

January 2019

Vacancy Announcement

Legal Consultant for Human Rights and Accountability Project

Type of Contract: Consultancy
Location: Global (preference for some days to be spent in Yangon)
Duration of Contract: 50 working days
Start Date: ASAP
End Date: 20 March 2019

The International Commission of Jurists (ICJ) seeks to engage a qualified legal consultant on a fixed short-term basis to support capacity of the Myanmar office to effectively implement the four-month **"Human Rights and Accountability Project"** from 1 December 2018 to 31 March 2019.

OVERVIEW OF THE ICJ

Composed of 60 eminent judges and lawyers from all regions of the world, the ICJ promotes and protects human rights through the rule of law, by using its unique legal expertise to develop and strengthen national and international justice systems. Established in 1952 and active on the five continents, the ICJ works towards the progressive development and effective implementation of international human rights and international humanitarian law; secure the realization of civil, cultural, economic, political and social rights; safeguard the separation of powers; and guarantee the independence of the judiciary and legal profession.

OVERVIEW OF THE ASIA REGIONAL OFFICE

In 2005, the ICJ established a regional office in Bangkok, Thailand with the aim of strengthening the capacity of legal communities in the ASEAN region to apply international human rights standards in combating impunity and reaffirming the rule of law. In 2013, the Asia Regional Office established an office in Myanmar to advance the promotion and protection of human rights in line with international law and standards. Since January 2017, the accountability component of the ICJ's work has become a core focus in Asia and particularly in Myanmar.

OVERVIEW OF THE CONSULTANCY

The Consultant will monitor legal and political developments related to human rights and accountability, draft and produce legal memos and briefings, and provide administrative and technical support for activity implementation. Acting under supervision of the Asia Pacific Regional Director or of the International Legal Adviser from Myanmar to whom the Asia Pacific Regional Director delegates your supervision, the Consultant will undertake allocated tasks required to support the Asia Pacific Programme Team in Myanmar to effectively implement the Human Rights and Accountability Project.

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CONSULTANCY

- Monitor political and legal developments related to human rights and accountability in Myanmar;

- Support collation and dissemination of legal materials on accountability;
- Support production of legal glossary of human rights terms;
- Draft private-facing and public-facing briefings and legal memos;
- Undertake legal research to inform ICJ legal analyses and advocacy;
- Support other tasks related to human rights and accountability, as defined by the Asia Pacific Regional Director or of the International Legal Adviser from Myanmar to whom the Asia Pacific Regional Director delegates your supervision.

DELIVERABLES:

- During week one, produce a work plan for review by ICJ;
- Fulfill tasks as ascribed above
- During the final week, produce an end of mission report that sets out all activities completed under the consultancy and includes all deliverable materials.

QUALIFICATIONS

The successful consultant/s will have:

- A degree in law;
- At least five years cumulative experience working on human rights issues;
- A proven understanding of the Myanmar political and human rights context, and have demonstrated capacity to produce quality legal briefings with limited supervision;
- Relevant professional experience in Myanmar; and
- Strong English language competency is essential; local language competency is an asset

The ICJ is an equal opportunities employer.

APPLICATIONS close on **22 January 2019 by 5 pm. Bangkok time** and should be addressed with your resume, an expression of interest and the names of at least two recent references to:

Ref: Legal Consultant for Human Rights and Accountability Project
By email: asia-recruitment@icj.org

These materials should clearly outline the candidate's key skills and experience that are relevant to this consultancy, as well as any key standards or principles that inform her or his work. Please also provide a short cost justification – including your salary history and/or daily rate for your last three consultancies. The ICJ may ask for examples of previous work after reviewing the application materials.

For queries related to the consultancy, contact Sean Bain on sean.bain@icj.org.

Please appreciate that due to the volume of applications, only short-listed candidates will be contacted. We cannot answer phone enquiries. We thank you for your understanding.