

RAOUL WALLENBERG INSTITUTE

OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND HUMANITARIAN LAW

Human Rights & SDGs

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RWI at a Glance

For over 35 years RWI has focused on awareness of human rights and the importance of humanitarian law. Combined with innovative and policy-oriented research, RWI's programmes and training workshops improve the capacity of thousands of people and organizations to realise human rights and sustainable development.

At our headquarters in Lund, Sweden, and field offices in Amman (Jordan), Beijing (China), Istanbul (Turkey), Jakarta (Indonesia), Nairobi (Kenya), and Phnom Penh (Cambodia), RWI meets the need for regional programmes that promote universal respect for the environment and human rights through research, education and dialogue based on international law.

Primarily funded by the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency, RWI is a charitable trust named after Raoul Wallenberg, an honoured Swedish diplomat who worked tirelessly to counter oppression and protect people at risk from war and poverty.

Localising Human Rights in the Context of Sustainable Development Goals

The expertise and knowledge of local governments are essential to protecting human rights and reaching sustainable development goals in their communities.

RWI works with regional bodies, and national and local government to jointly-devise ways to improve the quality of life for millions of people in need. The Institute's programmes use methods that enhance human rights, inclusive societies and sustainable development in cooperation with global and local cooperation partners.

RWI's programmes increase government's awareness of the connection between the protection of human rights and sustainable development and how to consider both in the decisions they make.

The Institute's Regional Asia Pacific Programme (RAPP) connects people and groups who are influential in achieving the aim of United Nations Agenda 2030 and its sustainable development goals (SDGs). RAPP supports the UN's agenda by mutually reinforcing the protection of human rights and promoting sustainable development.

RWI's commitment to human rights research and capacity development offers countries the means to achieve international human rights standards and their national obligation to achieving their SDG plans.



RWI signing MOU with UCLG ASPAC & City of Gwangju during the WHRCF event

RWI's Activities on Human Rights and SDGs

- Local government training and working sessions at the World Human Rights Cities Forum (WHRCF) and the International Human Rights Forum (IHRF).
- An International Human Rights Policy Session with the Swedish Embassy in South Korea.
- Researching SDG topics and implementation in five cities that enact human rights principals.
- Implementing Blended Learning Courses (BLCs) for local governments.
- Developing an 'Indonesia Program' in partnership with the Indonesian Directorate General of Human Rights (DGHR/Dirjen HAM).
- Supporting Dirjen HAM in developing templates with 72 indicators for more human rights-friendly cities.
- Supporting Dirjen HAM's approach to promoting human rights at the local level and its integration of the SDGs process.
- Surveying public perception of 100 local governments in Indonesia regarding their commitment to promoting and achieving human rights-based approaches.
- Reviewing the Indonesian Ministry of Law and Human Rights' criteria of a 'Human Rights-Friendly City.'
- Describing the best experiences of Indonesia at the WHRCF and the IHRF.
- Supporting city mayor members of United Cities & Local Governments Asia Pacific (UCLG ASPAC) the IHRF.
- Facilitates contextualised action-oriented research designed to inform and contribute to regional and national conversations about sustainable development.
- Builds networks and enables connections between decision-makers and stakeholders.
- Builds the capacities of academics and faculties across the Asia Pacific region to deliver contemporary education programmes based on international standard evidence.
- Champions the rights of the most vulnerable and enables their voices to be included through community level research and partnership networks.
- Presents research at global, regional and national fora, while building networks to promote meaningful consideration of those most affected by climate change.

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