

**CALL FOR APPLICATIONS: CONSULTANT FOR DEVELOPING A UN ADVOCACY TRAINING MANUAL AND CURRICULUM FOR ASIAN HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS**

**Background:** The Asian Forum for Human Rights and Development (FORUM-ASIA) is a regional network of human rights organizations in Asia. Committed to promoting and protecting human rights, FORUM-ASIA works closely with human rights defenders (HRDs) across the region. To enhance the capacity of Asian HRDs in advocating for human rights at the United Nations (UN), FORUM-ASIA is seeking a qualified consultant to develop a comprehensive UN Advocacy Training Manual and Curriculum.

**Objective:** FORUM-ASIA is looking for an experienced consultant to develop a UN Advocacy Training Manual and Curriculum tailored to the needs of Asian HRDs. The manual and curriculum should empower HRDs to effectively engage with UN mechanisms, advocate for human rights, and navigate the complex UN system.

**Scope of Work:** The consultant's responsibilities will include:

1. **Needs Assessment:** Conduct a thorough needs assessment to understand the specific challenges and requirements of Asian HRDs in engaging with the UN system.
2. **Manual and Curriculum Development:** Develop a comprehensive UN Advocacy Training Manual and Curriculum that covers the following areas:
  - Introduction to the UN system and its human rights mechanisms.
  - How to prepare and submit reports, complaints, and statements to UN bodies.
  - Strategies for effective lobbying and advocacy at the UN.
  - Building alliances and partnerships with other NGOs and stakeholders.
  - Monitoring and evaluation of advocacy efforts.
  - Case studies and practical exercises relevant to Asian HRDs.
3. **Incorporate FORUM-ASIA's Expertise:** Integrate FORUM-ASIA's knowledge and experience in the field of human rights advocacy into the training materials.
4. **Review and Feedback:** Seek input and feedback from FORUM-ASIA and relevant stakeholders during the manual and curriculum development process.

**Qualifications:** The ideal consultant should have:

- A strong background in human rights advocacy and experience working with UN mechanisms.
- Proven expertise in developing training materials and curricula.
- Familiarity with the Asian human rights context.
- Excellent research and writing skills.

- Ability to work independently and meet deadlines.
- Strong communication and collaboration skills.

**Application Process:** Interested candidates should submit the following documents to [applications@forum-asia.org](mailto:applications@forum-asia.org) by **5 April 2024**:

1. A detailed CV highlighting relevant experience.
2. A cover letter explaining their interest in the consultancy and how their qualifications align with the project's objectives.
3. Samples of previous work related to human rights training materials or advocacy.

**Timeline:**

- Application Deadline: 5 April 2024
- Selection of Consultant: 8 – 12 April 2024
- Contract Duration: 20 working days over 2 months (negotiable)

**Budget:** FORUM-ASIA will provide a competitive consultancy fee commensurate with the consultant's qualifications and experience. Other related expenses, if necessary, will be discussed separately.

**Contact Information:** For inquiries or to submit applications, please contact [applications@forum-asia.org](mailto:applications@forum-asia.org).

FORUM-ASIA is an equal opportunity employer and encourages applications from candidates of all backgrounds, genders, and experiences. We look forward to receiving your applications and working together to strengthen the capacity of Asian HRDs in advocating for human rights at the UN.