

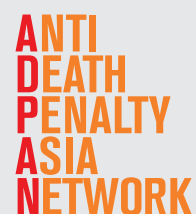
ASIAN REGIONAL CONGRESS ON THE DEATH PENALTY

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Ensemble contre la peine de mort (ECPM) fights for the universal abolition of capital punishment, thanks to activist action which includes raising awareness and international lobbying. The association federates and brings together international abolitionist forces. ECPM created the World Coalition Against the Death Penalty and the World Congress which is organised every three years. ECPM supports the creation of national and regional Coalitions, educates the public through its web and paper publications, leads judicial fact-finding missions, press events or, under the urgency of executions, campaigns for international involvement.

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The Anti-Death Penalty Asia Network (ADPAN) is an independent inter-regional network that is committed to work for the abolition of the death penalty in the Asia-Pacific region. Founded in 2006, ADPAN is composed of NGOs, organisations, groups of civil society, lawyers and individual members. It is not related to any political party, religion or government. It currently has members in 28 countries: Afghanistan, Australia, Bangladesh, China, South Korea, Denmark, United States, France, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Malaysia, Mongolia, Nepal, New Zealand, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, United Kingdom, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Taiwan, Thailand, Tonga and Vietnam. Suhakam (Human Rights Commission of Malaysia).

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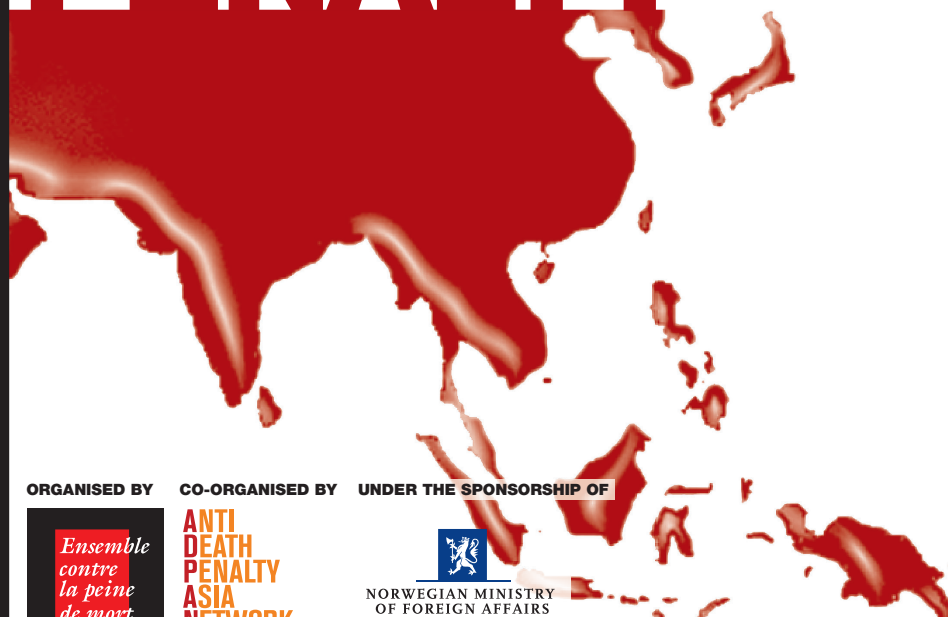
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PRESENTATION

Since 2001, Together Against the Death Penalty (Ensemble contre la peine de mort – ECPM) has organised World Congresses against the death penalty. These international events bring together thousands of members from civil society, political representatives, lawyers and experts from the five continents with the aim to create new strategies for universal abolition. After Strasbourg in 2001, Montreal in 2004, Paris in 2007, Geneva in 2010 and Madrid in 2013, the 6th World Congress will take place in Oslo under the sponsorship of Norway.

Since 2012, the World Congress has been preceded by a Regional Congress. After the 1st Regional Congress in Rabat (Morocco, October 2012), the 2nd Regional Congress on the Death Penalty will take place in Kuala Lumpur (Malaysia) in June 2015.

WHY A REGIONAL CONGRESS IN ASIA?

Asia is the main retentionist zone in the world where little collaborative initiatives have been made and where progress has been difficult.

Reflecting the international trend, the abolition of capital punishment has increased these last ten years in Asia. Three countries in the region have abolished the death penalty for all crimes, Cambodia in 1989, Bhutan in 2004 and the Philippines in 2006. Despite this progress, there are still numerous challenges to be faced to end capital punishment in the region, like with India, which resumed executions and extended the scope of capital punishment in 2013.

The number of people executed in Asia remains higher than the total number of executions in the rest of the world. Several countries in the region do not publish any statistics regarding the use of the death penalty and a public opinion that supports capital punishment is still a major challenge to face. Three of the world's major economic powers, China, Japan and India still practice the death penalty. The scope of capital punishment exceeds that of violent crimes; the death penalty may be enforced for drug-related crimes as well as for white-collar crimes (China, Vietnam).

GOALS OF THE REGIONAL CONGRESS ON THE DEATH PENALTY

- Support the work of the civil society of the targeted region ;
- Promote the emergence of collaborative actions ;
- Prepare debates in order to focus attention on this region during the World Congress.

SPECIFIC GOALS OF THE ASIAN REGIONAL CONGRESS IN KUALA LUMPUR

- Identify the major issues of the region and develop arguments in support of abolition.
- Promote collective action and the emergence of initiatives from the actors of civil society and the parliamentary actors of the region.
- Support the regional networking of civil society (ADPAN) for the implementation of an effective action strategy and a better awareness.
- Lobby regional organisations (ASEAN) and the Congress host country.
- Prepare the World Day 2015 (October 10th) on the theme of "Drugs and the Death Penalty."

TARGET COUNTRIES

The countries from East and Southeast Asia (19 countries: 5 abolitionist, 4 de facto abolitionist, 10 retentionist).

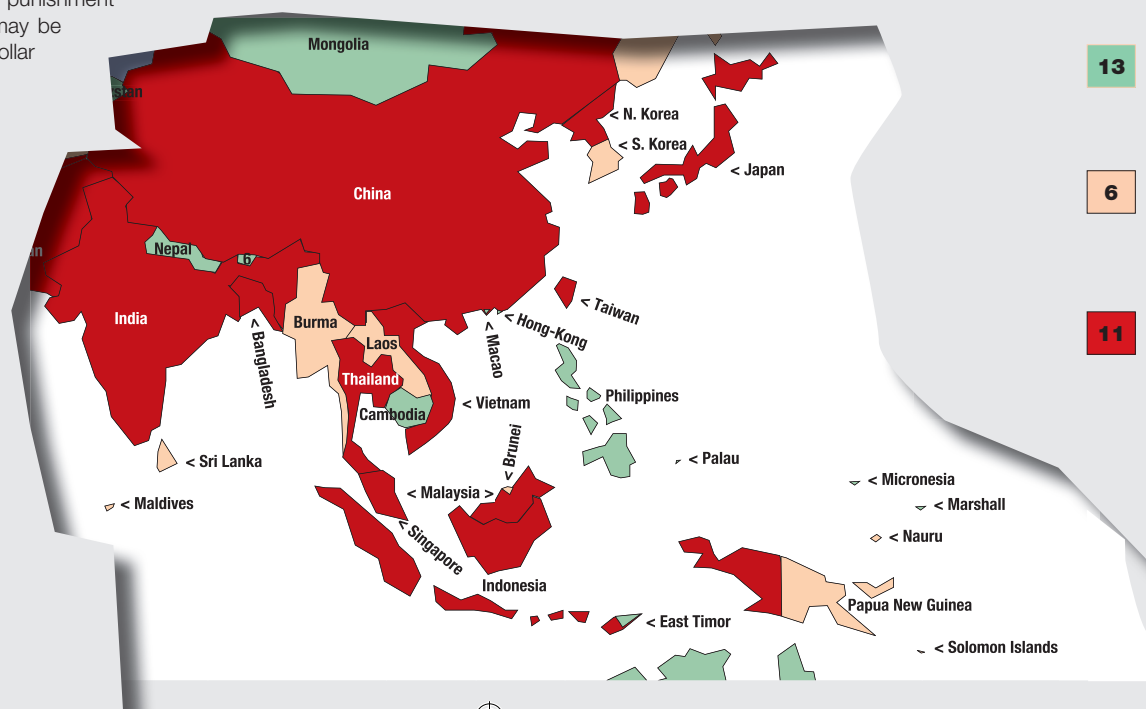
PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Where: **Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia**

Who: **300 participants from at least 30 countries**

How long: **2 days**

Program: **Opening ceremony, 1 plenary session, 2 round tables, 2 workshops and closing session**



13 **Abolitionist countries**
(State or territory where the death penalty is abolished)

6 **De facto abolitionist countries**
(State or territory where the death penalty is implemented but no executions for ten years)

11 **Retentionist countries**
(State or territory where the death penalty is implemented)