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Regional Programme on Human Rights



PHASE I IN LUND, SWEDEN, OCTOBER 6–31, 2008
PHASE II: LOCATION TO BE ANNOUNCED, MAY 4–8, 2009

Invitation

The Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida) offers, as part of its bilateral development assistance, Advanced International Training Programmes of strategic importance to the social and economic development in the participants' countries. The International Training Programmes are specially designed for persons qualified to participate in reform processes of strategic importance on different levels and who hold a position in their home organisation with a mandate to run processes of change. This methodology is based on the assumption that your country wishes to carry out changes and is willing to invest its own resources to achieve these changes. In the long-term perspective the programmes shall contribute to institutional strengthening and capacity development in the participants' countries.

Training is focused on support to individual or team plans for change. The plan shall be well established in the participant's organisation and is a basic part of the programme concept.

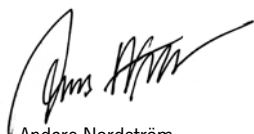
In this brochure you will find information on the specific objectives for this particular programme, its content and structure, and how and when to apply. You will also find an application form.

There is a close relationship between the respect for human rights and the maintenance of peace. In addition, the two are essential for the democratisation process.

The Regional Programme on Human Rights is based on the premise that all human rights are universal, indivisible, interdependent and interrelated, and seeks to treat all human rights in a fair and equal manner, on the same footing, and with the same emphasis.

The programme is designed primarily for mid-level and senior officials in public service. It is also hoped that the programme will encourage interest among representatives from academic institutions and non-governmental organisations.

We trust that the programme will be of importance to you and hereby invite you to nominate candidates.



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Programme Objectives

The objective of the programme is to provide participants with in-depth knowledge of international and regional systems for the promotion and protection of human rights, regional and international monitoring mechanisms and national implementation procedures in the field of human rights. The programme will also provide an opportunity for participants to exchange ideas and experiences from their national contexts. Through the programme, participants will gain knowledge in the area of human rights which can be utilised in the participants' own line of work.

Contents

Phase I of the programme takes place in Lund, Sweden, and in relation to the objective of the programme, the coverage content-wise includes the following topics:

- Overview of the international system for the promotion and protection of human rights
- Civil and political rights

- Economic, social and cultural rights
 - Implementation and monitoring of human rights
 - Regional systems for the promotion and protection of human rights
 - International humanitarian law
 - International refugee law
 - Minority rights
 - Human rights of women
 - Good governance
 - The role of national human rights institutions in the promotion and protection of human rights
- The didactic approach of the programme is interdisciplinary and involves aspects of law and social sciences.

During Phase I of the programme, participants will be requested to formulate, in writing, an individual assignment identifying challenges in implementing international human rights standards focusing on a particular issue or area of relevance to their respective institution or organisation.

The issue or area of focus in the

individual assignment should concern one of the following topics:

- Minority Rights
- Rights of vulnerable groups (persons with disabilities, migrants, IDPs)
- HR of women
- Independence of judiciary
- National application of ECHR

The individual assignment should contain detailed measures and activities that are feasible for the participants to undertake within her/his institution/organisation upon return to their home country. Applicants are encouraged to focus on a feasible and realistic proposal, which *can be implemented in a short time perspective*.

Examples of activities carried out as individual assignment might be a workshop or seminar at the participant's workplace, the inclusion of a new course in an academic programme, a public awareness raising project, etc.

Applicants must submit a draft of their individual assignment when applying to the programme.

Selected participants are expected to complete necessary background work for the formulation of the individual assignments prior to arrival in Sweden with the assistance of their respective nominating institutions/organisations.

Phase II of the programme will follow up and evaluate the work done with the individual assignments formulated during Phase I. Each participant is expected to give a detailed account of progress made with respect to the implementation of her/his assignment and what activities have been undertaken. Interactive sessions will explore individual and common experiences and difficulties encountered in the implementation of the individual assignment and what possible effects and outcomes the activities contained therein have had.

IMPORTANT: The implementation of the individual assignment presupposes that the nominating institution/organisation of each participant takes on the responsibilities (financial and otherwise) necessary for the participant to achieve the objectives stipulated in the individual assignment.

Programme Structure

Phase I of the programme will take place from 6–31 October 2008. Lectures, seminars and group work will take place daily within the framework of a 40 hrs working week. Phase II of the programme will take place 4–8 May 2009. Upon completion of both phases of the programme, participants are awarded a certificate on the basis of attendance and participation in the programme, including classroom activities, study visits and the fulfilment of the requirements related to the individual assignment.

Study visits to relevant Swedish institutions in Stockholm and neighbouring cities to Lund will be organised. A study visit will also be included in Phase II.

Date and place

Phase I: Lund, Sweden, 6–31 October 2008

Phase II: Location to be announced, 4–8 May 2009

Teaching

Lectures during Phase I will be given by academics from the Raoul Wallenberg Institute and Lund University and invited experts. In addition, local and regional specialists will be invited for Phase II. Participants are strongly encouraged to contribute in their respective areas of expertise. Participants will be provided with basic human rights documentation, including key texts of international human rights instruments and relevant commentaries. A specialised section of selected documentation and literature, developed in accordance with the structure of the course, will be at the disposal of the participants at the Institute's well-equipped library.

Management and staff

Staff of the Raoul Wallenberg Institute will be available during Phase I to support the participants. Mr David Eile is responsible for the training.

Participation

Target region:

Representatives from Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kosovo, The Kyrgyz Republic, Macedonia, Moldova, Montenegro, The Russian Federation, Serbia, Tajikistan, Ukraine and Uzbekistan are invited to apply to the programme.

Applications from other states will not be considered.

Target Group:

The programme will accept 25 participants. It is primarily designed for mid-level and senior officials in public service (e.g. in government, the judiciary and central police and prison authorities) as well as representatives (e.g. lecturers and researchers) from academic institutions and non-governmental organisations dealing with human rights issues.

Language requirements

The training programme will be organised and conducted in English and consequently a high proficiency in the English language is required.

Due to the character of the programme family members are not allowed to accompany participants to the programme.

Application Process

**Closing date for application is
July 4, 2008**

Applications submitted after closing date will not be considered.

1. There is a specific application form that must be used when applying that can be found attached. Application should include a recent photograph and required information and documents; i.e. the individual assignment and an English language certificate. The application should be submitted directly to the Raoul Wallenberg Institute either by email, fax or regular mail.
2. You should also fill out the electronic application form found at www.rwi.lu.se

An English language test should be made with an official body in the home country of the applicant, unless the applicant can provide other documentation to support her/his ability.

The Swedish Embassy/Consulate does not carry out language tests but may be able to recommend appropriate language institutes for conducting tests.

When necessary, the application should be approved by the official nominating authority in the country.

The application should be submitted directly to the programme organiser. Selected applicants will be notified by e-mail. Once accepted, the applicant must confirm participation. An invitation letter will be sent out, containing additional information about the programme and the practical arrangements.

Cost of Participation

The cost of the programme is divided between a participation fee and accommodation cost. The participation fee covers all training costs such as lectures, literature, documentation, study tours and cer-

tain social activities. Accommodation costs include board and lodging. The Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida) will cover these costs.

International travel cost to and from Sweden will also be covered by Sida.

The participant carries costs incurred in travelling to the nearest international airport.

Personal expenses are not included.

Accommodation

The participants will be accommodated at Hotel Concordia, which is located in the centre of Lund. Each participant will have a single room with a shower. Breakfast is included; other meals have to be arranged for by the participants themselves, using the subsistence allowance provided to each participant for this purpose. Information on accommodation for Phase II will be provided during the interval between the two phases.

Visa

Participants are responsible for obtaining *all visas necessary for their journey and stay* during the training pro-

gramme. The visa should be valid for the whole period of the programme and the passport should be valid for three months longer than the entry visa. Inquiries should be directed to respective Swedish Embassy/Consulate alternatively other Schengen representation as soon as possible after acceptance into the programme. Participants visiting other countries on their way to or from Sweden must ensure that correct visas are obtained before leaving home country, especially for countries not included in the Schengen agreement.

The costs for obtaining visas are carried by the participant.

For more information, this website offers Swedish visa information: <http://www.migrationsverket.se/english.html>

Insurance

All participants are covered by a group insurance while in Sweden and on organised tours during the programme. This insurance includes costs for medical care in the event of acute illness or accident. Medical and dental check-ups are not included. Participants travelling outside Sweden on their free time are not covered by the insurance.

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The Raoul Wallenberg Institute

The Raoul Wallenberg Institute of Human Rights and Humanitarian Law was founded on October 26, 1984, in Lund. The Institute is named after Mr. Raoul Wallenberg, a Swedish diplomat, to pay homage to his humanitarian work in Hungary at the end of the Second World War. The Raoul Wallenberg Institute promotes research on human rights and humanitarian law and initiates, develops, and supports scholarly/scientific education in this field. The Institute library contains extensive literature in the field of human rights and humanitarian law. The Institute carries out its work in cooperation with the Faculty of Law at the University of Lund.

The City of Lund and the Lund University are situated in the south of Sweden, in the province of Skåne. The city was founded as early as the tenth century and has today approximately 100,000 inhabitants. Lund University was inaugurated in 1668. It is the largest single establishment for research and higher education in Scandinavia, comprising 8 faculties (theology, law, medicine, humanities, natural sciences, social sciences, odontology and technology) as well as schools for social work, physical therapy, education, music and drama. Approximately 30,000 students, including 2,800 post-graduate students, are enrolled at the university.

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