

**PUBLIC AFFAIRS CENTRE/ TRANSPARENCY  
INTERNATIONAL NEPAL  
RIGHT TO INFORMATION TRAINING  
FOR NGOs FROM BANGLADESH AND NEPAL  
18 - 21 March 2007, Kathmandu (Nepal)**

**Venue information/ Contact details:**

The training will be held at the Godavari Village Resort, which is located 14 km (9 miles) away from the city center of Kathmandu and Tribhuvan International Airport.

**Address of hotel and conference hall:**

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## Schedule:

### Day 1 – Sunday 18 March 2007

13:00 – 18:00	<b><i>Participants arrive / registration</i></b>
18:30 – 20:00	<b><i>Session 1 – Welcome &amp; introduction</i></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Short round of introduction of participants</li><li>• Introduction of Transparency International/ Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative/ Public Affairs Centre</li><li>• Introduction of project and goals of the training programme</li></ul>
20:30	<b><i>Dinner</i></b>

**Day 2 – Monday 19 March 2007**

9:00 – 10:00	<b>Session 2 – The right to information as a human right</b> <b><u>Topics covered</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The international human rights system – an overview</li><li>• The role of the right to information in the international human rights system</li></ul> <b><u>Resource person</u></b> Sabine Benzing-Balzer (Public Affairs Centre)
10:00 – 10:30	<b>Comments and questions</b>
10:30 – 10:45	<b>REFRESHMENT BREAK</b>
10:45 – 12:30	<b>Session 3 – The right to information as a tool for good governance and against corruption</b> <b><u>Topics covered</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The right to information as a tool for good governance and against corruption – an introduction</li><li>• Best practice case studies</li><li>• Video presentation</li></ul> <b><u>Resource persons</u></b> R. K. Regmee (Senior Journalist/ Transparency International Nepal)
12:30 – 13:00	<b>Comments and questions</b>
13:00 – 14:00	<b>LUNCH BREAK</b>

14:00 – 15:30	<p><b><i>Session 4 – The ideal right to information law</i></b></p> <p><b><u>Topics covered</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Key elements of an effective right to information law</li> <li>• Best practice examples and model laws</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Resource persons</u></b></p> <p>Venkatesh Nayak (Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative)</p>
15:30 – 15:45	<p><b><i>REFRESHMENT BREAK</i></b></p>
15:45 – 17:30	<p><b><i>Groupwork: SWOT Analysis of the draft laws in Nepal and Bangladesh</i></b></p>

**Day 3 - Tuesday 20 March 2007**

9:00 – 9:15	<i>Participants review of day 2</i>
9:15 – 10:15	<b>Session 5 – Advocacy for the right to information</b> <b><u>Topics covered</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Methodology – The art of advocacy</li><li>• Some tips for effective advocacy</li><li>• Doing advocacy for the right to information</li></ul> <b><u>Resource person</u></b> Cyril W. Vas (Public Affairs Centre)
10:15 – 10:45	<b><i>Comments and Questions</i></b>
10:45 – 11:00	<b><i>REFRESHMENT BREAK</i></b>
11:00 – 13:00	<b><i>Group work on advocacy, group presentations and discussion</i></b>
13:00 – 14:00	<b><i>LUNCH BREAK</i></b>
14:00 – 15:00	<b>Session 6 – Strategic litigation on right to information</b> <b><u>Topics covered</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Strategic litigation – an introduction</li><li>• Doing strategic litigation in the field of right to information/ Case study</li></ul> <b><u>Resource person</u></b> Sabine Benzing-Balzer (Public Affairs Centre)
15:00 – 15:30	<b><i>Comments and questions</i></b>
15:30 – 15:45	<b><i>REFRESHMENT BREAK</i></b>
15:45 – 17:30	<b><i>Group work and presentations on strategic litigation</i></b>

**Day 4 – Wednesday 21 March 2007**

9:00 – 9:30	<i>Participants review of day 3</i>
9:30 – 11:00	<i>Session 7 – The way forward in Nepal and Bangladesh</i> <b><u>Topics covered</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Some strategic thinking on right to information initiatives in Nepal and Bangladesh</li></ul> <b><u>Resource persons</u></b> Cyril W. Vas (Public Affairs Centre)
11:00 – 11:15	<b><i>REFRESHMENT BREAK</i></b>
11:15 – 13:00	<i>Feedback and evaluation</i>
13:00 – 14:00	<b><i>LUNCH BREAK</i></b>
From 14:00	<i>Participants depart</i>