

INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION OF JURISTS
Trial Observation Training Seminar in Nizhniy Novgorod
Call for Applications

The International Commission of Jurists (ICJ) is organising two-day trial observation training seminars on 14-15 March in Nizhniy Novgorod. The seminar will aim to provide practical skills on how to conduct trial observations, assess and analyse information and data obtained, and draft a final trial observation report. The seminar will address general legislative frameworks within which courts operate; the compliance with international rule of law and human rights standards; the components and guarantees of the right to fair trial; observing proceedings within the courtroom and the conduct of meetings with the relevant authorities and other advocacy work outside the courtroom.

The workshops will be led by an experienced trial observation trainer, and will include international experts from the ICJ. Some presentations will be conducted in English with translation into Russian.

The call for applications is open to judges, lawyers (whether in private practice or affiliated to an NGO), NGO representatives, and other interested professionals in Russia or CIS countries. A total of 20 participants will be selected. Participation in the event is free. A limited number of participants coming from places other than Nizhniy Novgorod will receive reimbursement of their costs.

Eligibility criteria:

- Applicants must have a demonstrated interest in the rule of law and human rights law;
- Applicants must have an interest in international standards of fair trial;
- Applicants must demonstrate an interest in observing trials or working on trial observation projects;
- **Closing date for applications: 15 February 2011.**

Please send your application form together with your CV in Russian or in English to Temur Shakirov: temur.shakirov@icj.org

The venue of the seminar will be announced later.

The International Commission of Jurists (ICJ) is a non-governmental organisation dedicated to international law and rule of law principles that advance human rights. The ICJ provides legal expertise at both international and national levels to ensure that developments in international law adhere to human rights principles and that international standards are implemented at the national level. It was founded in Berlin in 1952 and is composed of sixty jurists (senior judges, attorneys and academics) coming from all regions of the world and different legal traditions with the aim to reflect the geographical diversity of the world and its many legal systems.