

## VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

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### **National Legal Adviser - Myanmar**

The International Commission of Jurists (ICJ) is a global network of judges and lawyers united in affirming international law and rule of law principles that advance human rights.

The ICJ is seeking to recruit a National Legal Adviser who will support Myanmar lawyers and civil society to use laws and legal mechanisms to promote and protect human rights.

The ideal candidate is a human rights lawyer with a comprehensive knowledge of international human rights, gender studies, humanitarian law with practical experience of human rights legal advocacy and an understanding of the history, politics and legal system in Myanmar.

#### **RESPONSIBILITIES**

- Implement all aspects of the ICJ's Myanmar programme using a range of innovative advocacy strategies to support ICJ legal interventions, including conducting field research into gender and sexual violence, human rights issues related to law and justice; writing, contributing to and editing human rights reports, legal memos and briefing papers, helping to prepare training materials and participating in training and capacity building exercises; trial observations; and assisting partners in developing litigation strategies and drafting court submissions.
- Support the project team in undertaking research on gender responsiveness of accountability mechanisms;
- Involve in advocacy and training related to gender, women in conflict, gender and peace building;
- Support the networking and human rights advocacy capacities of women, Myanmar lawyers and civil society and human rights defenders through organising and facilitating learning events, including workshops and mentoring visits, in Yangon as well as in the states and regions;
- Monitor and analyse legal and political developments, human rights and the rule of law developments in Myanmar, including monitoring law reform initiatives;
- Work with the team in Myanmar to develop proposals and preparing reports for donors;
- As agreed with the ICJ supervisory team, represent the ICJ externally, develop and maintain relations with governments, donors, inter-governmental organizations, NGOs and the judicial, legal and human rights communities, prepare press releases, deliver public speeches and otherwise raise the public profile of the ICJ;
- As agreed with the ICJ supervisory team, implement strategies to strengthen, inform and mobilize the ICJ Network of Commissioners, National Sections and Affiliated Organizations in the region and engage them in the work of the ICJ;
- Actively maintain supportive working relations and seek opportunities for joint work with the staff of other regional and international programmes; and

- Assist in any other task assigned by the Asia & Pacific Regional Director and the Asia & Pacific Deputy Regional Director.

## **QUALIFICATIONS**

The successful candidate will have:

- Degree in Human Rights, Gender Studies, Public Policy, Development or Law. An advanced degree in international human rights law, gender studies, international humanitarian law or international business law is desirable;
- Three to five years progressive relevant experience working on human rights in Myanmar;
- Experience in managing human rights, women's rights or development programmes in the field;
- Knowledge of international human rights and humanitarian law and international and regional human rights jurisprudence;
- Demonstrated commitment to human rights and rule of law;
- Fluency in English (written and spoken) is required. Fluency in Burmese is required. Knowledge of any other language used in Myanmar is desirable;
- Knowledge of Microsoft Office: Word, Excel, Powerpoint;
- Strong analytical skills;
- Strong planning and organizational skills;
- Communication skills;
- Teamwork and interpersonal skills; and
- Openness and flexibility, capacity to adapt to changing priorities and needs.

The ICJ is an equal opportunities employer and offers a competitive salary package.

## **APPLICATIONS**

The deadline for applications is on **11 January 2021**. Applications must be addressed with your resume, a cover letter, and names of at least two references to:

- Ref: National Legal Adviser - Myanmar
- By email to: [asia-recruitment@icj.org](mailto:asia-recruitment@icj.org)

Please appreciate that due to the volume of applications, only short-listed candidates will be contacted. The ICJ is unable to respond to phone enquiries.