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Engaging Civil Society in Authentic Discourse

a sharing and dialogue series hosted by the ICAI Asia Pacific Team in collaboration with ORP, CPYen Foundation, HarmonyWorks, Leadership Inc. Shenzhen and others

Today communities struggle to have conversations about significant topics. For four weeks the ICAI Asia Pacific Team collaborated with colleagues from Korea, Taiwan, China and Malaysia to have them share their work. We saw this as an opportunity to deepen discourse toward peace and authentic respect, and hoped that by sharing approaches that are working, it would impact the future of civil discourse locally.

Each nation shared their experiences, followed by group reflection and experiences of others. Over 200 people engaged in the five sessions:

- Korea Social Dialogue for Peace and Unification Building Of Korea with ORP Korea
- Taiwan Revealing the Power of Dialogue - cases from "Dialogue Impact Award hosted by CP Yen foundation (CPYF)
- China "Promoting Children's Public Participation and Women's Leadership Shenzhen hosted by Leadership Inc. Shenzhen
- Malaysian Building Bridges in Cross Cultural Dialogue Harmony Works and others
- A Regional Dialogue beginning to pull together the Emerging Story and Next steps

Click [HERE](#) to read the entire report.



The Learning Basket Program in Guatemala

Program Description:

Twenty-four 24 mothers of La Vegona, La Unión Zacapa have participated in eight sessions of the Learning Basket and family vegetable garden program. An additional eight sessions were held with a group of 10 families in a vulnerable área in Guatemala city, led by university students from their last grade in psychology. Fifteen mothers from Conacaste, a village in Sanarate County, also participated in a Learning Basket demonstration session.

Program Results:

- Coordinated to get authorization from the district authorities, the Education Supervisor, the Mayor, and the School Director and Preschool Teacher at La Vegona School.
- 24 mothers of zero-to-four-year-old children attended the eight-sessions. The curriculum included brain development, the five senses, child development stages, discipline and limits with love, and first aid offered by firemen. In each session parents have the opportunity for interacting with their children, using the Learning Basket objects.
- In a bag each parent received the Learning Basket's **Parents are Teachers** manual and the **Play to Learn, Learn to Play** book, both authored by Dr. Elise Packard. In addition the learning objects included crochet color balls (yellow, blue, and red), a story book, a magnifying glass, crayons, and parts for felt faces (eyes, nose, mouth, hair,).
- Four university supervisors coordinated and reviewed the program for the students who led it. Ten parents with scarce resources (some with street situations) came from the Casa del Nino, a program that supports child care of mothers who work to support themselves and their children.
- Parents participating in the Learning Basket saw the need for healthy meals for their young children so wanted to develop vegetable family gardens. In La Vegona village, the preparation of the land was verified, and seeds (onion, eggplant, coriander, and radishes) were delivered. Once they sprouted, they were motivated to continue planting and taking care of their crops. They are now harvesting and sharing their vegetables with others.

Program Impact:

In general, the mothers participate very actively. In the first session the facilitator asks them "What do you expect for your children in the next 20 years?" They said they want a better education and learning, be happy, and realize what they like most.

In relation to the role play, they said that the attitude of Conchita Constant (interacting and positive mother) is key for a child's development. Therefore as mothers they would pay more attention to their children and play with them, teaching through games colors and shapes. Also they want to learn ways to interact and help their children to explore through singing and showing how they love them.

One mother said, "At the beginning it was hard to participate because I didn't understand some things; then it became easier". Another mother said, "It was hard to accept that I didn't treat my child well; but I will correct that."

To play and participate with their ideas was new for the mothers; then they relaxed and actively participated.

From the previous program in the Buenos Aires neighborhood, you can hear how mothers are teaching their children to count numbers and tell stories.

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AFRICA ICAs' CONFERENCE



Africa ICAs Conference Report

ICA Kenya hosted an African conference with the theme "Harvesting the potential of Africa in facilitating sustainable development" from 23rd to 29th October 2022. Thirty-one participants attended from East and South Africa: Togo, Cote D'Ivoire, Ghana, Uganda, Kenya, Tanzania, Zambia, Zimbabwe and South Africa.

After national reports that focused on their common program - addressing climate change - and a field trip, participants discussed four future strategies:

- Enhancing Functional Infrastructure, Governance and Management Systems
- Engaging in Women and Youth Led Sustainable Community Development Programs
- Improving Institutional Capacities in ICA Technology of Participation (ToP) Methods and Applications
- Strengthening Partnerships, Communication and Fundraising Opportunities

The Conference concluded with the ICAI Global Fundraising Team, led by ICA Nepal staff, assisting the group to name three 2023 fundraising objectives: creating a web portal to share resources; enabling ICAs to identify internal fund sources through membership and training; and developing a core fundraising team.

Click [HERE](#) to read the entire report.



2022 Annual Report

For 25 years, ICA Nepal has served as a Leading NGO for Human Development, addressing needs on a local, national, and global scale. An insurrection, political upheavals, and movement that lasted ten years in Nepal led to the republic system from the country's monarchy system.

The government's involvement in the countryside and local communities, along with civil organizations like ICA Nepal, significantly contributed to the transition during the turmoil of conflict and violence. Since its establishment, ICA Nepal has been a major contributor to the nation's significant advancements in terms of citizen engagement, equality, leadership, and quality of life. ICA Nepal's activities are guided by two major philosophies namely Participation in Sustainable Development and Lifelong Learning.

The year 2022 has been a wonderful year for ICA Nepal. Through our unique program Fundraising for NGOs, ICA Nepal not only facilitated NGOs working in the homeland, but we also served organisations beyond the border. ICA Nepal actively participated in the ICA International's working teams. In the future, ICA Nepal will continue to play these roles in hope to significantly alter society.

We would like to express our gratitude to our supporters, partners, members, beneficiaries, well-wishers, and donors: Lantern, MWMW, the Korea Hope Foundation, PeoplesEnergy, Rotary International, Rotary Club of Rudramati, and many others for your continued trust and contribution to our work as well as the many people around the world that have played roles in our effort.

We are looking forward to the year 2023, to create impact through training, facilitation and community empowerment.

Click [HERE](#) to read the entire 2022 annual report.

ToP Network Annual Gathering

March 2-4, 2023

What is the Technology of Participation (ToP) Network Annual Gathering?

This gathering is for those of you who have taken ToP Facilitation Methods (TFM) and would like to learn about ToP and dialogue with other ToP facilitators. The ToP Network Gathering, March 2-4, 2023 is a wonderful opportunity to do so.

What is the ToP Network?

The ToP Network is a membership-based nonprofit organization of facilitators that partners with the ICA USA in providing training in our foundational workshop, Technology of Facilitation Methods (TFM) and many other methods.

You Are Invited!

The ToP Network is a generous group of ToP facilitators who learn from each other and support each other's journey to help the world have more productive, healthy conversations. The ToP methods are practiced in all our meetings and at the Annual Gathering - which we would love to have you join!

What is the "ToP Network Annual Gathering"?

We call it an Annual Gathering instead of a conference, because we are "Gathering" the facilitators together to share ideas and tools, so we can support our clients and organizations to have more effective meetings and retreats, make sustainable decisions, and create the change they want to create. This is a very different model from a conference that has presentations from experts who are talking to us. We are the experts due to our own creative and generous hearts and willingness to exchange ideas with our colleagues.

The ToP Network Annual Gathering is a great way to get introduced to practitioners and anyone wanting to learn more. The Gathering in 2023 will be virtual on March 2nd & 3rd and hybrid (virtual and regional hubs are in-person) on March 4th. To learn more and to register, you can [click HERE](#). We also have first-time attendee discounts and scholarships available!

We look forward to seeing you on March 2nd, 3rd and 4th!



Exploring Feminist Facilitation

What does feminism bring to facilitation, and what does feminist facilitation look like? How can I ensure that my own practice as a professional facilitator is more effectively and explicitly feminist, anti-racist and anti-oppressive?

This longer-read post tells the story of why and how I have been exploring feminist, anti-racist and anti-oppressive facilitation this past year and more, what I have learned and how I am starting to apply it.

Read the full article [HERE](#).



Global Schedule of Events

To see four types of events: studies, significant conversations, training and impactful global events visit the Global Schedule at:
<https://icaglobalarchives.org/social-research-center-events/>

Remember, YOU are invited to:

- 1- Offer a presentation you are interested in giving;
- 2- Recommend other people to present;
- 3- Participate in any of the events and encourage your friends to attend; and
- 4- Give feedback by emailing: icaglobalschedule@gmail.com

The vision for the Global Schedule of Events is to make this easily accessible and globally friendly to all no matter where and what!

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