

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

Day 2 – Monday 19 March 2007

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

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

Day 3 - Tuesday 20 March 2007

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

Day 4 – Wednesday 21 March 2007

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