democracy.

ADN/KDF Asia Democracy Conference “Peace and Democracy – Democratic Transitions and Social Integration in Asia” | Colombo, Sri Lanka (August 24-25, 2018)

The Asia Democracy Network partnered with the Korea Democracy Foundation to hold an annual Asia Democracy Conference as a platform to integrate and discuss current democracy challenges through activism and research. The program has become a space for preliminary research to be proposed and discussed amongst scholars and activists. The first conference was implemented in 2017 in Jakarta, Indonesia and this year, 2018, it was held in Colombo, Sri Lanka to kick start ADN’s South Asia Democratic Unity initiative.



The theme of the conference was “Peace and Democracy – Democratic Transition and Social Integration” and aimed to share and discuss experiences of political, social, and economic situations due to democratic transitions and the challenges it brings. Speakers from Sri Lanka, the Philippines, Nepal, and Malaysia were invited to present.

The Republic of Korea's Ambassador to Sri Lanka gave closing remarks and the KOICA representative to Sri Lanka opened the conference. This provided an excellent opportunity for ADN to establish closer relations with the ROK government and its development agency.

World Democracy Movement, International Symposium on “Reviving Democratic Commitments: Strengthening Citizenship and Institutions” | Seoul, Republic of Korea (September 13-14, 2018)

The World Movement for Democracy held an International Symposium on “Reviving Democratic Commitments: Strengthening Citizenship and Institutions” in Seoul, Korea from September 13-14, 2018. The ADN secretariat was participate in the symposium which was organized by the World Movement for Democracy in collaboration with the Korea Foundation. The symposium was to examine in depth the Candlelight Movement's experience and impact on revitalizing democratic citizens and strengthening democratic institutions. ADN assisted organizing the youth roundtable discussion in collaboration with Korea University. About 20 students participated in the roundtable discussion workshop and had exclusive dialogues with the international participants of the symposium, sharing their thoughts and experience on the candlelight movements and its implication on the prominent citizens' movements around the world.



World Human Rights Cities Forum| Gwangju, South Korea (October 18-20, 2018)

In collaboration with the Asia Development Alliance, UCLG, Gwangju In collaboration



with the Asia Development Alliance, UCLG, Gwangju Metropolitan City Government, Korean Association of Human Rights Studies (KAHRS), Asia Development Alliance (ADA), United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG) Committee on Social Inclusion, Participatory Democracy and Human Right (CSIPDH, HR Committee) and Korea International Cooperation

Agency (KOICA), ADN co-organized two workshops under the theme of “Localizing SDGs and Peace in Human Rights Cities” at the World Human Rights Cities Forum held in Gwangju, Korea from October 18-20, 2018.

ADN assisted organizing the workshop called “International Human Rights Cities Network (HRC-Net) Workshop” under the theme of “Localizing SDGs and Peace in the Human Rights City - Pathways for Peaceful, Just, Inclusive and Sustainable Communities.”

The workshop was attended by approximately 60+ participants from all across the globe. Mainly it was a space for exchange of best practices and challenges in implementing the human rights cities concept.

In our efforts to promote and defend democracy across Asia, it requires taking different approaches. ADN has recognized that strengthening and promoting local governance and democracy is also an avenue to promote and defend democracy from the ground up. The WHRCF platform as a point where actors gather to discuss human rights cities and local governance and ADN leading that discussion, it allows us to expand our network and build the discourse.



Human Rights Festival | Wonosobo, Indonesia | November 13-15, 2019

The largest Human Rights Festival in Indonesia celebrated by multiple stakeholders took place in Wonosobo, Central Java. The event was hosted by INFID, National Human Rights Commission (Komnasham), Presidential Staff Office (KSP), and Wonosobo's local government. The event was titled "Nurturing diversity, enhance solidarity, towards Indonesia inclusive and just". The event was comprehensive of diverse forums and topics, inter-faith dialogues, as well as cultural, and art performances allowing for all to participate in the event. ADN and INFID took part in targeting local government/administration to further promote human rights and to establish a direct connection to the people in the grass-root to foster future direct democracy promotion.



2018 Asia-Pacific Regional Meeting of the Open Government Partnership | Seoul, Republic of Korea (November 19, 2018)



The Open Government Partnership (OGP) held its annual Asia-Pacific Regional Meeting under the theme "Promoting Democracy, Improving Governance, Renewing Trust" in Seoul, Korea from November 5-6, 2018 in partnership with the Government of the Republic of Korea. As ADN is represented as a steering committee member of the OGP, the

secretariat was approached to implement a session during the regional meeting. ADN in collaboration with the Asia Development Alliance (ADA) organized a panel titled "Strengthening Governance through Inclusivity: Integration of Leaving No One Behind in the Sustainable Development Agenda."



The main objectives of the session were as follows:

- Review concepts and tools for inclusive sustainable development planning
- Share and exchange opportunities and challenges in implementing the SDGs and how to create synergies
- Exchange best practices on how to align policies, resources, institutions and legislation in support of inclusivity when implementing SDGs

The session was moderated by ADN Secretary-General, Ichal Supriadi with the following panelists:

1. Elodie Beth, Program Advisor, Transparency, Accountability and Anti-Corruption, Governance and Peace building Team of the UNDP Bangkok Regional Hub
2. Chae Gun Chung, Head, UN Project Office on Governance, Works on Strengthening Capacities of Public Administration to Translate SDGs
3. Slamet Soedarsono, Deputy Minister, Ministry of National Planning and Development/ BAPPENAS
4. Katherine Yee, Regional Advocacy and External Engagement Manager, World Vision
5. Yunhui Hong, Representative, Muui – Making Disability Meaningless



Leading up to the preparations for ADN's Ulaanbaatar Democracy Forum (UBDF) on SDG 16 the OGP platform was a good opportunity to promote ADN's initiatives, such as the UBDF, on promoting and furthering the democracy agenda in Asia through the Sustainable

Development Goals. Through this panel we were able to get a glimpse of the respective processes various stakeholders, national institutions, international institutions, and non-government organizations, are implementing to implement and monitor the SDGs to enhance inclusivity and good governance.

Bali Democracy Forum (BDF) | Nusa Dua Bali, Indonesia (December 6-7, 2018)

The Bali Democracy Forum (BDF) is an intergovernmental forum with the aim to develop democracy in the Asia-Pacific region that was first initiated by the Indonesian government in 2008. There has been criticism on the impact and effectiveness of the forum with its lack of addressing democracy and human rights concerns in the region in the presence of leaders from undemocratic countries. The Forum annually implements three tracks; the BDF Ministerial Meeting, Bali Civil Society and Media Forum (BCSMF), and the Bali Democracy Students Conference (BDSC). The respective themes for the tracks were as follows:

- A. BDF Ministerial: *Democracy for Prosperity* – The theme focused on furthering the discussions to pertinent issues such as economic justice initiatives and how through innovation we can attain equality and sustainability.
- B. BCSCF – *Democracy Disfigured and the Prospect of Prosperity*
- C. BDSF – *Democracy for Prosperity: The Youth Perspective*

Despite the criticism of the BDF, the ADN engaged this year in the procession of the forum as a civil society representative of the region to strategically engage with the government of Indonesia and deepen our relationship to progress our initiatives. With the Secretary General present at the forum, provided an opportunity to engage with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Indonesia and was requested to continue cooperation with the Ministry to play a role in the 2019 Bali Democracy Forum.

With ADN's current initiatives to strengthen democratic unity among democratic nations in Asia, this provided a good line of communication with the MoFA. Subsequently, the SG has frequented meetings with the Indonesian MoFA to strengthen relationship with ADN.



IV. COUNTRY BASED ENGAGEMENT

World Bank-International Monetary Fund Annual Meeting in Bali – Civil Society Policy Forum (CSPF) | Bali, Indonesia (October 9-11, 2018)



ADN started its engagement with world financial institutions by attending the annual meeting of the International Monetary Fund and World Bank 2018 held in Bali, Indonesia Oct 9-13, 2018 at its Civil Society Policy Forum.

[The annual IMF-WB meeting 2018](#) was hosted by the Indonesian government and the [Civil Society Policy Forum](#) held

respectively to increase CSO engagement on financial and development issues.

The Annual Meeting of the Boards of Governors of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and the World Bank Group (WBG) brought together central bankers, ministers of finance and development, parliamentarians, private sector executives, representatives from civil society organizations and academics to discuss issues of global concern, including the world economic outlook, poverty eradication, economic development, and aid effectiveness. Also featured are seminars, regional briefings, press conferences, and many other events focused on the global economy, international development, and the world's financial system.

Engagement of CSOs were encouraged and prioritized as CSOs were given two plenaries sessions to interact. They were mainly the IMF-CSO roundtable meeting and WBG – CSO discussions. This was a good start to start and continues the engagement between civil society and the financial sector to make sense how human rights and democracy relations can align with financial institutions and possibly identify an initial plan to connect within it.

Prior to the WB-IMF meeting, ADN in partnership with INFID and Indonesian CSOs co-hosted a side event from October 8-10, 2018 called “the People Summit on alternative development, from the past to the future.” The forum was aimed to formulate civil society’s approach and engagement with the finance sector and government, amid of the criticism for past bad debt that harm human rights and democracy, to progress accountability and promotion of democracy and human rights through cooperation.

People Summit on Alternative Development: Voices on Equality and Justice: From the Past to the Future | Bali, Indonesia (October 8-10, 2018)

On the sidelines of the WB-IMF annual meeting in Bali, Indonesia, a side-meeting was organized among several international CSOs to discuss civil society engagement to world financial institutions. This discussion was time appropriate as currently many institutions have a negative track record for their policy's on development that impacted human rights. The forum was attended by various Asian countries and the outcome was presented to the World Bank and the IMF chair during the official Annual meeting. ADN took part as co-host with our Indonesian partners.



Public Discussion on “Tolerance, Human Rights and the Grassroots Movement | Jakarta, Indonesia (December 12, 2018)

A public discussion in Jakarta, Indonesia on “Tolerance, Human Rights, and the Grassroots Movement” was co-hosted by ADN, National Human Rights Commission (Komnasham) of the Republic of Indonesia, and the Gusdurian Network Indonesia (GNI) to address rising intolerance in Asia. It was opened by the chair of Komnasham—Ahmad Taufan Damanik, and moderated by Moh. Nurkhoiron. The open discussion was well attended with over 15 participants from various organizations and the press in attendance.

Komnas HAM recommends that a global and regional action must be encouraged and implemented in order to empower institutions and individuals at the grassroots level to foster and promote tolerance within local communities.





Diskusi Publik Toleransi, HAM, & Gerakan Akar Rumput

PEMBICARA

Beka Ulung Hapsara
(Anggota Komnas HAM 2017-2022)

Kertas Posisi Komnas HAM Terkait Intoleransi dalam Perspektif HAM

Alissa Wahid
(Jaringan Gusdurian Indonesia, Pemirsa Asian Democracy & Human Rights Award 2018)

Gerakan Akar Rumput dalam Mempromosikan HAM & Toleransi

Ichal Supriadi
(Sekjen Asia Democracy Network, Bangkok)

Intoleransi, Radikalisme, dan Strategi Penanganannya Melalui Pengung Media Publik

Sakdiyah Ma'ruf
(Komika)

Intoleransi dan Gerakan Demokrasi di Asia

MODERATOR
Muhammad Nurkholron
(Anggota Komnas HAM 2012-2017)

Senin,
17 Desember 2018
09.00 - 13.00 WIB

Ruang Pleno Utama
Kantor Komnas HAM
Jl. Lathuhari No.4-B,
Menteng, Jakarta Pusat

NGOs Dialogues: Fostering Democracy in Malaysia, Indonesia & Beyond | Jakarta, Indonesia | December 19, 2018.

The event was co-hosted by ADN, INFID, Bersih 2.0 and Korea Democracy Foundation (KDF) back-to-back with the Study visit of the Malaysian NGOs to Indonesia. The event attended by 4 Malaysia CSOs and Dozens of Indonesian CSOs, Press, and International agencies the participant involved exchange on the current Malaysia. During the discussion Malaysian and Indonesian have a better understanding on the ongoing transition process in Malaysia, and the recent democracy development in Indonesia. the CSOs from both countries were agree to fostering democracy together through meaningful cooperation and continues knowledge exchange in the future.



V. ENGAGEMENT WITH GOVERNMENT INSTITUTIONS

In parallel to strengthening democratic solidarity, one of ADN's key strategies is to initiate and lead the democratic unity movement among democratic states in the Asia region. It is vital to work with like-minded government actors in the region to enhance the movement and mainstream democracy. Therefore, ADN have been engaging various like-minded governments to start the coalition.

The following departments at the Government of the Republic of Indonesia was engaged:

Indonesian Ministry of Foreign Affairs: Various Department of the ministers has been visited such as

- Director of Human Rights
- Director of Economic, Socio cultural and Development Rights
- Director of Southeast Asia.
- Director of Public Diplomacy

Indonesian Ministry of National Development Planning | Bappenas: Kementerian Perencanaan Pembangunan Nasional/Badan Perencanaan Pembangunan Nasional is a Indonesian central government institution, which is responsible for formulating national development planning and budgeting (annual, five-years, and long term). BAPPENAS is also responsible for coordinating the international development (bilateral, unilateral and multilateral) cooperation.

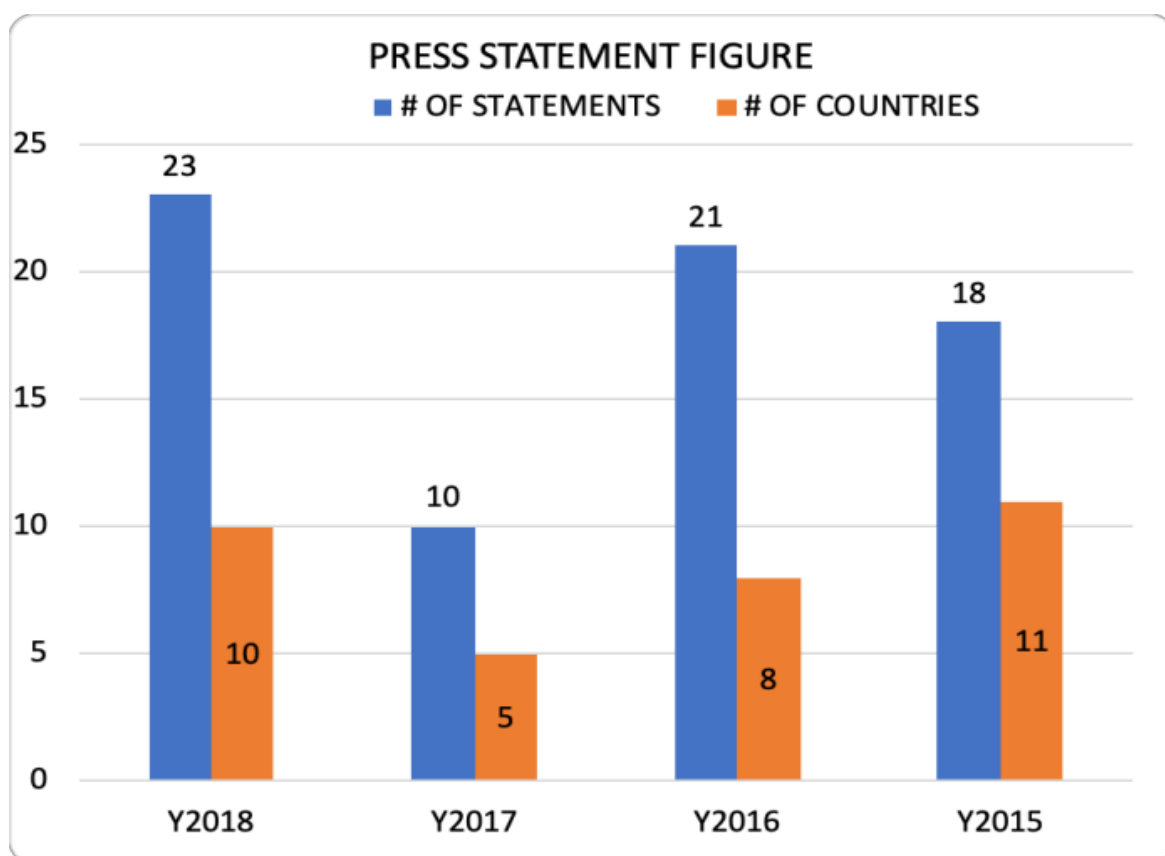
Coordinating Ministry of Politics, Law, and Security | is the Indonesian government ministry in charge of planning and policy co-ordination, as well as synchronization of policies in the field of politics, law, and security. Kemenkopolkukam is led by a Coordinating Minister for Political, Law, and Security.

Nahdlatul Ulama | Founded in 1926 is the largest Muslim organization in Indonesia, with an estimated membership of 30 million to support education, cultural engagement, and socioeconomic development rooted in Islamic principles of justice, diversity, and tolerance. NU is a strong advocate against radical Islam and argues that Indonesia needs to build a national identity that includes all religious groups. However, NU has been criticized for a 2014 statement that denied the significance of recent religious violence. NU works around the country funding hospitals and schools.



COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLICATIONS

The Asia Democracy Network has been active through various social platforms to get our message across and raise awareness on human rights and democracy issues in the region. ADN manages a website where the public can access resources and information published by the ADN as well as access our member organizations. We are also active on social media platforms such as Instagram and Facebook. Importantly, ADN has delivered the position and voice of the Asia region through its statements and publication. In 2018, ADN produced 22 advocacy statements highlighting 10 Asian countries and global democracy advocacies.



STATEMENTS RELEASED BY ADN BY COUNTRY

AFGHANISTAN

October 24, 2018

[\[STATEMENT\] Afghanistan Parliamentary Elections: Democracy Triumphs But Challenges Ahead to Enhance Democracy Forward](#)

BANGLADESH

August 14, 2018

[\[STATEMENT\] Joint Letter to UN Special Rapporteur on the Rights to Freedom of Peaceful Assembly and Association](#)

August 26, 2018

[\[STATEMENT\] Bangladesh: Must Ensure Basic Freedoms Leading Up to the Elections](#)

December 24, 2018

[\[STATEMENT\] Bangladesh Electoral Integrity in Doubt, Another Threat for the Future of Democracy](#)

PAKISTAN

October 16, 2018

[\[STATEMENT\] PAKISTAN: Rights Activists Detained and Arrested for Taking Part in Peace Rally Must Be Released Immediately](#)

CAMBODIA:

August 20, 2018

[\[STATEMENT\] JOINT STATEMENT: Civil Society Groups Call for the Release of Tep Vanny](#)

August 23, 2018

[\[STATEMENT\] CAMBODIA MUST REMEDY ITS DETERIORATING DEMOCRACY](#)

SRI LANKA

November 13, 2018

[\[STATEMENT\] Sri Lanka Political Struggle Continue: Deeper Democracy Disruption](#)

MALDIVES

September 27, 2018

[\[STATEMENT\] MALDIVES TRIUMPH FOR DEMOCRACY](#)

February 7, 2018

[\[STATEMENT\] Maldives Deepening Political Crisis: Condemnation to the Unlawful state of emergency](#)

THAILAND

June 5, 2018

[JOINT OPEN LETTER TO GENERAL PRAYUT CHAN-O-CHA: CONCERNS REGARDING THE ARREST AND PROSECUTION OF PEACEFUL PROTESTERS](#)

May 24, 2018

[STATEMENT] [Thailand Military Junta Continues to Suppress the Civic Freedom of Association and Assembly: Restoration of Democracy Overdue in Thailand](#)

KOREA

May 2, 2018

[STATEMENT] [Next on the Agenda for the Two Koreas: Democracy and Human Rights](#)

THE PHILIPPINES

May 13, 2018

[STATEMENT] [Deteriorating Democracy in the Philippines: Rule of Law Must Be Upheld](#)

March 16, 2018

[STATEMENT] [Terrorist Labeling of Indigenous Rights and UN Representative Shows Inauspicious State of Human Rights in the Philippines](#)

MALAYSIA

May 11, 2018

[STATEMENT] [DEMOCRACY PREVAILS IN MALAYSIA](#)

GENERAL CAMPAIGNS

May 1, 2018

[\[STATEMENT\] Mayday - Protecting Labor Rights Promotes Human Rights and Democracy](#)

May 10, 2018

[\[STATEMENT\] A Call for Asian Democrats to Foster Unity Through Promoting and Defending Democracy Together](#)

June 14, 2018

[\[STATEMENT\] Asian Youth Calls for Unity and Democracy Renewal in Response to Democracy Challenges in Asia](#)

August 28, 2018

[\[ARTICLE\] The Will of Civil Society to Promote and Defend Democracy in Asia.](#)

November 26, 2018

[\[CIVICUS Statement\] People Power Press Statement Asia and Pacific](#)

December 11, 2018

[\[STATEMENT\] Celebrating International Human Rights Day. Call for More Solidarity to Resolve Human Rights Challenges](#)

FINANCE

Asia Democracy Network Financial Statement Fiscal Year Jan 1, 2018 - Dec 31, 2018

Beginning Balance	\$	215,397
Income:		
Open Society Foundations (OSF)	\$	200,000
National Endowment for Democracy (NED)	\$	100,000
Civicus Monitor	\$	14,000
Total Income	\$	314,000
Expenses:		
1. Operations		
<i>Salaries (3ppl)</i>	\$	99,000
<i>Taxes and Benefits</i>	\$	11,000
<i>Severance</i>	\$	8,200
<i>Consultants</i>	\$	9,000
2. Programmatic Activities		
<i>Empowering Asia 2018 Forum (Youth)</i>	\$	14,000
<i>8th Steering Committee Meeting</i>	\$	10,250
<i>9th Steering Committee Meeting</i>	\$	10,000
<i>Democratic Unity in SA</i>	\$	9,300
<i>Asia Democracy Academy</i>	\$	50,000
<i>Malaysia Democracy Consolidation</i>	\$	30,000
3. Overhead		
<i>Secretariat Quarterly Meetings</i>	\$	9,000
<i>Rent</i>	\$	2,500
<i>Working Meals</i>	\$	1,500
<i>Office Supplies</i>	\$	1,250
<i>Phones</i>	\$	480
<i>Postage</i>	\$	250
<i>Printing</i>	\$	1,300
<i>Website Renewal</i>	\$	4,600
<i>Online Storage, Secure Email</i>	\$	630
<i>Bank Fees</i>	\$	760
<i>Local Travels and Per Diem</i>	\$	2,700
<i>Secretariat Quarterly Meetings</i>	\$	8,460
Total Expenses	\$	284,180
Ending Balance as of 2019.03.22	\$	278,418

STEERING COMMITTEE MEMBER 2018-2019



John Samuel | Convener | Asian Forum for Human Rights and Development (FORUM-ASIA)

John Samuel is the Executive Director of Asian Forum for Human Rights and Development (FORUM-ASIA). He has more than 25 years of experience and expertise in strengthening democratic governance, human rights advocacy, sustainable development and institution building in India, Asia and internationally. His work combined policy research, advocacy capacity building, strategic leadership and social mobilization across the world. He has worked with civil society, government agencies and academic institutions to promote inclusive participation of the marginalized people in governance. He was the Global Head of the Global Programme on Democratic Governance Assessments and Global Democratic Governance Advisor at the UNDP. Prior to joining the UNDP, he was the International Director of Actionaid International, based in Bangkok, leading its global thematic work on just and democratic governance and heading the Asia-pacific region. He helped to establish and served as the Chief Executive of the National Centre of Advocacy Studies in India. Mr. Samuel has a multi-disciplinary academic background. He was a visiting fellow at the Institute of development Studies, University of Sussex and at the Advocacy Institute, Washington. He helped to initiate and develop participatory methodologies and tools such as ELBAG (Economic Literacy and Budget Accountability for Governance) and social audit to promote democratic governance assessment at the grassroots, national and international levels. He has helped to initiate and establish several advocacy and research organizations and civil society alliances, including Infochange, Centre for Budget and Governance Accountability, Centre for Communication and Development Studies, Open-space network of young people, Bodhigram, Asian Media forum, International Social Watch and GCAP(Global Call to Action against Poverty),and Institute for Sustainable Development and Governance. He has published extensively on issues related people-centred advocacy, democratic governance and civil society.



Augusto Miclat | Steering Committee | Global Partnership for the Prevention of Armed Conflict (GPPAC) South East Asia Chapter

Gus Miclat is the Executive Director and Co-Founder of the Initiatives for International Dialogue (IID), an advocacy, conflict prevention and solidarity organization based in the Philippines with campaigns and programs on peace-building and democracy in Southeast Asia particularly on Burma, Mindanao, South Thailand and Timor-Leste. He is also a former journalist, editor, university lecturer, theatre artist and organizer. He was deeply involved in the broad anti-dictatorship and democratic front against the then Martial Law regime of Philippine President Ferdinand Marcos from the mid 1970s up to the late 1980s, and organized the so-called “Middle Forces” and coalitions in Mindanao composed of professionals, lawyers, church people, teachers, journalists, artists, businessmen and politicians. He has been involved in people's diplomacy and international solidarity work since 1985. Gus was a humanities graduate at the Ateneo de Davao University, where he also taught journalism and theatre, among others. He is an editor and contributor to some books, including: “From Boardroom to

the Slums” (1990), “Out of the Valley of Dry Bones” (1990), “Beyond the Cold War” (1992), “Breaking the Silence” (1995), “East Timor for Beginners” (1997), “Primer on Globalization” (1997) and “Burma for Beginners” (1998).



William Gois | Steering Committee | Migrant Forum in Asia (MFA)

William Gois is the Regional Coordinator of Migrant Forum in Asia, a regional network of migrants' organizations, NGOs, advocates, grassroots organizations and trade unions working to promote the rights and wellbeing of migrant workers and members of their families. Over the last twenty years, he has been at the forefront of international advocacy efforts engaging and influencing international and multilateral organisations to promote equitable and fair migration and development policies. He was a Co-Chair of the Civil Society Days of the 2011 Global Forum on Migration and Development (GFMD). He continues to represent MFA in the International Steering Committee of the Civil Society Days of the GFMD. He also chairs the Global Coalition on Migration (GCM), a coalition of regional and global networks of migrant associations and trade unions. William represents MFA in the Steering Committee of the Asia Democracy Network (ADN), a civil society led multi-stakeholders' platform among democracy advocates and human rights defenders dedicated to the strengthening of democracy and Human Rights; Advisory Committee of the International Recruitment Integrity System (IRIS); and in the Leadership Group for Responsible Recruitment of the Institute for Human Rights and Business (IHBR). He also leads and facilitates the engagement of MFA to the Colombo Process and Abu Dhabi Dialogue where MFA as civil a society is officially invited as an observer and works closely with UN Treaty Bodies, with the Office of the High Commissioner on Human Rights (OHCHR) and the Committee on Migrant Workers and other special mandates. He heads a team of MFA members to the International Labour Conference (ILC) of the International Labour Organization to monitor the development of labour migration issues within the ILO framework.



Sugeng Bahagijo | Steering Committee | International NGO Forum on Indonesian Development (INFID)

Mr. Bahagijo is currently the Executive Director of INFID, where he directs a research-advocacy program on inequality, Post-2015 Agenda, and human rights democracy. He was also member of Steering Committee Open Government Partnership (OGP). Sugeng also member of Steering Committee of ADA (Asia Development Alliance). From 2006 to 2007, Mr. Bahagijo served as a policy advisor for Indonesia's Ministry for Social Welfare on mainstreaming poverty reduction and human development. Previously, he was a technical advisor for Ministry for National Planning of Indonesia, and was a visiting fellow at the Institute of Development Studies (IDS), at Sussex University in 2004.



Sook Jong Lee | Steering Committee | Asia Democracy Research Network (ADRN)

Sook Jong Lee is professor of public administration at Sungkyunkwan University and directs the East Asia Collaboration Center inside the University with the support of Korean National Research Foundation. She is Senior Fellow at the East Asia Institute, an independent Seoul-based think tank, and served the Institute as President from 2008 to 2018. She has been directing the Asian Democracy Research Network since its formation in 2015. About nineteen research organizations from the Asian region collaborate to promote democracy under the support of the Washington based National Endowment for Democracy. Dr. Lee also participates in the Trilateral Commission, Council of Councils, and many other transnational networks on research and policy studies. Since 2015, she is serving as a Steering Committee member of the World Movement for Democracy. Her research interests include multilateralism, democracy, and civil societies, focusing on South Korea, Japan, and other East Asian countries. Previously, Dr. Lee was research fellow at the Sejong Institute, visiting fellow at the Brookings Institution, professorial lecturer at the School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS) at Johns Hopkins University, and visiting fellow at the German Institute for Global and Area Studies. Her recent publications include *Transforming Global Governance with Middle Power Diplomacy: South Korea's Role in the 21st Century* (ed. 2016), *Keys to Successful Presidency in South Korea* (ed. 2013 and 2016), *Korea's Role in Global Governance for Development Cooperation* (ed. 2012), *Public Diplomacy and Soft Power in East Asia* (eds. 2011), *Japan and East Asia: Regional Cooperation and Community Building* (eds. 2011), and *Toward Managed Globalization: The Korean Experience* (eds. 2010). She published numerous articles in both Korean and international academic journals. Dr. Lee received her Ph.D. in sociology from Harvard University.



Dr. Netra Prasad Timsina | Steering Committee | People's SAARC | SAAPE

Netra Prasad Timsina is Regional Coordinator of South Asia Alliance for Poverty Eradication (SAAPE), a regional network of mass base organizations such as peasant rights organizations, women rights and labor rights organization, human rights organizations, academic institutions and critical intellectuals of South Asia. He is also coordinator of People's SAARC- a regional common platform of people's of South Asia. Netra is former president of NGO Federation of Nepal, a national platform of CSOs of Nepal. He obtained post graduate degree (PhD) from the University of Reading, UK in 2003.



Chandanie Watawala | Steering Committee | Asian Network for Free Elections (ANFREL)

She is the Executive Director of the Asian Network for Free Elections (ANFREL). She has been involved in organizing several of ANFREL's election observation missions as Mission Coordinator, and was the manager in charge of Myanmar office from June 2015 to August 2016. She has been participating in international election observation missions since 2007 and has observed 15 elections. Prior to her work in ANFREL, she has been with different organizations. She started her NGO activism in Sri Lanka as a National Human Rights Coordinator to Caritas Sri Lanka (SEDEC), a Program Associate for the Southeast Asia Program of Forum Asia, and as a Fund Raising Adviser at the Voluntary Service Overseas (VSO). She concurrently serves as a Steering Committee Member of Asian Democracy Network (ADN), an umbrella organization of various regional networks in Asia.



Soeung Saroeun | Steering Committee | Asia Development Alliance (ADA)

Mr. Soeung Saroeun is the Executive Director of a longest and largest membership organization in Cambodia namely the Cooperation Committee for Cambodia (CCC), a longest and largest membership-based organization in Cambodia. Mr. Saroeun is a co-founder and former Vice Chair of Transparency International Cambodia. At national level, on behalf of CCC, Mr. Saroeun is a member of Partnership & Harmonization Technical Working Group (TWG) of Council for Development of Cambodia (CDC), a member of Decentralization and Deconcentration TWG of Ministry of Interior (MoI), a member of Poverty Reduction and Planning TWG of Ministry of Planning (MoP), and a member of Public Administrator Reform TWG of the Ministry of Civil Servant (MCS), and he is a Co-chair of Working Group between General Tax Department and Associations/NGOs, Ministry of Economic and Finance. At the regional and international levels, Mr. Saroeun is the Co-Convener of Asia Development Alliance (ADA)-a regional forum of national development CSO platforms in Asia on UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), and Steering Committee member of Asia Democracy Network (ADN). He is also the Vice President of Forus -an innovative global network of over 22000 organizations, empowering for effective social change. He used to serve as a Regional Coordinator for Beyond 2015 in Asia for the co-creation of UN's Sustainable Development Goals. Mr. Saroeun holds BBA and MBA in General Management from local Universities, and graduated Master of Art in Peacebuilding from Coventry University (UK).



Tur-Od Lkhagvajav | Steering Committee | Mongolia Democracy Network | Mongolia

TUR-OD Lkhagvajav is the Open Government Partnership (OGP, www.opengovpartnership.org) Steering Committee member for Asia and Pacific since 2017. He is Co-Convenor & Steering Committee member of Asia Democracy Network (www.adn21.asia) since 2016, and was elected as the PWYP Global Council Member for 2016-2019 (www.publishwhatyoupay.org) - EITI's civil society platform. He is Co-Founder & President of Transparency International (www.transparency.org) – Mongolia National Chapter.

Tur-Od holds several leading civil society positions, including as member of the National OGP Task Force and National Council for EITI (Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative), and an elected member of Coordinating Council for Publish What You Pay/PWYP – Coalition of 30 Mongolian NGOs. Since 2013 was the first Country Facilitator for LOGIN – Local Governance Initiative and Network for South and East Asia. He is founding Chair of the Mongolian Foundation for Democracy and first Convenor/Secretary General of Mongolia Democracy Foundation & Network. Since July 2015 as first Dean and Executive Secretary of the Transparent Ulaanbaatar Academy and Director of the Institute for Deliberative Democracy. He was appointed by the President of Mongolia as member and elected Chairman of the Public Supervisory Board at the Independent Authority Against Corruption during 2014 - 2017. He was National Coordinator for 11th Asia-Europe People's Forum (www.aepf.info), and currently the International Organizing Committee member for 12th AEPF within the ASEM (www.aseminfoboard.org) process.

Tur-Od, after his initial legal studies at the Law School, National University of Mongolia, graduated from the National Law School of India University (NLSIU) with BA., LL.B. (Honours) degree. He received his Master of Laws (LLM) in Law and Development degree with Merit from the University of London (SOAS/UCL), the United Kingdom.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE 2018-2019



Dr. Nimalka FERNANDO | Sri Lanka

Dr Nimalka Fernando is a lawyer and social activist. She served as the president of the International Movement Against All Forms of Discrimination and Racism (IMADR) till recently. She is a member of the Women's Political Academy (Sri Lanka) an institute pioneered by her. She has been involved for over 35 years with several women's networks both national and regional on peace, security and human rights issues and democratic, social and economic rights of South Asian citizens(SAAPE and People's SAARC). She is presently a member of Women's Rights Network in South Asia focusing on women , peace and security. She is a well known democratic activist in Sri Lanka and bears a reputation as a human rights defender globally. She is also a commissioner of the Office on Missing Persons in Sri Lanka.



Sushil PYAKUREL | Nepal

He is the former Commissioner of Nepal's National Human Rights Commission (NHRC), and founder of the Nepalese human rights organization INSEC. Since the peace agreement was signed last year 2006 Nov, Mr. Pyakurel has been engaged in raising national and international attention on the issue of Past Human Rights violation and Impunity as well as transitional justice mechanism. Mr. Pyakurel played a lead role in the movement for the establishment of National Human Rights Commission 1996-2000 in Nepal. He was appointed as a commissioner at the first National Human Rights Institution, NHRC representing the Civil Society in 2000. Currently, Mr. Pyakurel is Chair of Alliance for Social Dialogue, (ASD). As the most respected and distinguished human rights defender in Nepal, he is lobbying towards addressing the avoidance of impunity and accountability in capacity of the President of the Accountability Watch Committee (AWC) a collective initiative of civil society against Impunity. Mr. Pyakurel is the winner of Gwangju Prize for Human Rights in 2010.



Jose Luis "Chito" GASCON | The Philippines

Jose Luis Martin "Chito" Gascon was appointed Chairperson of the Human Rights Commission of the Philippines in 2015; and his term will last until 2022. He has been active in public and government service for more than 30 years, at one time holding positions at the Department of Education and Office of the President, both as Undersecretary, and had most recently served as member of the Human Rights Violations Victims Claims Board. He is the youngest member of both the Constitutional Commission that drafted the 1987 Philippine Constitution and the 8th Philippine Congress. He served as Panel Member at Peace Negotiations with the National Democratic Front (NDF) from 2001-2004 and was the Chairperson from 2010-2014 of the Government's Human Rights Monitoring Committee (GPhMC) of that peace process within the framework of the Comprehensive Agreement on Respect for Human Rights and International Humanitarian Law (CARHRIHL). His continuing reform advocacies are in the areas of human rights, access to justice and the rule of law, transparency and accountability initiatives, political and electoral reforms, peace and conflict transformation, people's participation and civic education, and state building in the context of democratic transitions. He holds a

bachelor's degree in philosophy and law from the University of the Philippines, and a master of law (LLM) degree specializing in International Law (Human Rights, Law of Peace, and Settlement of International Disputes) from Cambridge University as a member of St. Edmund's College through a joint British Chevening and Cambridge Overseas Trust Scholarship. He has received recognition for his reform efforts, including the Benigno S. Aquino Fellowship for Public Service in 2001, the Asian Public Intellectual Fellowship in 2007 and the Asian Leadership Fellowship in 2008.



Dr. Michael KAU | Taiwan

Dr. Kau is currently a Senior Fellow at the Taiwan Foundation for Democracy, a non-profit national think tank devoted to the study and promotion of democracy and human rights. Previously, he served as Taiwan's Representative to the European Union, and was Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs and founding President of the Taiwan Foundation for Democracy. Born and raised in Taiwan, Dr. Kau studied political science at National Taiwan University and earned his PH. D. degree in comparative politics and international relations at Cornell University. He had a long and distinguished academic career in the United States, before returning to Taiwan to serve in government. He was a Professor of Political Science and Director of the East Asian Security Program at Brown University for over thirty years, during which he also served as faculty advisor to various East Asian programs /centers at Columbia, Cornell, and Harvard Universities.

Anselmo Lee | South Korea



He is Adjunct Professor at Graduate School of Public Policy and Civic Engagement at Kyunghee University since 2008. (Global governance, human rights, SDGs, etc.) Internationally, he is one of the founders and senior advisers to the Asia Development Alliance (ADA), a regional forum of national development CSO platforms in Asia on UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and Asia Democracy Network (ADN). He used to be a board member of CIVICUS, World Alliance for Citizens' Participation (2013-2015). In Korea, he has been Executive Director of the Korea Human Rights Foundation (KHRF) from 2010 to 2017. He is a member of Human Rights Experts Committee of the Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA) and Policy Committee of Korea NGO Council for Overseas Development Cooperation (KCOC). He used to be Chair of the Steering Committee of Korea Civil Society Forum on International Development Cooperation (KoFID).

Previously he as civil servant worked for the National Human Rights Commission of Korea (NHRCK) as Director General in charge of policy and education (2008-2010). He also served as Executive Director of Asian Forum for Human Rights and Development (FORUM-ASIA), a Bangkok-based regional human right NGO (2005-2008.4) after working in Geneva for 8 years (1997-2004) as Secretary General of International Catholic Movement for Intellectual and Cultural Affairs (ICMICA)-Pax Romana, global network of Catholic professionals and intellectuals committed to social justice, human rights and peace. He majored in sociology at the Seoul National University and got the master degree in sociology from Catholic University of Korea in 2005.



Dr. Hyung-Sik Shin | South Korea

Dr. Shin is currently an Adjunct Professor of Pukyong National Univ. He has previously held positions as director of planning, director of memorial project, director of education and training, director of planning & public relations department, and director of planning & coordination department at the Korea Democracy Foundation. Dr. Shin worked for Asia Democracy Network as Secretary General from founding assembly Autumn 2013 until December 2015. He received his B.A. in Sociology from Seoul National University, and received M.A. and Ph.D in Political Science from Kyonggi University.

SECRETARIAT



Ichal Supriadi | Secretary-General | Indonesia

Ichal Supriadi is currently the Secretary-General of the Asia Democracy Network and based in Bangkok, Thailand. Previous to his current position he worked as the Executive Director of the Asian Network for Free Elections (ANFREL). He attended over 30 international elections observation mission in the Asian countries since 1998. He first engaged with the Indonesian student movement, and then joined the Independent elections monitoring committee (KIPP) as district coordinator in 1998, later he held the position as executive director on the province level in 2003 before he joined ANFREL in 2016. He actively engages in the democracy movement and is the co-founder of Democracy Watch Indonesia (2001), co-founder of INDEPT Indonesia (2012). He obtained his Master's in Human Rights from Mahidol University, Thailand.



Soo Yon Suh | Program Manager | South Korea

Ms. Soo Yon Suh is currently the Program Manager at the Asia Democracy Network (ADN). Since 2013, Ms. Suh has been coordinating various advocacy projects and initiatives promoting democracy and human rights regionally in Asia at the ADN. Ms. Suh's previous posts include the Korea Human Rights Foundation (KHRF) and the National Human Rights Commission of Korea (NHRCK). She received her Master's in Korean (Area Studies: Korean Peninsula) from the University of Hawaii at Manoa completing the National Security Education Program's (NSEP) Language Flagship Program and her Bachelor's from the University of Illinois at Chicago in Political Science. She is currently based in Seoul, Korea.



Inae Joo | Program Administrative Officer | South Korea

Inae Joo is the Program Administrative Officer at the Asia Democracy Network Secretariat in Seoul. Prior to joining ADN, she worked as a research assistant at Sogang Graduate School of International Studies, International Relations department. She held position at the Salzburg Global Seminar as a program intern, in Salzburg, Austria. Ms. Joo received her Bachelor's degree in International Relations at the Keimyung Adams College and her Master's degree in International Relations from Sogang Graduate School of International Studies.

DONORS | PARTNERS

Open Society Foundation | OSF



The Open Society Foundations work to build vibrant and tolerant societies whose governments are accountable and open to the participation of all people. The OSF seek to strengthen the rule of law; respect for human rights, minorities, and a diversity of opinions; democratically elected governments; and a civil society that helps keep government power in check. The OSF works in every part of the world, the Open Society Foundations place a high priority on protecting and improving the lives of people in marginalized communities.

National Endowment for Democracy | NED

www.ned.org



The National Endowment for Democracy (NED) is a private, non-profit foundation dedicated to the growth and strengthening of democratic institutions around the world. Each year, NED makes more than 1,000 grants to support the project of non-governmental groups abroad who are working for democratic goals in more than 90 countries.

Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Republic of Korea

www.mofa.go.kr/ENG



the MOFA was inaugurated according to the government organization act enacted by the Government of the Republic of Korea on July 17, 1948, to be in charge of diplomacy, external economic policy, overseas Korean nationals, International situation analysis and overseas [promotional affairs. The MOFA has been actively engage and supportive to the global democratic promotions through intergovernmental bodies, international Non Government organization and global recognized platforms.

Korea Democracy Foundation
www.kdemo.or.kr

민주화운동기념사업회
Korea Democracy Foundation

The Korea Democracy Foundation (KDF) was established to contribute to the development of democracy by carrying out projects to memorialize the democratization movement and inherit its spirit in accordance with the Korea Democracy Foundation Act(Act 6495) passed into legislation on June 28, 2001. The KDF carries out support projects and arranges events to develop democracy movement, such as the establishment and operation of the Korea Democracy Memorial Hall. It also collects, digitizes, manages, and researches documents for the historical organization of the democratization movement as well as the democratization movement artifacts preservation, management and publicization. Especially, by the president Moon Jae-in's statement "to actively support the construction of the Democracy and Human Rights Memorial Hall" at the 31st anniversary ceremony of the June 10 Democratic Uprising in 2018, the construction project has been accelerated on the place of the former Anticommunist Office of the National Police Agency in Namyongdong, Seoul(presently, Human Rights Center of the National Police Agency).

Community of Democracies

<https://community-democracies.org>



The Community of Democracies (CoD) is a global intergovernmental coalition comprised of the Governing Council Member States that support adherence to common democratic values and standards outlined in the Warsaw Declaration. The CoD is represented in the international fora by the elected Secretary General. Since its establishment in 2000, the Community of Democracies gradually developed from a conference initiative into a global intergovernmental coalition of democratic states and a multi-stakeholder platform for dialogue and discussion. The Community of Democracies provides Member States with **a forum in which to work together to learn from each other and identify global priorities for diplomatic action to advance and defend democracy**, including through collective diplomatic action at the UN and in other multilateral fora. In addition to facilitating joint diplomatic action, the Community provides an international forum that **facilitates mutual dialogue, learning, and exchange of experiences among Members**.

Badan Pengawas Pemilu (Electoral Supervisory Body)
Republic of Indonesia.

www.bawaslu.go.id



Bawaslu is one of the independent electoral management bodies of the Republic of Indonesia with mandate to supervise electoral implementation. A new composition of the Bawaslu commissioner are actively engage in the promotion of democracy, electoral justice and knowledge exchange of the CSOs and elections stakeholders, including provide resources to further establishment of the Democracy Academy/education.