**Projected Attendance**: 100 px,

**Language**: English

**Workshop Description:** This Workshop is being co-organised by [Asia Justice and Rights](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?t=x47kfwxab.0.0.f7lr9edab.0&id=preview&r=3&p=http%3A%2F%2Fasia-ajar.org%2F)(AJAR),a regional non profit organization based in Indonesia with offices in Jakarta, Dili and Yangon and a residential human rights training centre in Bali and [Bridges Across Borders South East Asia Community Legal Education Initiative](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?t=x47kfwxab.0.0.f7lr9edab.0&id=preview&r=3&p=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.babseacle.org) (BABSEACLE) and the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR). These sessions will address current and pressing human rights issues and involve in depth discussions on steps to moving forward to improve the current human rights situation in the region. Each of the three areas to be covered in the workshop relates to one of AJAR’s core programs, focused on addressing mass human rights violations in contexts of transitions to democracy in the Asia Pacific region.

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| **Time** | **Session Title and Details** |
| 8:30am - 8:45am | **Registration** |
| 8:45am-9:00am | **Welcome Address and Opening of the Asia Pro Bono Exchange** |
| 9:00am-11:00am | **Session I:** **Transitional Justice:**  In this session we will introduce the transitional justice framework and how it is applied, and explore some of the challenges in the region through a TJ lens and AJAR’s work. Mechanisms such as the International Criminal Court, hybrid courts, national courts, truth and reconciliation commissions, civil society led initiatives, reparations programs for victims and reform programs will be explored drawing on specific regional experiences and examples of the transitions in in Indonesia, Timor Leste, Sri Lanka, Cambodia and Myanmar. |
| 11:00am-11:30am | **Morning Refreshment** |
| 11:30am-12:30pm | **Session II: Gender Based Violence:**  This session will explore the approaches that can be taken to address mass gender-based violations, including AJAR’s recent multi year program in four Asian countries. This will include an introduction to a range tools developed to assist in working with victims of gender based violations and examples drawn from helping to build women victim’s networks in Indonesia, Timor Leste, Myanmar and Sri Lanka. |
| 12:30pm–1:30pm | **Lunch** |
| 1:30pm- 3:15 pm | **Session III: Cooperation between United Nations and Regional Human Rights Mechanisms(RHRMs) , civil society organisations (CSOs)and human rights defenders (HRDs).**  This session will provide an overview of the UN and RHRMs and how CSOs and HRDs can cooperate with them, a specific focus on how lawyers could assist victims accessing the human rights system in relation to prevailing human rights challenges in the region. Participants will share best practices, challenges, lessons learnt and identify new forms of cooperation.   * Introductory statement OHCHR (5 mins) * Ms. Heisoo Shin, Member, UN Committee on Economic Social and Cultural Rights (CESCR)-   *Overview of the UN treaty body system , and how CSOs and HRDs could engage with it, specific focus on the CESCR committee , cooperation with UN treaty bodies and Regional organisations in Asia (12 mins)*   * Ms. Nahla Haidar, Member ,UN Committee on Elimination of Discrimination Against Women(CEDAW) *How CSOs and HRDs could engage with CEDAW* committee and CEDAW cooperation with Asian regional organisations (10 mins) * Mr. Tae-Ung Baik, Expert, UN Working Group on Enforced and involuntary Disappearances (WGED)-   *Overview of the UN Special Procedures Mechanisms functions, and how CSOs and HRDs could engage with them, with specific focus on the WGED , how the WGED can engage with regional organisations in Asia(12 mins)*   * Ms. Vicky Tauli –Corpuz , UN Special Rapporteur on Indegenous people- *How CSOs and HRDs could engage with the Special Rapporteur (10 mins)* * Ms.Liza Sekaggya, OHCHR, *The UN Human Rights Council and UPR process and the Role of CSOs and HRDs*- (12 mins) * Ms. Leena Gosh*, ASEAN secretariat-overview of the ASEAN mechanisms, cooperation of CSO and HRDs with the ASEAN mechanisms, ASEAN cooperation with UN mechanisms (12 mins) (TBC)*     Discussion- Participants can ask questions, share experiences etc. |
| 3:15pm – 3:30pm | **Afternoon Refreshment** |
| 3:30 pm – 4:45pm | **Session IV: The Stolen Children:**  During the 24 year long military occupation of East Timor by Indonesia at least 4,000 children were taken from Timor to Indonesia by members of the Indonesian security forces. Little has been known of the fate of these children until a recent program led by AJAR has focused on uncovering the facts behind the program, identifying and finding some of the children and reuniting them with their families in Timor Leste. AJAR has produced a short film on the stolen children of Timor Leste and the program of reuniting them with their parents. This session will include a viewing of the 20 minute film, discussion of the program with those who have led it, and a contextualization of this field of violations and related examples such of those in Argentina, Canada and Australia. |
| 4:45pm – 5:00pm | **Workshop Closing Remarks** |