

Call for Applications: Professional Training on Human Rights
“Innovative Ways to Protect and Improve the Human Rights of Older People in the Era of Digital Transformation”

20th Informal ASEM Seminar on Human Rights (ASEMHRS20):
Human Rights of Older Persons
October-November 2021
Online

About the Training Programme

This online training is part of the [Informal ASEM Seminar on Human Rights Series](#) (ASEMHRS) which aims to promote greater cooperation and better mutual understanding on human rights issues in Asia and Europe.

The ASEM Partner countries account for the largest proportion of older persons. Furthermore, the speed and the magnitude of population ageing and its impact on society pose great challenges to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Ageing and human rights of older persons is an issue of growing concern requiring concrete action and capacity-building among all relevant stakeholders.

The training serves as a follow-up to the [20th Informal ASEM Seminar on “Human Rights of Older Persons”](#), which called on ASEM Partners to ensure that lifelong learning opportunities are available for everyone, including providing opportunities for older persons to improve their digital literacy and to learn other skills relating to their life transition and interest.

Under the title “*Innovative Ways to Protect and Improve the Human Rights of Older People in the Era of Digital Transformation*”, the training will offer practical guidance on establishing, adopting, implementing and monitoring a national plan of action for human rights of older persons in the context of digital literacy and digital inclusion. By promoting institutional measures and by designing and implementing age-friendly policies, the training aims to enhance the capabilities of key personnel to improve the situation of older people in a digitalised world.

Learning Objectives

- Enhance understanding of the basic concepts of human rights of older persons
- Enhance knowledge of international/ASEM initiatives to protect and improve human rights of older persons
- Gain knowledge about evidence-based best practices in relation to promoting and protecting the human rights of older persons especially in the field of digital literacy
- Enhance skills in project development in macro, mezzo and micro practice
- Develop networking and communication skills necessary for human rights advocacy for older people



Framework for the Training

The training program will consist of the three modules including lectures, capstone project-based learning, and follow-up sessions.



Target Participants

Up to 30 participants mostly working in the public sector of the ASEM member states will be recruited for the training. Priority will be given to **policymakers, administrators and professionals** in the fields of human rights for older persons, life-long education, digital literacy education, and technology education in each country.

The training programme is designed to help key personnel to make a difference in the situation of older people in a digital world by taking institutional measures and designing and implementing age-friendly policies and programmes.

Selection criteria of participants:

- **Minimum 5 years of experience** as policymakers and administrators in the fields of human rights for older people, life-long education, digital literacy education, technology education;
- ASEM nationality¹;
- Professional proficiency in English; and
- Letter of endorsement from their respective organisations.

¹ ASEM member countries are: Australia, Austria, Bangladesh, Belgium, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Cambodia, China, Croatia, Cyprus, Czechia, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, Laos, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Malta, Mongolia, Myanmar, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Pakistan, the Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russia, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Korea, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, United Kingdom and Viet Nam.



Representatives of relevant CSOs and National Human Rights Institutes (NHRIs) are also eligible to apply.

Application Process

Interested applicants are kindly requested to complete the online application form [here](#) by **Sunday, 19 September 2021** (23:59 Singapore time). In the online application, applicants are requested to upload a letter of organisational endorsement or nomination letter, explaining how their participation in the training fits into the organisation's priorities and activities.

The selection of participants is conducted by an admission panel designated by the co-organisers.

Training Format

The training will require each successful applicant to devote approximately **32 hours** of focus time **over the course of 2 months**. A Learning Management System (LMS) will be used for online lectures and capstone project development sessions. For follow-up sessions, a link to a separate system for online conference will be provided to the participants.

Details of the programme, including schedule of the sessions and module topics, will be shared with selected participants.

The training is fully funded.

The Organisers

The **Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF)** promotes understanding, strengthens relationships and facilitates cooperation among the people, institutions and organisations of Asia and Europe. ASEF enhances dialogue, enables exchanges and encourages collaboration across the thematic areas of culture, education, governance, economy, sustainable development, public health and media.

ASEF is an intergovernmental not-for-profit organisation located in Singapore. Founded in 1997, it is the only institution of the Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM).

ASEF runs more than 25 projects a year, consisting of around 100 activities, mainly conferences, seminars, workshops, lectures, publications and online platforms, together with about 150 partner organisations. Each year over 3,000 Asians and Europeans participate in ASEF's activities, and much wider audiences are reached through its various events, networks and web-portals.

For more information, please visit www.ASEF.org



The **Informal Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM) Seminar on Human Rights** promotes mutual understanding and co-operation between Asia and Europe in the area of political dialogue, particularly on human rights issues, and encourages an open and non-confrontational debate between representatives of civil society organisations and officials from all ASEM Partners. The Seminar series is co-organised by ASEF, the Raoul Wallenberg Institute, the Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs of France, the Department of the Foreign Affairs of the Philippines, the Federal Department of Foreign Affairs of Switzerland, and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China.

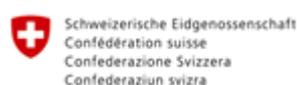
ASEMHRS20 took place on 22-24 February 2021 in a hybrid format. It focused on the topic of "*Human Rights of Older Persons*," and was co-hosted by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Republic of Korea, the ASEM Global Ageing Center, and the National Human Rights Commission of Korea.

The ASEMHS20 Publication can be found [here](#).

The **ASEM Global Ageing Center (AGAC)** is a specialised international institution headquartered in Seoul, which operates as an international hub for coordinating a wide variety of agendas regarding human rights of older persons of ASEM Partners. The Centre aims to address various issues regarding human rights of older persons, which ASEM Partners are confronting, and ultimately contribute to the promotion and protection of human rights of older persons through policy research, exchange cooperation, awareness raising and education, and information sharing.

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