



Empowerment Through Law of the Common People

Dear Sir/Ma'am,

Greetings from Empowerment through Law of the Common People (ELCOP).

It is a pleasure to inform you that ELCOP is going to organize an online training on **Capacity building for lawyers on national Freedom of Religion or Belief (FoRB) remedies**, which is funded by Stefanus Alliance International (SAI). The objective of this training is to build a network between lawyers, academics and activists and to strengthen access to justice for victims of FoRB violations by equipping and supporting lawyers, human rights organizations and faith-based actors to promote FoRB and to defend victims. The inauguration of the training will take place on **23rd April, 2021 at 11 am**. The program will take place virtually on Zoom. **Professor Dr. Mizanur Rahman**, Chairman, ELCOP and former Chairman, National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) has kindly consented to grace the occasion as Chief Guest. **Md. Rashadul Islam**, Director General, NGO Affairs Bureau and **Rina Roy**, Programme Director, Manusher Jonno Foundation have consented to join the program as Special Guests. **Barrister Farzana Mahmood**, Advocate, Supreme Court of Bangladesh and Executive Director of Bangladesh Manobadhikar O Poribesh Andolon Foundation and **Maria Glenna**, Legal Adviser, SAI will give light on the purpose of the project. The whole program will be presided over by **Barrister Tapas Kanti Baul**, Executive Director, ELCOP. Last of all, **Dr. Masum Billah**, Associate Professor, Department of Law, Jagannath University, and Director of Human Rights Summer School, ELCOP will propose the vote of thanks.

We will be highly honored if you kindly join the program.

Regards

Tapas Kanti Baul, Barrister –at-Law
Executive Director, ELCOP



INAUGURAL SESSION:
**Capacity Building for Lawyers on National Freedom
of Religion or Belief (FoRB) Remedies**
23 April, 2021

Programme

- 10.45-11.00 am** *Joining the session*
- 11.00-11.05 am** *Welcome address:*
- Barrister Tapas Kanti Baul**
Executive Director, ELCOP
- Discussion on the purpose of the project*
- 11.05-11.15 am** **Barrister Farzana Mahmood**
Advocate, Supreme Court of Bangladesh and
Executive Director of Bangladesh
Manobadhikar O Poribesh Andolon
Foundation.
- 11.15-11.25 am** **Maria Glenna**
Legal Adviser
Stefanus Alliance International (SAI)
- Remarks by the Special Guests*
- 11.25- 11.35 am** **Md. Rashadul Islam**
Director General, NGO Affairs Bureau.
- 11.35-11.45 am** **Rina Roy**
Programme Director, Manusher Jonno
Foundation.

Programme

- 11.45-11.55 am** *Remarks by the Chair of the Programme*
- Professor Dr. Mizanur Rahman**
Chairman, ELCOP
Former Chairman, National Human Rights Commission (NHRC).
- 11.55-12.00 am** *Concluding remarks and Vote of Thanks*
- Dr. Masum Billah**
Associate Professor, Department of Law, Jagannath University and Director, Human Rights
Summer School, ELCOP
- Zoom Invitation:**
- Topic: ELCOP FoRB's Inaugural Ceremony
Time: Apr 23, 2021 11:00 AM Astana, Dhaka
- Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87681194104?pwd=Y0NZQ0xIVm14bWd2VGN0b2QzOEozdz09>
- Meeting ID: 876 8119 4104
Passcode: 917604