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**TRAINING PROGRAMME ON INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS LAW IN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE PROCESS FOR LAWYERS FROM CENTRAL ASIA**

**1-5 MAY 2017**

**International Commission of Jurists** (ICJ) announces a call for applications for its Third International Human Rights Training Programme for Lawyers from Central Asia that will take place in Geneva, Switzerland on 1-5 May 2017.

**The objective** of this programme is to enhance knowledge of international human rights law of lawyers practicing in the area of criminal justice, and to equip them to apply this knowledge in their practice in national courts and to make effective use of international human rights mechanisms. The training programme will address core principles of international human rights law as well as international human rights standards and jurisprudence on the right to fair trial; the right to liberty; protection against torture and ill-treatment and other rights of particular relevance to criminal justice. It will provide guidance on how to bring proceedings before international human rights mechanisms, with a particular focus on the UN Human Rights Committee and the UN Committee Against Torture.

Participants will have an opportunity to meet key experts in international law and human rights law, including international law professors, experts and officers from the UN Secretariat, members of non-governmental organizations in Geneva, as well as other lawyers from the ICJ network. Programme participants will attend one of the meetings during the 60<sup>th</sup> session of the UN Committee Against Torture (CAT) that will take place in Geneva on 18 April – 12 May 2017.

**Candidates are invited to submit an application where they shall:**

1. Confirm their status as advocates representing defendants in criminal proceedings in one of the Central Asia countries or practicing lawyers who are members of an NGO focusing on human rights defense at the domestic or international level (at least one year of practice as an advocate or a lawyer);
2. Specify where and when they obtained their basic knowledge of international human rights law, as well as describe their experience in applying the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR) and/or other international instruments at the domestic or international level.
3. Demonstrate their willingness and capacity to apply in practice the knowledge and skills they will develop during the Training;

In case you meet the above criteria and wish to take part in the ICJ Training Programme, please fill in the application form, attach your CV and e-mail by **15 February 2017** to: [dina.iskaliyeva@icj.org](mailto:dina.iskaliyeva@icj.org).

The working language of the programme is Russian. Knowledge of English or French is not required and will not be regarded as an advantage at the selection stage. The number of participants is limited. The training program is not an introductory course and is designed for advocates and practicing lawyers with sufficient knowledge of human rights.

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