Emerging issues in environmental law: procedural rights and the protection of environmental defenders in Asia Pacific

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Supporting Member States and other actors to promote and protect the human right to a clean, healthy and sustainable environment

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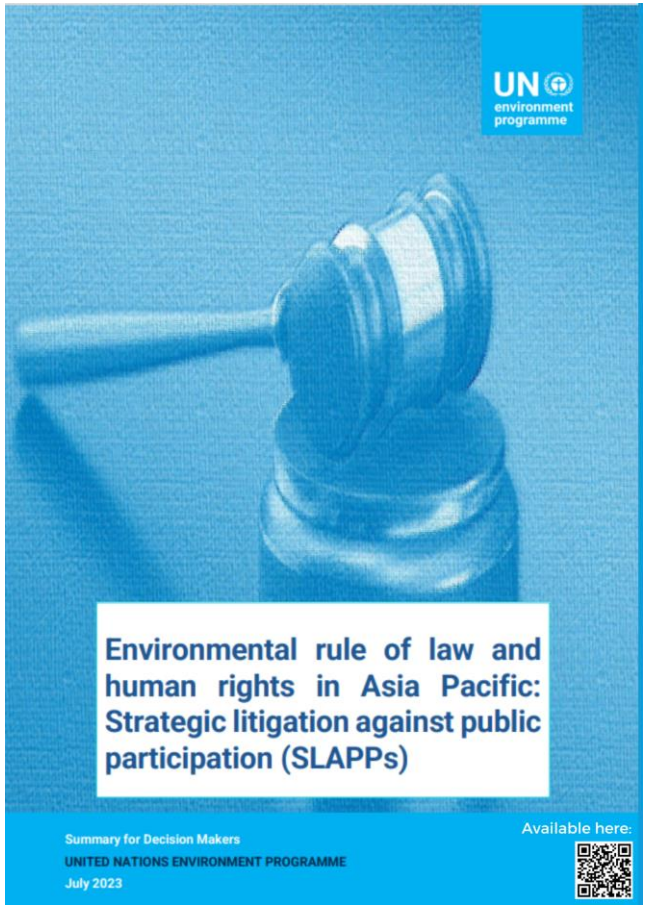

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ASEAN Framework on Environmental Rights

- Leadership of the **ASEAN Intergovernmental Commission on Human Rights** (AICHR)
- Determined through collaborative discussion by the ASEAN Environmental Rights Working Group
  - To achieve a holistic approach and enhance the coherence of the regional framework on environmental rights
  - To develop a regional framework which will be submitted to AICHR
- Supported by **ESCAP, UNEP, OHCHR partnership**, through funding from SIDA
- Current draft ***ASEAN declaration on the right to a safe, clean, healthy and sustainable environment***
  - Brings together existing ASEAN commitments and international obligations
- AICHR to discuss and consult with ASEAN Sectoral Bodies before adoption by ASEAN leaders

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ASEAN Environmental Rights Working Group Roadmap

2022

23. Sept. — Coordination Meeting to Develop a Regional Framework on Environmental Rights in ASEAN – Meeting on Modalities of Work –

January | February | March | April | May | June | July | August | September | October | November | December

16. June — Coordination Meeting for Preparation of a Work Plan to Develop a Regional Declaration on Environmental Rights in ASEAN – Inception Meeting –

22. & 23. Nov — Ad Hoc Preparatory Session of the Environmental Rights Framework

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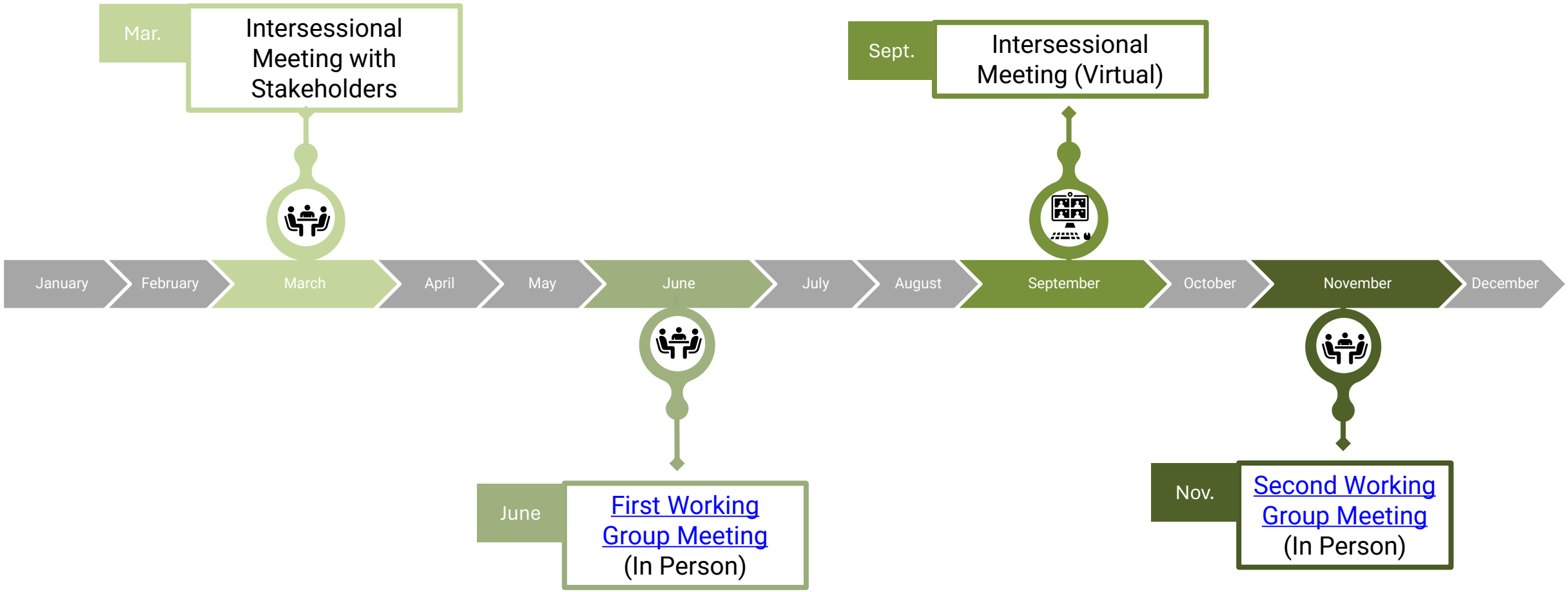
2023



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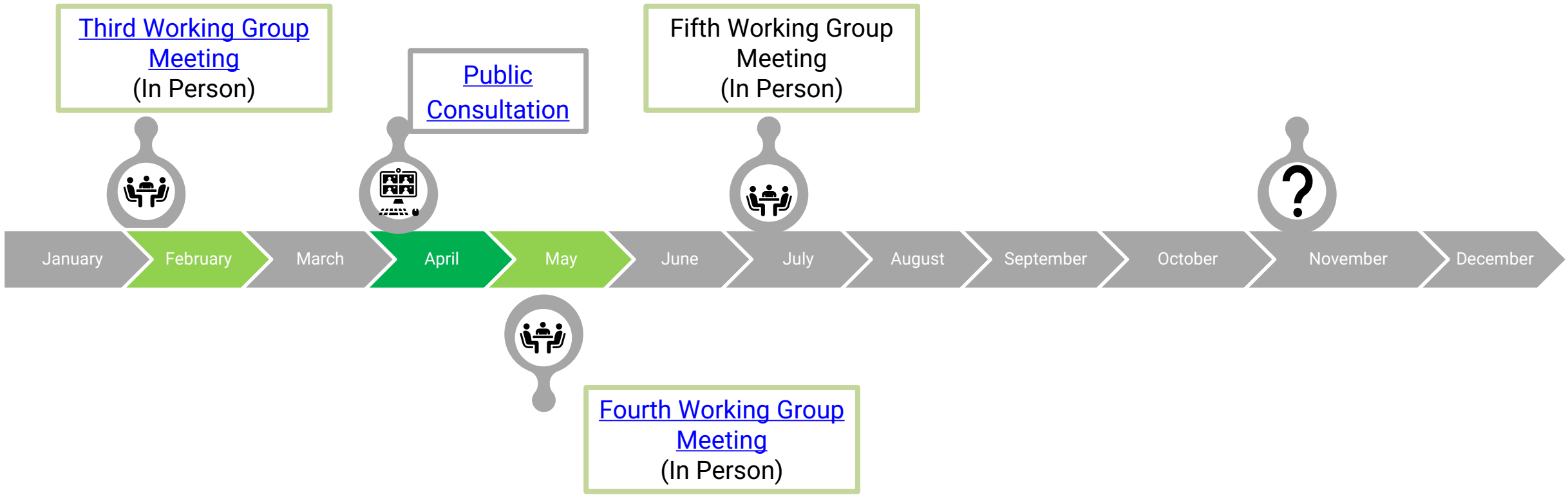

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Enhancing awareness and protection of environmental human rights defenders

ASIA PACIFIC ENVIRONMENTAL HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS FORUM

PROTECTING THOSE WHO PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT

The 3rd ASIA PACIFIC ENVIRONMENTAL HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS FORUM

Strengthening Protection through Data Collection

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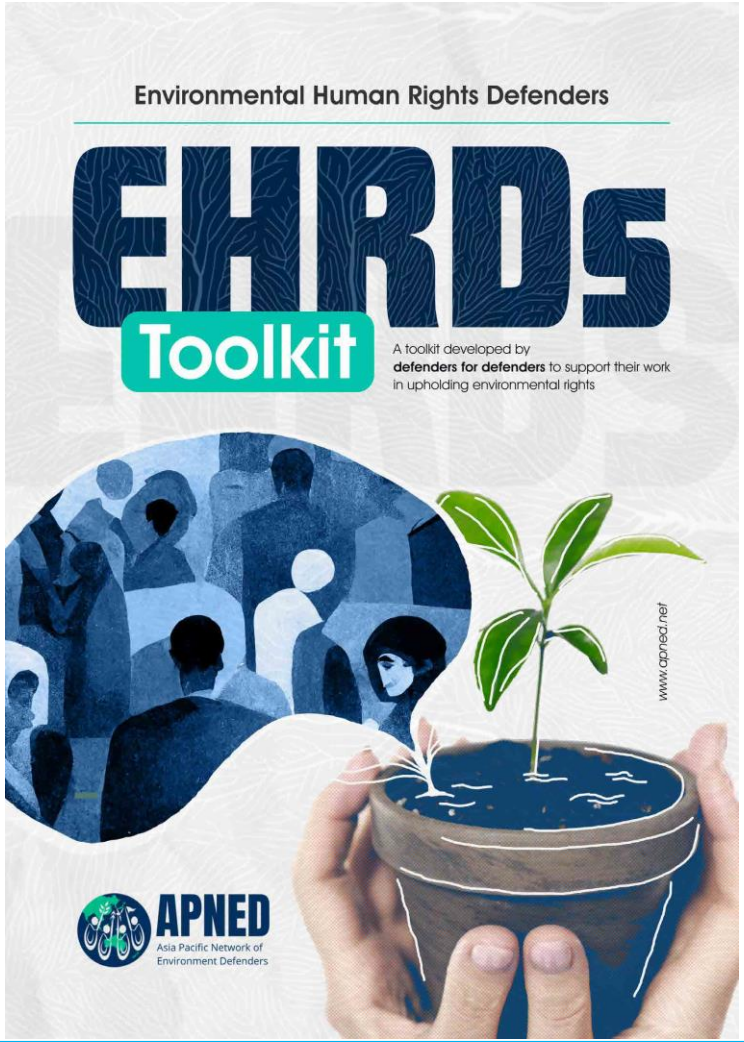

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Integrating environmental rights, including the right to a healthy environment into UN processes

UN Country Team trainings

Linkages between human rights and the environment and environmental rule of law

- UNEP-OHCHR joint trainings, with support from RCO and other UN Agencies
- Overview of the right to a clean, healthy and suitable environment
- Regional and Nationally Focused Sessions
- Promotion and protection of Environmental Human Rights Defenders
- Case study discussions and interactive elements
- For Head of Agencies and Technical staff

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Cambodia
April 2022

Participants: 20
UN Agencies: RCO, UNFPA, UNICEF, UNESCO, UN-Habitat, OHCHR, WHO, UNDP
CSOs: 5
Days: Two ½ days

Thailand
June 2022

Participants: 13
UN Agencies: IOM, UN-Habitat, UNDP, UNFPA, UNODC and OHCHR
Days: Two ½ days

Lao PDR
March 2023

Participants: 24
UN Agencies: RCO, UNDP, FAO, UNIDO, UNICEF, UNDRR, UN-Habitat, WFP, UNODC, IOM, OHCHR, UNEP
Days: 1 full day

Maldives
October 2023

Participants: 13
UN Agencies: IOM, UNDP, UNFPA, UNODC and OHCHR
Days: Two ½ days

Philippines
March 2024

Nepal
July 2024

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September 2024

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Thank you!

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