



East Africa Human Rights Program



ABOUT THE EAHRP

The **East Africa Human Rights Program (EAHRP)** is a dynamic initiative in human rights education, established and led by East African alumni from Equitas' International Human Rights Training Program (IH RTP) and the EAHRP itself. Now in its **9th session**, EAHRP 2026 is proudly hosted in Tanzania by the **TUSONGE Community Development Organization** from **Sunday, February 1 to Friday, February 13**, with the support of **15 dedicated alumni** from Kenya, Rwanda, Uganda, and Tanzania, in partnership with **Equitas**. The program draws on the strength of a growing network of **277 alumni** in East Africa who are actively advancing human rights across the region.

This transformative two-week regional training program aims to unite **20 dedicated human rights educators and defenders from East Africa from Burundi, DRC, Ethiopia, Kenya, Rwanda, Somalia, South Sudan, Sudan, Tanzania and Uganda**. As change-makers in their communities, participants will engage in discussions about the current human rights landscape and the role of human rights education in advocating for gender equality and women's rights.

FEBRUARY 1st - 13th, 2026

ARUSHA, TANZANIA

Participation fee

The EAHRP participation fee is **\$3,500 USD**. This amount covers tuition, program materials, accommodation, and meals, **but does not include travel costs**.

Participants are responsible for any extra expenses such as entertainment and meals purchased outside of the cafeteria.

Language Requirement

The EAHRP requires participants to actively engage in group work and read extensively. Therefore, **all participants must be fluent in reading and writing in English**.

Application deadline:

Fully completed applications should be sent to:
eahrp2026@tusongecdo.org
by **June 30, 2025**.



1 Program Goal

The goal of the EAHRP is to contribute to universal respect for human rights through strengthening the capacity of a global pool of human rights educators and defenders.

2 Program Objectives

By the end of the training, participants should be able to:

Strengthen participants' capacity to effectively promote human rights and gender equality by applying international standards, using participatory and transformative approaches, leveraging educational and advocacy tools, integrating diverse perspectives, and fostering critical analysis, evaluation, and collaboration for greater community impact.

3 Program Content

The EAHRP is an intermediate-level program focusing on national, regional and international human rights standards, current human rights issues, trends and human rights education strategies. The exploration of human rights principles with reference to regional and international instruments and conventions, ongoing critical reflection and inquiry, as well as extensive sharing of experiences allows participants to strengthen their capacity to engage in effective human rights education leading to social change.



Week 1

Participants will get to know the members of their working group and engage in activities that lay the groundwork for developing a productive group dynamic based on mutual respect. They will become familiar with the overall Program content and methodology and compare their personal experience of human rights with those of other participants.



Week 2

The week will have participants go through case studies and discussions to examine the main regional and international human rights instruments in order to explore the usefulness of these instruments in their work and different situations.



APPLYING TO THE EAHRP



Organization and Individual Profile

The EAHRP is designed for human rights educators and defenders actively engaged in community-based initiatives, whether through NGOs, self-help groups, or as independent actors. While priority is given to those directly involved in human rights work, individuals from educational institutions or other relevant organizations may also be considered if their work aligns with the program's focus on community action and human rights education.

The applicants as individuals or from any affiliated organizations must:

- Be active employees/ volunteers/ associates with their organization for at least one year
- Be in a position to influence the human rights education work of their organization
- Have knowledge of human rights principles and major regional or international instruments
- Be committed to transferring knowledge and skills gained during the program to colleagues and others with whom they work
- Be sensitive to issues which may arise when working in multicultural groups and be respectful of diversity.

Participants from East African countries such as Burundi, DRC, Ethiopia, Kenya, Rwanda, Somalia, South Sudan, Sudan, Tanzania, and Uganda are encouraged to apply.



Bursaries

Through the support of the Government of Canada, there is funding to award a **limited number** of bursaries to selected regional candidates.

A bursary includes full tuition fees (including room and board) for the two-week training program as well as travel expenses.

Once eligibility has been determined, the Selection Committee will award the bursaries to the candidates who best meet the requirements.

Due to the limited number of bursaries available, there is no guarantee that the selected candidates will receive funding.

○ Selection Process

The selection process will be done by the committee composed of EAHRP Alumni and Equitas. The consideration will be given to overall gender balance, (dis)ability, and geographic representation.

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*** All candidates will be notified of the results of the selection
by August 12, 2025.**

○ Applications must include:

- ☐ The **completed Application Form**
- ☐ The **Memorandum of Agreement** duly signed by the candidate **and** the Director, Chair or Manager of the applicant's affiliated organization or non-affiliated Organization if the applicant is an Individual human rights educator or defender.
- ☐ **Two supporting letters with letterheads** from national and/or international human rights organizations (other than the applicant's) familiar with the applicant's work and/or the work of their organization.
- ☐ **A brochure** (and/or mission statement) describing the candidate's organization

*** Participants who have sent their applications before the deadline and haven't received an application form number by **July 3rd, 2025**, should contact **eahrp2026@tusongecdo.org** immediately.**





ABOUT TUSONGE

TUSONGE is a non-profit organization working in the Kilimanjaro region of Tanzania since 2010, stemming from the recognition that many communities are faced with challenges such as poverty and social injustice. The organization's motto is "MAKING REAL DIFFERENCES IN LIVES".

For more information please visit: tusongecdo.org

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