

<b>Outline of the workshop:</b>	<b>This is the draft outline for the learning workshop titled 'Civil Society and Advocacy.' It will be periodically updated until October 2025.</b>
<b>Title:</b>	<b>Civil Society and Advocacy</b>
<b>Objectives:</b>	After completing the course, participants will be able to explain the primary concepts of civil society and advocacy, understand key theories and their evolution and practices of advocacy.
<b>Date:</b>	Check in the hotel during 2.00 to 8.00 pm Bangkok time of 3 <sup>rd</sup> December, Course will start from 09.00 am up to 05.00 pm of 4 to 6 December. Check out by 6 <sup>th</sup> December by 12 pm Bangkok time, but the course will continue up to 5 pm.
<b>Place:</b>	<b>Rembrandt Hotel</b> , Bangkok ( <a href="https://www.rembrandthotelbangkok.com/">https://www.rembrandthotelbangkok.com/</a> ) 19 Sukhumvit Soi 18, Khwaeng Khlong Toei, Bangkok 10110. (A four-star hotel).
<b>Language:</b>	English
<b>Course fee:</b>	US \$300 (It includes 3-night shared accommodation in a double occupancy room, stationery, breakfast, lunch, and two daytime refreshments. It also covers a river cruise with dinner and transportation on the evening of 5th December, from 5:00 PM to 10:00 PM). *Bangladeshi participants may pay in local currency (BDT 36,600).
<b>Registration, payment and visa letter:</b>	Interested participants should submit their <a href="#">application first</a> . Confirmation, along with payment instructions for the full course fee of US \$300, will be issued by 31st August. Following confirmation and receipt of payment, the organizers will provide a visa request letter and hotel booking confirmation. *Seats are limited and will be allotted on a first-come, first-served basis.
<b>Facilitators of the course:</b>	All participants will be considered as resourceful contributors to the learning process. The course methodology will be primarily facilitated by Mr. Rezaul Karim Chowdhury, who brings over four decades of experience in civil society mobilization and training across local, national, and international platforms. Mr. Sohel Iqbal, Ph.D., will contribute with his strong academic grounding in advocacy theories and their evolution. Mr. Iqbal Uddin and Mr. Abarul Islam are emerging activists with rich experience in community mobilization, networking, and evidence-based advocacy, particularly through research and social media tools. Mr. Abarul will specifically lead sessions on the technical aspects of using social media for advocacy and influencing.
<b>Conditions:</b>	Participants are required to bring a laptop and a smartphone, as these are essential for the technical training sessions, particularly on short video creation for advocacy.
<b>Major content of the course:</b>	Definition of Civil Society; Theories and Evolution of Civil Society; Primary Objectives of Civil Society Movements; Democracy and Human Rights – Concepts and Historical Development; Advocacy and Influencing: Tools and Strategies for Impactful Change; Building Stakeholder Relationships; Influencing Through Social Media; Basics of Short Video Production for Advocacy. *Participants will receive a certificate of participation upon completion of the course.
<b>Immediate outcome:</b>	After registration, a reading list will be shared with all participants to help them prepare for the workshop. At the end of the course, each participant will develop a “12-month back-home action plan”, tailored to CSO role and advocacy. The organizers will conduct a follow-up on this.
<b>Adjunct program of ADRRN &amp; RHPW from 7 to 10 Dec in the same hotel.</b>	This is optional for your participation subject to the approval of ADRRN and RHPW organizers. ADRRN annual conference will be held on 7 <sup>th</sup> December, and RHPW will be held from 8 to 10 <sup>th</sup> December. All these will be happened in the same hotel. Please study the RHPW <a href="#">concept note</a> along with <a href="#">registration and another link</a> for your participation on those events. Room booking and all other necessary arrangement are independent from COAST Foundation. COAST may provide necessary advice.
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<b>Organized by:</b>	COAST Foundation Bangladesh ( <a href="http://www.coastbd.net">www.coastbd.net</a> ) with the assistance of Sustainable Development Foundation Thailand.