

## **Vacancy Announcement**

### **Consultancy: Developing and Facilitating Workshops for Jurists in Myanmar**

#### **“Empowering Communities Promoting Rights and Good Governance” (ECRG) Project Consortium**

<b>Type of Contract: Consultancy</b> <b>Location: Myanmar</b> <b>Duration of Contract: 6 months</b> <b>Commencement of the Contract: November 2019</b> <b>End of the Contract: April 2020</b>
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The International Commission of Jurists (ICJ) seeks to engage an experienced, Myanmar based non-government organisation to support the implementation of three workshops for lawyers on strategic litigation in Myanmar in collaboration with the ICJ.

The Consultant will be required to provide technical assistance to develop the agenda and materials and deliver training on strategic litigation for lawyers in Myanmar. The non-government organisation must have experience in developing materials and implementing training workshops for lawyers in Myanmar and should be able to adapt these materials to align with the ECRG program objectives to support foundation-building for strategic litigation in the country. The workshops will be directly implemented and co-facilitated by the ICJ, who will draw upon its networks of lawyers to expand the existing reach of the ECRG program

#### **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 realisation of civil, cultural, economic, political and social rights; safeguard the separation of powers; and guarantee the independence of the judiciary and legal profession.

#### **PROJECT BACKGROUND**

The project works to promote accountable governance by increasing the knowledge and understanding of civil, political, social and women's rights amongst marginalised groups as well as duty bearers, and supports marginalised groups, particularly women, to access justice. Primary areas of project implementation are Mon, Shan and Kayah states. The ICJ implements activities as part of a consortium of national and international partners.

#### **OVERVIEW OF THE CONSULTANCY**

Three one day workshops will be conducted in the period November 2019 – April 2020 in Year 3 of the ECRG programme. The workshops will be a training programme for lawyers on strategic litigation. Workshop modules should facilitate discussions on strategic litigation and the criminal defense of human rights. The expected attendance at each workshop is 30-50 people, and will build upon the ICJ's networks developed in these areas to date. The ICJ's Strategic Litigation Handbook which has been recently released (<https://www.icj.org/icj-publishes-strategic-litigation-handbook-for-myanmar/>) will be shared and provide a basis for discussion in reference to specific technical elements of legal process covered in the workshop curriculum, such as freedom of expression, and the right to access a lawyer as a core part of any criminal defense.

The workshops will be followed by an informal meeting of the ICJ and the non-governmental organisation with judicial actors, to discuss the themes of the workshops including issues raised by lawyers and principles on strategic litigation. The ICJ's Strategic Litigation Handbook will be shared and provide a basis for discussion on promoting the protection of human rights in the judicial system.

The events will be designed collaboratively by the non-government organisation and ICJ, and will be co-facilitated. Each workshop will take place on a Saturday, and will be paired with an informal meeting on Sunday where jurists will be invited to join the ICJ and the non-governmental organisation, as well as selected participant lawyers, for a discussion of the concepts raised in the workshops. Each event will incorporate, as appropriate, concepts in the strategic litigation handbook, and will provide an opportunity to disseminate and discuss the handbook.

The non-government organisation will have developed, tested and refined materials that can be used and adapted at the training workshops. In addition, the non-government organization will have experience in implementing training workshops for lawyers and other justice sector actors in Myanmar. The value added by the non-governmental organisation to the ECRG programme is the experience in implementing similar activities and its outreach to existing networks in Myanmar.

#### **IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CONSULTANCY**

- Develop and adapt suitable training materials to integrate strategic litigation components, in consultation with the ICJ
- Co-facilitate three workshops, collaboratively with the ICJ, including inviting its networks
- Participate and contribute to three informal meetings with jurists
- Produce a detailed report on the activities, which includes the training modules and lessons learned from the implementation of the workshops.

#### **DELIVERABLES**

- Submission of a concept note outlining the plan, scope, approach and methodology for the workshops within a month of the signing of the consultancy agreement
- Co-facilitation of three workshops between November 2019 and April 2020
- Participation in three informal meetings with jurists between November 2019 and April 2020
- Submission of a detailed report on the activities, which includes the training modules and lessons learned from the implementation of the workshops.

#### **APPLICATION GUIDELINES**

Applications close on **30 October 2019 by 5 pm. Bangkok time**. Interested applicants should submit an expression of interest to:

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By email: [asia-recruitment@icj.org](mailto:asia-recruitment@icj.org)

These materials should clearly outline the workshop methodology, the background and experience of the organization to conduct activities of this nature, CVs and experience of proposed facilitators. Please do provide examples of previous work in Myanmar which is reflective of the deliverables expected under this consultancy. Please also provide a short cost justification for the daily rate of the consultancy based on the organization's current consultancy or project costs as well as the names and contact information of two recent references. The ICJ may ask for request more examples of previous work after reviewing the application materials.

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.

#### **BUDGET GUIDELINES**

The projected budget for the consultancy should not exceed 10,000 Euros. This amount includes the consultant's daily rate, incidental expenses such as per diems, communication and basic office supplies. Cost efficiency will be a consideration in the selection process. The ICJ will separately cover the transport and accommodation costs of required travel for the implementation of activities.

Please note that payment in full will not be made until the submission of the final consultancy report and project deliverables have been verified as meeting the ICJ's expectations.