

## South Regional Workshop for Human Rights Defenders on HRD Protection Mechanisms

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### Workshop Schedule

<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Session</u>	<u>Topic</u>
<b>Day 1</b>	9:30-10:30 AM	Arrival, Registration Introductions, Context – <b>Vidya Dinker and Harsh</b>	
	10:30-11:00 AM	Session 1	State of India's Environment – <b>Lara Jesani</b>
	11:00-12:00 AM	Session 2	Understanding Human Rights - <b>Poorna Ravishankar</b>
	12:00-12.15 PM	Break	
	12:15 -1:30 PM	Session 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Who are Human Rights Defenders?</li> <li>- What they do, classification</li> <li>- HRDs/WHRDs – Risks and Challenges they face</li> <li>- <b>Henri Tiphagne</b></li> </ul>
	1:30 - 2:30 PM	Lunch	
	2:30 - 4:00 PM	Session 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Highlights of UN Declaration on Human Rights Defenders - <b>Arvind Narrain</b></li> </ul>
	4:00 - 4:30 PM	Break	
	4:30 - 6:00 PM	Session 5	Protection Avenues for Human Rights Defenders (i) National / State Human Rights Institutions (ii) International / UN Mechanism (iii) Civil Society Organisations (iv) Protection Guidelines / Policies / Programs - <b>Henri Tiphagne</b>
	10:00-11:30 AM	Session 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Documenting Threats on HRDs</li> <li style="padding-left: 20px;">Submissions to N/SHRIs</li> </ul>

<b>Day 2</b>			<b>Submissions to UNSRs/UN Institutions - Lara Jesani</b>
	11:30-12:00 PM	Break	
	12:00-2:00 PM	Session 7	Introduction to Digital Security – <b>Anivar Aravind</b>
	2:00 - 2:45 PM	Lunch	
	2:45 - 4:30 PM	Session 8	Open Discussion – Strengthening solidarities, protection mechanisms for land and environmental rights HRDs