



Geneva, 23 January 2015

Training Course for National Human Rights Institutions on International Human Rights Mechanisms 4 to 8 May 2015, Geneva, Switzerland

Dear colleagues,

On behalf of the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES), the International Coordinating Committee of National Institutions for the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights (ICC) and the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) it gives us pleasure to invite NHRI staff worldwide to the 2015 training course for national human rights institutions on the international human rights mechanisms.

The training course aims at strengthening NHRIs' capacity to effectively engage with the United Nations human rights mechanisms. It is directed at NHRI staff from all regions.

The training will support participants in

- Expanding their knowledge of the functioning of UN human rights mechanisms;
- Identifying concrete opportunities for NHRIs' effective engagement;
- Participating in sessions of UN human rights mechanisms;
- Identifying practical ways of effective engagement with the UN mechanisms, such as report writing and following up;
- Engaging with colleagues from the OHCHR and NGOs as well as with states; and
- Exchanging experiences and best practices with peer NHRIs participating in the training.

The course will take place in Geneva, from 4 - 8 May 2015.

Travel and accommodation costs for participants from developing countries will be covered by the FES.

Concept note for the training, a draft training program, application form and protocol of engagement are attached for your kind reference.



Deadline for the application is the **15 February 2015**. Candidates should submit the following documents:

- **Application form**
- **C.V.** (maximum 2 pages)
- **Letter of recommendation** and the
- **Protocol of engagement**

Candidates are invited to send their applications to Ms. Noreen Eberle, FES, at neberle@fes-geneva.org and to Ms. Katharina Rose, ICC, at k.rose.icc@gmail.com. All documents should be attached in WORD or PDF format.

Should further information be required, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

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